



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (33C)

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Q: With this new year of Divine Mercy, I thought it appropriate to ask a question about Brown Scapulars. I heard that you can't wear one unless you have been to a special Mass. Is this true? Also, are there different color scapulars and what are their meanings? Thank you for your help, Father.

A: First of all, for those unfamiliar with the Brown Scapular, it is a lay devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and brings one into a spiritual affiliation with the Carmelite Order and the good fruit of all of that religious order's spiritual works and prayers. The scapular itself is made of two small squares of brown cloth joined by string usually and it is worn over the shoulders (think yoke of Christ) as a miniature representation of the larger scapular/apron portion of the Carmelite habit that laypeople could wear under their civilian clothing. Spiritually it is meant to represent Mary as protector and benefactor of all who wear it much like the colorful overlays medieval knights used to wear over their armor (think "I am a knight/servant of Mary's house"). Now, in answer to your first question, a special Mass is not required in order to wear the brown scapular. However, in order to receive the fullest spiritual benefits promised to those who wear it, one is asked to be enrolled or invested in the scapular the first time you wear it. As scapulars wear out and are replaced in the future they no longer need to be blessed after that and no reinvesting is required. Previously only a Carmelite priest was allowed to offer this blessing but the Magisterium has extended the faculty to any ordained Catholic priest. It is done through a brief prayer and blessing. I would recommend printing the enrollment prayer off of the internet and just approaching a priest after Mass to ask them to extend this simple blessing to you. As an aside, scapulars preceded holy medals but the custom of holy medals came about in tropical regions where cloth scapulars simply did not last. They essentially serve the same function as a sign worn over the shoulders. In regard to your second question, Carmelites were the first to offer this devotional innovation with brown scapulars but later, due to the devotion's popularity, other scapulars have

crept up over the centuries. They can be categorized into two groups. The first represents scapulars worn by lay members of religious orders (i.e. oblates, 3rd Order members). The two most common apart from the brown Carmelite one are black for St. Benedict and white for St. Dominic for lay Benedictines and Dominicans respectively but there are others. The second group centers around devotional themes, many but not all of which are Marian. This list seems impossible to capture in its entirety due to the rate at which new ones develop but here are a few of the most popular: a) White with blue and red – Trinity, b) Black – Seven Sorrows of Mary, c) Blue, green or white – Immaculate Conception, d) Purple – St. Joseph, e) White – Holy Face of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart of Jesus, f) Blue and black – St. Michael the Archangel, g) Red – Passion of Christ, Precious Blood of Jesus. The general idea of each, again, is that medieval concept of a knight or servant invested to a particular house. You are essentially saying, "This is my favorite devotion or saint and I will dedicate my prayers and works to it in a particular way."

Q: A number of years ago, a former Pastor encouraged us to bow or genuflect to the Chalice of the Blood of Christ, if we chose not to receive it during communion. I don't see it practiced much (outside of Sacred Heart where a number of parishioners still do). Is this part of Church teaching, or simply a recommendation? What say you?

A: I agree with the "former pastor". We believe that Christ is substantially and fully present (body, blood, soul and divinity) in each of the Eucharistic species. Therefore, even if you only receive under one kind it is entirely appropriate to show a sign of reverence for the other as you pass by.

Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and are presented anonymously. I hope this is a useful learning opportunity. If you have questions that need answers please let me know in person or email them to hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com

~~ Father Ken

MEDIA KIOSK FOCUS OF THE WEEK



Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism

Father Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the sacrament of Baptism. Following the presentation, Lighthouse Catholic Youth has provided a bonus segment from Father Mike that explains the topics of "Infant Baptism" and "No Salvation Outside the Church".

Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c
Place payment in slot on lower right side of the kiosk

LENTEN SERVICES

Stations of the Cross every Friday
5:30 in English, 7PM in Spanish
Soup Supper in Hall at 6PM

Confessions Saturdays 3:00 to 5:15

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence**, refrain from eating meat by all Catholics ages 14 and older.

“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”

~~ Pope Francis

CONSIDER LEGION OF MARY MEMBERSHIP?

To become a member of the Legion of Mary, one must be a practicing Catholic. Active members serve God under the banner of Mary by practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The Legion members bring the presence of Jesus to the homebound who cannot come to Church. Last December the Legion members visited 612 people and 486 people in January.

ST. PATRICK DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 12



Tickets for baskets on sale this Sunday.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 with a variety of baskets to choose from. Need not be present to win/drawing will be at the dinner. **Dinner Tickets are \$15.00 adult / \$10.00 12 and under.**

Dinner of corned beef and cabbage - beer and wine for sale.

A special event this year **DESSERT AUCTION!!**

A fun time for all with singing, wearing of the green and Irish dancers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul & Magdalene Home sponsored by Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus.

For information call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

**LENTEN RICE BOWL
HUNGERING TO LEARN**



We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Pray, Fast, Give

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Mar. 7: Kevin Harvey
- T. Mar. 8: +Patricia Hultin
- W. Mar. 9: Sick & Homebound
- Th. Mar. 10: +Maxine Shaw
- F. Mar. 11: +Dolores Harmon

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Mar. 7: +William & +Margaret Johnson
- T. Mar. 8: +Paul Dellapenta
- W. Mar. 9: +Ed Baich Jr.
- Th. Mar. 10: +Paul Dellapenta
- F. Mar. 11: +Jack Batzer
- Sat. Mar. 12: Karla & John McCafferty & Family

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Bill Gaddis, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Ronna Hetzel Baltz, Ginny Spechtenhauser, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Teri Gieg, Reese Baker, Diane Williams, Gladys Schibusch, Bill Reifers, Frances Maltoni, Randy Gale, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bost, Patty Wittenbock, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, Marie Casilio, Shizuka McCue, Eileen Van Dyck, Beverly & Dick Handley, Paul & John Zeleznik, and Don & Jean Palese.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish:
+Sister Gretchen Jumbeck

ROSARY SALE -- 8 – 2PM

Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries, over 100 to choose from, made by the Rosary Guild. These are wonderful Easter gifts. All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Sale is Sunday, March 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Please join fellow Catholics for the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass on Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church (3625 N. River Road, Gold Hill 97525). Father Andrew Szymakowski of the Baker Diocese will celebrate Mass for us. Mass will be followed by a Potluck supper in the church hall, so bring your favorite dish! For information please see our website at: <http://SouthernOregonUnaVoce.blogspot.com/>.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS!

Next meeting, Monday, March 14, with our new format! Come, check us out. We begin with Rosary in the Church at, 8:00 a.m., followed with Mass at 8:30. Then to the Hall for Continental type breakfast. A short meeting will follow and then BUNCO. Need not be a "dues paying member" to attend. ALL are welcome!! For the Breakfast, bring a food to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRO-LIFE BEEF RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets now available from any Knight. Two winners will be drawn at the April 17th Knights Breakfast. Each will win a quarter, processed and packaged, grass-fed beef. **Proceeds will go to assist Magdalene Home, ThePregnancy Center and St. Vincent de Paul.** Tickets available after all Masses Saturday March 12th and Sunday March 13th. Only 1000 tickets will be sold so stop at the Knights table and get your tickets before they are all gone!

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

Mar. 6 7 & 8:30 - Sacred Heart School/SCRIP will be on sale.
Mar. 13 7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom
8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow
Come over and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut.



BEAUTIFY CHURCH GROUNDS

Easter will soon be here which means it is time for the Wednesday Weeders to start cleaning up the grounds around the church. We meet weekly, 9:30-10:30 on Wednesdays. Please join us and bring your own hand tools and gloves. For information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The St Vincent de Paul Dining room serves hot meals Monday through Saturday year round. In 2015 over 500 volunteers working over 10,000 hours faithfully served almost 60,000 meals to all those who came to us in Jackson County. We are always in need of volunteers in the kitchen. We can also use volunteers in our thrift store, shower and laundry facility, home visitations and many other areas. Please help serve those in need. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828) Ext 7. We need you."

Financial Report

	2/21/2016	2/22/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$15,362.54	\$17,987.35
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$612,679.49	\$603,991.05
Needed for Budget	\$608,077.06	\$616,903.83
Over (under) Budget	\$4,602.43	(\$12,912.78)
% Over (Under) Budget	0.76%	-2.09%

Thank you to the 50 parishioners who are using on-line giving. Our on-line giving program works great if you are out of town. Please see <https://sacredheartmedford.weshareonline.org> if you are interested in using the program.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Lent it is a great time to have a family plan. Talk with your child and everyone in your household about what you will do as a family to observe the spiritual disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting and giving alms. For example you could set a daily family prayer minute. You might set that minute for first thing in the morning or early in the evening. At that very moment every day – no matter where they are – members of your family bow their heads and pray for the same family intention. Have a blessed Lent!

Do you have any Holy pictures?

During the Religious Education year we use lots of holy pictures and religious stickers. If you have any holy pictures to donate we would certainly appreciate them. Sometimes the Dollar Store or Walmart etc stock Religious stickers for kids so if you see those please consider buying a page or two to help restock our dwindling supply. Thank you for your kind consideration.

For further questions or details contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661



All children Preschool through 5th grade welcome. Sunday mornings 9:50am to 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Assemble in the cafeteria for our (short) morning faith sharing time with coffee and snacks.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Godfrey, Youth Minister: wgodfrey@archdpx.org
Please e-mail Whitney for her **PHONE NUMBER**

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35: To receive our e-mail contact Whitney at wgodfrey@archdpx.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Wednesday March 9th with class 19. Bring your books and arrive at 5:45 to 5:55. Doors close and class starts promptly at 6:00pm!

YOUTH GROUP:

EDGE – March 6th 2016. THIS WEEK: LEAD ME: An EDGE Morning on the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Next week: NO EDGE: Due to the Sacred Heart School Play! Join us in the evening for Adoration LIFE NIGHT – March 6th 2016 Work The Work the continuation of a 4 part series on Mercy

Next week: XLT 7-8:30 with a social following!

EDGE RETREAT DATE:

Parents of middle school youth! We are excited to announce the dates for our upcoming (overnight) middle school retreat! We will be joining OLM, SOV, and SAGP for a middle school retreat in Klamath Falls OR on April 22- April 23rd! Applications should be available soon!

ADOPT A CONFIRMANDI – We still need Prayer Warriors!!!

Our Confirmation Youth have begun their classes. If you adopt a Confirmandi you will be committing to personal prayer for the youth you are assigned as they go through confirmation preparation classes. If

you would like to adopt a Confirmandi and pray for that teen throughout the year please contact Whitney at wgodfrey@archdpx.org with a simple message that says; “I’d like to Adopt a Confirmandi!”

XLT ADORATION: NEXT WEEK ... ADORATION!

Adoration will take place for the whole vicariate on March 13th, 2016 at Sacred Heart from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us. Following Adoration there will be a social from 8:30p-9:45p. This event is public event therefore parents are responsible for transportation or knowledge of transportation for their teens and are strongly encouraged to stay at the event and enjoy adoration with their teen (especially those in the EDGE program). There will be a sign in/out form at event for older teens that may drive themselves with the permission of their parents. Don’t Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity!

STEUBENVILLE San Diego:

Exciting NEWS! We will be going to Steubenville San Diego this year! This year we are excited to be taking 10 youth 3 chaperones and Whitney Godfrey as the group leader. Applications are available via e-mail, in the parish office or grab one from Whitney the next time you see her! Applications are due March 7th and accepted youth will be notified by March 16th 2016. Fundraising and Scholarships are available! Dates of SSD July 27th – Aug. 1st 2016!

CATHOLIC SENTINEL NEWS:

See what a team of recent college graduates is doing at Oregon State University.
Learn what Catholic institutions are in Portland’s newly-discovered pollution zones
Hear from the Paulists, who are leaving St. Philip Neri Parish after more than a century
Read an in-depth interview with Abbot Gregory Duerr of Mount Angel Abbey and learn the process for selecting a new abbot.
See why Oregon is a great place for seniors, and how it could get even better.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS
 Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

ENROLLMENT

Consider a Catholic education for your kids. Please call the school, arrange a tour, and see what's special about Sacred Heart! 541-772-4105

SACRAMENTS

Please pray for the 2nd and 3rd graders at our school and in the RE program who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. This is a special time in their lives, and they need your prayers.

Can you Help our school by purchasing gift cards?

Help support Sacred Heart School at NO COST TO YOU by buying gift cards (also called "scrip"). Merchants pay us anywhere from 1-20% of the value of your card. When you buy a \$100 gift card from the school, you get a card worth \$100 and Sacred Heart school earns anywhere from \$1-\$20 from the sale of that gift card. It's an easy way to support Catholic education. **You can buy gift cards (scrip) March 6, after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.**

Don't miss the Sacred Heart School Middle School Production of

LITTLE RASCALS



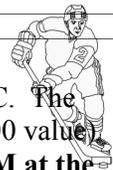
Friday, March 11 at 7 PM
Saturday, March 12 at 7 PM
Sunday, March 13 at 2 PM

Admission is FREE!

This will be held in the **SCHOOL GYM** Corner of **11th and Holly St.**
 Big brown building across from the school...you can't miss it!
 For more information, call Chris at the school at **541 772-4105**

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

This June, the 7th and 8th graders at Sacred Heart School will be taking a trip to Washington DC. **The Spartans Hockey Team** has offered us **coupons** to purchase **\$5.00 admission tickets** (a \$10.00 value) and the school will receive **\$2.00 for each ticket**. The game is **Sunday, March 6th at 1:30 PM at the RRRink**. **Coupons** can be picked up in the **back of the church**.



LO GLUTEN COMMUNION HOSTS are available for those who suffer an allergic reaction to gluten. Please get in the Priests Communion line and let him know you desire lo-gluten. He will get a host from the Altar in a pix and hold it out for you to take from.



COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY WANTED

St. Anne's in Grants Pass is looking for a minister to coordinator recruits, lead, and train Core Teams of adults and teens for our High School, Middle School, RCIT, Confirmation, and Young Adult programs. This ministry is done primarily in English/Spanish considered a plus. More details can be found at catholicjobs.com

To apply, please email resume and cover letter to SearchCommittee@stannegp.com
 Deadline for applications: March 7, 2016
 Position = FULL TIME + benefits
 Expected Start Date: July 1, 2016

ATTENTION: SINGLES

Our dinner party at McGraths was enjoyable... we welcomed 4 new people to the group... if you haven't come yet, come to our next adventure. We will be meeting at Shepherd of the Valley Church parking lot on Sunday March 13 @ 6:00pm and heading out to a super dinner. Call Eileen @ 541 535-3973 for information and to make a reservation.

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTIONS

From the Apostleship of Prayer website

UNIVERSAL INTENTION

Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

EVANGELIZATION INTENTION

Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

HOLY WEEK IN A YEAR OF MERCY

A Retreat Day Saturday, March 19
9:00AM to 3:30PM at St. Rita Retreat Center

Gather with us to reflect on the beautiful traditions and liturgies of Holy Week through the "window" of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is a great opportunity for those who have been busy during Lent, especially with the work of ministry, to "take a breath" and enter into Holy Week refreshed and with new energy.

The day will be facilitated by Jeanne Ellen Podolske. Cost is by donation. Bring your own lunch. The Retreat Center will provide a variety of beverages. Pre-registration is requested - call 541-855-1333. Please leave a phone number and/or e-mail address so we may confirm your registration.

"I lost, O Lord, the use of yesterday. Anger came and stole my heart away. O may this morning's light until the evening stay."

~ St. Gregory Nazianzen



MARRIED COUPLES

The Gospel today is the story of the prodigal son, which is really all of our stories, because we have all fallen short of the mark at times. God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are April 29th - May 1st at Powell Butte Retreat Center near Bend, Oregon, and May 27th - 29th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, GRANTS

PASS is looking for a creative, compassionate, and experienced teacher to join our team part-time for our blended 5/6 class for the remainder of this school year. This position involves teaching English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science and will be approximately 19 hours per week. A practicing Catholic or a person with a personal commitment to Catholic education is strongly preferred.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A current Oregon Teaching License (Substitute License okay) or equivalent endorsement
- The ability to evaluate and improve educational programs
- The ability to lead and motivate others
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

Please send resume and three references to Colleen at ckotrba@stannegp.com or apply in person at the school office.

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HEALING FROM ABORTION

For some, it may seem like their abortion is an event totally left in the past, yet vast evidence shows that abortion has long-lasting, life-altering affects on the lives of women and men who have experienced it.

To feel, deal, and heal from abortion(s), attend a life-changing Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Contact Project Aurora for information about the April 8-10, 2016 retreat near Medford: 541-942-2861 or projectaurora@aol.com. *Para Espanol llamada a Araceli 541-621-7047.* www.project-aurora.org