



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41 (48C)

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14 GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Saying Farewell the Catholic Way: Things You Need To Know About Cremation

In earlier times, the Catholic Church used to forbid cremation in the western world because cremation was associated with certain atheistic or anti-Catholic organizations or individuals that rejected our belief in eternal life and the resurrection of the body. The Church also believed that a casket burial was a more fitting way of honoring the bodies of our beloved dead because they had served as temples of the Holy Spirit while the person lived and because the mystery of Jesus' Incarnation had added dignity to the flesh which we were obligated to honor as a faith community. Over time, though, the Holy See came to recognize that the motives behind the general usage of cremation were changing and that many were choosing it for financial or other practical reasons rather than out of theological protest. Therefore, by 1963, the Holy See lifted the ban on cremation in the Church for certain limited pastoral reasons. By 1983, this position was reiterated in the newly updated Code of Canon Law. Canon 1176.3 stated that cremation is now allowed except in cases where it could be shown that "it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine." The Code of Canon Law was quick to add, though, that if it could be shown that the underlying reason for the deceased person's choice of cremation was doctrinal protest that an ecclesiastical funeral could still not be provided by the Church (See Canon 1184.2) By 1997, further changes came when the Holy See additionally granted permission in the United States to allow funeral Masses in the presence of cremated remains (a.k.a "cremains") and it also provided a specific liturgical rite for when cremains were present. Today, just to emphasize how quickly this burial option has continued to evolve, nearly 70% of all Catholic funerals in the US involve cremation. So...YES...cremation is allowed as an option for Catholics who wish to plan ahead. But here are some important restrictions to also consider:

1. The scattering of ashes is not permitted. Our tradition indicates that being buried in ground that is blessed during a proper committal service is the preferred option. This not only properly honors the body but it is more compassionate toward the survivors of the deceased who may at some future date wish to visit the grave site and honor their beloved dead (OCF 411-12). In the rare case of burial at sea, which requires the permission of the local ordinary, ashes are to be kept in a sealed container and not scattered over the water (OCF 416).

2. The comingling of ashes is also not permitted. This practice most often involves the mixing of a husband and wife's ashes in one urn either by the children of that marriage or as a result of one spouse retaining the ashes of the other in their home and then requesting that their own ashes be added to them upon their death. This emerging cultural practice seems to derive from the sentiment of everlasting love but sadly I have also heard of comingling the ashes of a deceased person with the ashes of their favorite pet. I am sure there are other aberrations as well. The main problem with this practice is that, when it involves marriage, it symbolizes something that we do not believe. We say that marriage is "til death do us part" and not for all eternity. In eternity, we the people of faith are referred to as the bride of Christ and this new "two" shall be one in heaven. Also the practice does not honor the integrity of the body.

3. Dividing the ashes of the deceased among several survivors and at several locations in miniature urns or amulets is also strongly discouraged for the same reasons listed above. Veneration of saints relics is an exception to this rule.

4. Keeping the ashes of a loved one in a home for an extended period is also strongly discouraged as it denies the deceased the dignity of burial and it denies the survivor the proper opportunity to mourn, recover and then go on living to the full as God calls them to do.

5. Finally, in order for a Funeral Mass or liturgy to be held with its special blessings and rites of farewell, the deceased person's remains must be present whether they be in a casket or an urn. Otherwise, the Church instructs that we celebrate a Memorial Mass which consists simply of a Mass of the day with the deceased person's name being mentioned in the Eucharistic prayer.

These are the main details that Catholics should be aware of before choosing cremation as an option. That being said, though cremation and casket funerals are both permitted by the Church, it seems clear from the liturgical rubrics themselves and from the documents of the Church that a casket funeral is still the preferred option of the two (OCF 413). Stay tuned for Part 2 and 3 of Saying Farewell the Catholic Way as we address the funeral liturgy and advanced medical directives.

*OCF = Order of Christian Funerals

Father Ken's column based on questions from parishioners will continue next weekend. This is a column from 2014 that we in the office are asked for most frequently.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Are you a baptized Catholic adult who has received First Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmation preparation will be held weekly beginning Tuesday, April 12 through May 10, 5:15 - 6:30PM in the parish office. You will be confirmed on Friday, May 20th. Please contact Ann Brophy at 541-779-4661, or at abrophy@shcs.org for information or to register.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Calling all baptized Catholic boys and girls who have received their First Communion and are in the fourth grade or older - including much older! Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturday 4/9, 4/16, and 4/23 from 12:30-2:30 in the church. To sign up, please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thanks!



MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know



About Heaven

A refreshingly clear, theologically sound, and always fascinating glimpse of that "undiscovered country."

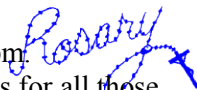
Answers such intriguing questions as:

- How can we know what Heaven is like?
- Will we all be equal in Heaven?
- What will we do in Heaven?
- Will we know everything in Heaven?
- Can we know the joy of Heaven now?

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ROSARY SALE

Sunday April 17th, 8:00am to 2:00pm
We have lots of rosaries - great gifts for all those receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We also have the "Way of the Cross" chaplet. Come see what we have. Can't make the sale? Call Bertha 541-245-6981.



A Charismatic Women's Retreat The Flame of God's Love, The Holy Spirit Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1

Women of all ages, teens also, are invited to come and receive or enkindle the fire of the Holy Spirit. Learn about the baptism of the Spirit and experience a life changing retreat at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill. \$115 for 2 nights lodging and meals. Financial aid available. Registration forms available in church office or call us for information/registration, Sandy at 541-944-4659 or The Dove 541-582-2968

LEGION OF MARY

Come and observe the Legion of Mary meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. If this is your calling you are welcome to join us. It is a great privilege to bring Jesus' presence to the Parishioners who can no longer come to Church.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Apr. 11: +Rita Steinbrink
- T. Apr. 12: +Constance Tromp
- W. Apr. 13: +Helen Gamble
- Th. Apr. 14: +Michelle Kennington
- Fri. Apr. 15: +Margaret Steinkamp

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

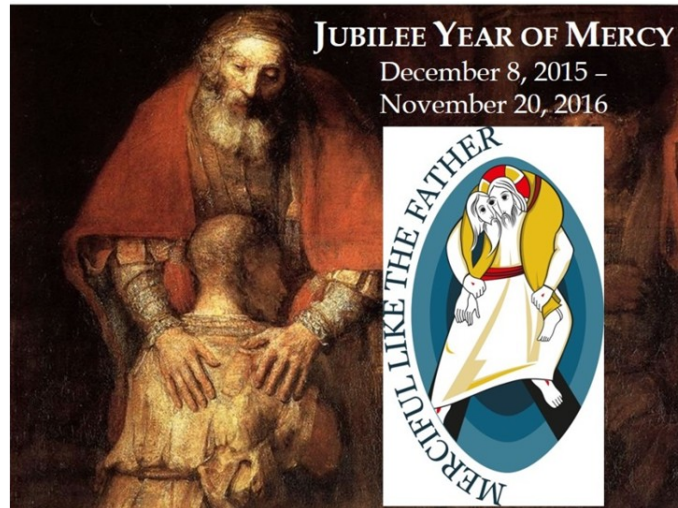
- M. Apr. 11: Altar Society
- T. Apr. 12: +Margaret Steidl
- W. Apr. 13: Mary Jo Baich
- Th. Apr. 14: +Edwin E. Steidl
- Fri. Apr. 15: +Paul Dellapenta
- Sat. Apr. 16: Rita & Jim & girls

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Joey Rossnecht, Gladys Schibusch, Sharon Sakraida, George Halvorsen, Jan Kantor, Marjorie Nave, Virgil Syverson, Andrea Serrato, Ayva Burckhart, Bill Gaddis, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Ronna Hetzel Baltz, Ginny Spechtenhauser, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Teri Gieg, Reese Baker, Diane Williams, Frances Maltoni, Randy Gale, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, 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, John Zeleznik, and Don & Jean Palese.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Paul Zeleznik, +Benjamin Gomez Cortes, and +John Aitken.

A Celebration of Mercy
Be a Pilgrim through the Doors of Mercy
Sacred Heart Church
Friday, April 29, 2016 - 6PM



**Within three weeks of the Celebration of Mercy
 Between March 28th and April 29th:
 Begin to discern personal petitions of mercy
 Participate in the Sacrament of Confession
 Say one Rosary reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries
 Perform one Corporal Work of Mercy
 Perform one Spiritual Work of Mercy
 Bring your personal petitions of mercy to the Mercy celebration**

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Convert the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

Conditions to Receive an Indulgence

- Make a pilgrimage to a Holy Door.
- Go to Confession
- Receive the Holy Eucharist
- "with a reflection of mercy."
- Make a profession of faith.
- Pray for the Pope and his intentions.

Sorrowful Mysteries

- The agony in the garden
- The Scourging at the pillar
- The Crowning with thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion



***Holy God! Holy Mighty One!
 Holy Immortal One!
 Have Mercy on us and on the Whole World!***

Did you know?

A person can gain a plenary indulgence once a day and that it can be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased.

NEWS FROM ALTAR SOCIETY

Monday, April 11, meeting day! This will be the first meeting using the new format - Rosary in the Church at 8:00; followed by Mass then a brunch in the Hall. Please bring a brunch item to share. The regular meeting will be held with the following agenda:

Officers for 2016-2017, Mother's Day Plant Sale.....The Sacred Heart Stitches will also have a table of their fine crafted items, ending with Bunko and prizes. Need not be a dues paying member to join us on this day.



PRACTICAL WAYS TO REACH YOUTH

We live in a culture of distractions. Electronic media ensures that we are never far from a status update, a greeting from a friend, or a sales ad. Today's kids have grown up in this media-saturated environment, and it is affecting the brain. Come learn practical ways to reach today's young people and help them make connections to faith. This workshop is free, but you must RSVP online at <http://www.pdxfamilife.org/attention-please/> or call Evelyn Tucker @ 541.601.4959. Meeting is from 9am until Noon, Saturday, April 23 – at Our Lady of the Mountain parish hall.



ST. VINCENT D PAUL NEWS 2424 n. Pacific Hwy., Medford

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop is being expanded this spring. The demand for its showers and laundry facilities, for homeless men and women, has increased many times since it opened in 2009. These vital services, that we take for granted, are provided Monday through Friday mornings, with different volunteers each day. Volunteer staffing includes a male and female from a local parish plus 1 – 2 homeless volunteers. The expansion will require 1 additional volunteer each day. The day of the week is negotiable. Contact TC (541) 301-0025 or Lee (541) 601-5273 to discuss these positions or to visit our facility to see if this fits your time and talents. We also have many other areas where we need volunteers such as our kitchen, store, office, pantry as well as social services and home visitations. Please call our volunteer coordinator 541-772-3828 Ext 7 for other volunteer opportunities

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses Saturday April 9th and Sunday April 10th. Two winners will be drawn at the April 17th at the Knights Breakfast. Each will win a quarter, processed and packaged, grass-feed beef. **Proceeds will go to assist Magdalene Home, The Pregnancy Center and St. Vincent de Paul.** Only 1000 tickets will be sold.



Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, April 17. Pancakes and all the fixings will be served up. Proceeds benefit Magdalene Home. Please come over and join us for good food and camaraderie.

ATTENTION: SINGLES

Our last gathering at 4 Daughters was enjoyable, and we welcomed a few more people into the group. Our next adventure will be at the Kaleidoscope Pizzeria on Crater Lake Hwy, Sunday April 17th @ 6:00pm. Come join us for fun, good food, great conversation and laughter...

“What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom.”

~~ Pope Francis

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

April 10: 7:00 & 8:30 - Catholic Daughters

April 17: **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

April 24: 7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow

C'mon over and enjoy a treat and meet your fellow parishioners.



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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! This Wednesday, April 13th. Bring your books and arrive 5:45 to 5:55. Doors close, class starts 6:00pm! We have youth Mass and youth group this weekend!!

YOUTH GROUP: In Youth Room

EDGE: 9:45a-11:00a – April 10, Marry Me – We are discussing the sacrament of marriage & have some time to party! Also: XLT at SAGP

Next week: Anointing of the Sick

LIFE NIGHT: 7:30p –9pm April 10, XLT - SAGP

Core Team Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 7-8:30pm

Next week: April 17 - Night 4 of “Trusting in God’s Mercy”.

YOUTH GROUP DONATIONS: Thank you to all who brought food for our teens! We are still in need of bottled water/juice boxes and a few other snacks to get us through the rest of the youth ministry year. Please contact Whitney Godfrey in the parish office.



EDGE RETREAT -- REGISTER by APRIL 14th!

Parents of middle school youth! We will be joining OLM, SOV, and SAGP for a middle school retreat in Klamath Falls OR on April 22- April 23rd! Applications are available at the parish office or at wgodfrey@archdpx.org!

STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:

Our next meeting is on April 19th from 5:30-6:30pm for teens. Parents welcome!

NUN RUN 2016:

Meeting Dates: April 7th 2016 from 6:30-7:30p

April 28th 2016 from 6:30-7:30p AND May 26th

from 6:30-7:30p (May 26 – youth and parents).

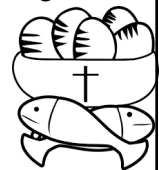
Nun Run Bake Sale Fundraiser Date: May 14th after all Masses – Arrive Saturday by 3pm for prep!

XLT ADORATION : April 10th, 2016 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Grants Pass OR from 7:00p-8:30p. A social will take place from 8:30p-10:00p. Parents are responsible for transportation for their teens and are encouraged to stay and enjoy adoration with their teen. 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!

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS April 10 † Third Sunday of Easter † John 21:1-19 (Year C)

In today’s Gospel, several disciples find Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after a night of trying to catch fish. Jesus fixes breakfast for his friends and then talks with Peter. Jesus asks him three times “Do you love me?” and three times Peter answers yes. Peter’s conviction to Jesus became stronger with each “yes”.

How do you think Peter felt when Jesus kept asking him the same question? Jesus continues to ask each of us the same question. How can we today, answer yes to Jesus with the same conviction that Peter had that day?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes are for children Pre-school through 5th grade every Sunday at Sacred Heart School from 9:50am – 11:15am. We will meet every Sunday in April, our final class being May 1st. The year has just flown by!!

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Please pray for our 25 boys and girls making their First Communion on Saturday May 21st. What a wonderful year we have had learning and growing in our love of the Eucharist!!

Registration for the Religious Education School Year 2016-2017 begins early this year and registration Forms will be available by April 17th.

Our Sacrament Preparation 2016-2017 class *Registration* for children in Grade 2nd through 5th who are in their second consecutive year of Religious Education classes or attend Sacred Heart School will begin EARLY with forms and instructions available on April 17th at RE classes or the Parish Office. Please contact Mary Stallard for further details



2016 ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to the 431 parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. Sacred Heart parishioners have pledged or contributed \$64,922 toward our goal of \$79,271 (82% of goal). Every gift means so much! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card and return it to the Church Office in the coming days. We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Sample and our Catholic Church in western Oregon. Thank you

TLC FOR ST. JOSEPH’S, JACKSONVILLE

Please join us for an outdoor work party on Saturday, April 16, 9AM--12 noon, weather permitting. Please call Leslie at (925) 324-0252 with questions. God Bless

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be part of passing Oregon's first pro-life law. Volunteers are needed for signature gathering. Contact Sanda at lasanda1@yahoo.com or 541-779-8587

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous response to this collection taken up on Good Friday. This collection is to support the Order of St Francis in it’s guardianship of the Holy Land and other shrines of the Christian religion. Their work has grown to include support of schools and missions in the Holy Land, as well as care for refugees and other needy people throughout the region. Our parish raised \$2,305 for this cause.

RICE BOWL PARTICIPANTS - THANK YOU!

Your donations provide essential assistance to those in need - internationally and locally. Seventy-five percent of Rice Bowl proceeds are used to fund development projects designed to increase food security in communities in over 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of the total donations we receive remain in our Archdiocese, providing funding for critically-needed food assistance for local programs, including food pantries, emergency food services for seniors, food for the homeless, and food for shelters. Our parish raised \$2,533 for Rice Bowl Campaign during Lent.



Financial Report

	3/27/2016	3/29/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$28,189.41	\$14,113.58
	Easter	
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$711,205.86	\$685,362.60
Needed for Budget	\$697,500.16	\$707,624.98
Over (under) Budget	\$13,705.70	(\$22,262.38)
% Over (Under) Budget	1.96%	-3.15%

Thank you for the generous support of the parish.

PLENARY INDULGENCES

One sacramental confession can suffice to gain multiple plenary indulgences.

For the plenary indulgence, one must make a sacramental confession within about 20 days of the indulgenced act. The rule is not a strict rule – it is a guide for those genuinely pursuing a conversion from sin and a life of holiness. Previously, the guideline of 8 days was given. That has been expanded.

The point of the indulgence is the conversion of life and detachment from sin on the part of the individual gaining it.

MARRIED COUPLES

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus is our Lord and Savior; all glory, honor and praise be to our Lord God Almighty. Let Jesus truly be Lord of your life and your Marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** on April 29th - May 1st at Powell Butte Retreat Center near Bend, Oregon, or 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.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.