



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 (54C)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5a GOSPEL: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

### FATHER KEN'S KORNER

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and they are presented to you anonymously. I hope this will be a useful learning opportunity for everyone and if you have questions of your own that need answered please let me know in person or email them to [hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com)*

**Q:** Recently I have read about the so-called “missionaries of mercy” (specially delegated priests throughout the world who, during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, are granted special faculties to absolve sins ordinarily reserved to the Holy See/Vatican to absolve). If God is mercy itself and He desires to grant this gift to the contrite of heart, why would the Church make it so difficult to obtain forgiveness for certain sins? Which are the serious sins that fall into this special category? Also, scripture says there is only one unforgiveable sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:29, Matt. 12:32, Luke 12:10). Say something about that. (Paraphrase of a recent parishioner inquiry)

**A:** Let me take the last part first. Many Protestant Christian theologians have taken a stab at guessing what this blasphemy against the Holy Spirit entails. However, the Catholic Church has already given a definitive answer. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph #1864, we read, "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of eternal sin" [here quoting the above mentioned Bible verse]. There are no limits to the mercy of God but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss." In other words, it is the Holy Spirit that inspires us to repent and turn back to God and the unforgiveable sin against the Holy Spirit is to resist that inspiration all the way to the end of our lives. God never forces himself on us against our will and he can't forgive us if we don't want to receive that forgiveness. This is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Put another way, the only limit on God's mercy is our openness to receive it. God is both capable and willing to forgive all. No sin which we can ever commit is too big for God's forgiveness.

That being said, the Church, according to her proper authority to bind and loose sin in God's name has previously reserved some sins to the Holy See/Vatican for absolution to perhaps highlight their seriousness. Most of these are extraordinarily serious sins committed by clergy but a few potentially involve the laity as well. Canons 1364-1399 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law discuss all sins reserved to the Apostolic See. Some examples include “one who throws away the consecrated species [The Eucharist] or, for a sacrilegious purpose, takes them away or keeps them”; “a person who uses physical force against the Roman Pontiff”; “both the bishop who, without a pontifical mandate, consecrates a person a bishop, and the one who receives the consecration from him”[i.e. all participants in an invalid or unsanctioned ordination]; “a confessor who directly violates the sacramental seal”; and a confessor who absolves “an accomplice in a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue [i.e. any priest involved with another sexually who then attempts to absolve that same person of the sinful act]. During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis granted temporary faculties to a number of designated priests to absolve even these sins locally as missionaries of mercy. In our archdiocese, two such priests have been designated. These missionaries, throughout the world are also granted faculties to absolve sins reserved to the local ordinary (bishop) previously under Canon 1356. This list of sins includes abortion and formal, public apostasy. Here I need to make a strong clarification for parishioners though. In the United States and much of Western Europe, bishops long ago extended faculties to all of their local clergy to absolve the sin of abortion and other sins previously reserved to him alone because of its widespread frequency. Unfortunately, the way that news providers reported this decision was confusing to many and brought widespread distress to many who had previously had an abortion and later sought God's forgiveness in confession. Were they actually absolved of their sin or not? The answer is a very clear “YES”. If you or someone you know has been involved in procuring an abortion and later sought God's forgiveness in confession here in the United States, your sin is absolved.

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The pope's decree was really meant for those countries that have not taken such steps where absolution has continued to be reserved to the local bishop alone. Put another way, in those areas, the pope has gone over those local bishops' heads and granted faculties to his own delegates. This is not an issue in the United States. Going forward, will the Church still choose to maintain a special list of

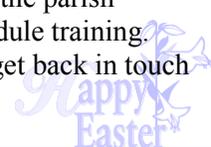
more serious sins which it reserves to a more limited list of authorities to absolve? Time will tell but the Pope's actions seem to suggest there is a possibility that a more permanent change is coming in order that the Church can more effectively reflect the merciful face of God. For now, however, this special decree applies to the Jubilee Year alone.

### PATRICIANS A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

Please join us April 25th - 4th Monday at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. Our topic is: Holy Days of Obligation - where did they come from? Our Spiritual Director is Father Justus Alaeto. You are welcome to sit in, ask questions and share your opinions!

### LECTORS NEEDED

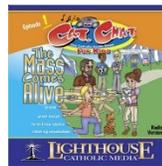
More lectors are urgently needed at all the Masses, but especially the Noon and 5:30 Vigil. You will receive training, a Lector Workbook, and ongoing support. Please call Ann Brophy at the parish office or [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org) to schedule training. Lector Trainer Maureen Swift will get back in touch with you. Thank you!



### ST. VINCENT D PAUL NEWS 2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop is being expanded as demand for its showers and laundry facilities, for homeless men and women, has increased many times since it opened in 2009. These vital services, are provided Monday -- Friday mornings, with different volunteers each day. Volunteer staffing includes a male and female from a local parish plus 1 – 2 homeless volunteers. 1 additional volunteer is needed each day. Contact TC [\(541\) 301-0025](tel:5413010025) or Lee [\(541\) 601-5273](tel:5416015273) to visit our facility to see if this fits your time and talents. Volunteers needed in our kitchen, store, office, pantry as well as social services and home visitations. Please call our volunteer coordinator [541-772-3828 Ext 7](tel:5417723828) for other volunteer opportunities

### MEDIA KIOSK CHILDREN'S FEATURE OF THE WEEK



#### The Mass Comes Alive - Episode I

Cat.Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their Faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience!

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

### 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Apr. 25: Angela Buxton  
T. Apr. 26: +Craig Contreras  
W. Apr. 27: +Dolores Harmon  
Th. Apr. 28: Butch & Ellen Naumes  
Fri. Apr. 29: +Janice Gnos

### 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Apr. 25: +Paul Dellapenta  
T. Apr. 26: +Lorraine Dimpfl  
W. Apr. 27: Paul Halleck  
Th. Apr. 28: Rich & Connie Moyer  
Fri. Apr. 29: +Eric Wasick  
Sat. Apr. 30: +Paul Dellapenta

### PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Vicky Nuss, Lenore Manigbas, Joey Roscknecht, Mark Oddfield, Gladys Schibusch, Sharon Sakraida, George Halvorsen, Marjorie Nave, Virgil Syverson, Marge Kearney, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, 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:** +Gloria Farnsworth, +Jan Kantor, +Darlene Zibnack, and +Pearl Smith.



Dear Brother in Christ,

On the behalf of our Grand Knight Gary Andazola, we are inviting you to become a member of the **Knights of Columbus Rogue River Council #1594.**

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, with more than 1.7 million members in more than 13,000 councils worldwide. In 2010, members reported raising and contributing \$154 million to charities, and volunteering more than 70 million hours of service. Our late pope, Bl. John Paul II, usually referred to the Knights as "Knights of Charity".

Father Michael J. McGivney, Servant of God, started the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. The primary objective of the proposed group was that men of Faith would gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness, and to provide for decent burial and render assistance to the families of deceased members.

Knights are Catholic men, age 18 and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie. It is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Our Council is fortunate to have our own K of C Hall located at 772 Black Oak Dr., Medford, near the Rogue Valley Hospital. Our business meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month starting at 7:00pm sharp, with dinner beforehand. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday we have a Men's social, including dinner, starting at 6:00pm. Come see what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life.

The principles of the Knights of Columbus are *Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*. These remain the foundation on which the organization continues to grow. Furthermore, in this current world of secularism and paganism, we must also consider the Knights of Columbus as Defenders of the Gospel, the Faith, and the Church.

Knights will be available after the Masses next weekend, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, to provide information and answer any questions. You may also contact Curt or Don, or give Grand Knight Gary Andazola a call at 541-840-7224. **"VIVAT JESUS!"**

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Membership Committee Co-Chairmen  
Knights of Columbus Council 1594

**KNIGHT NEWS:**

- Congratulations to the two 2016 Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Beef Raffle winners:
- Debra Peerenboom and Elmer Dreiling. And thanks to everyone who purchase a ticket to enter the drawing. With your support the Knights of Columbus successfully sold 970 of the 1000 tickets which raised money for local Pro-Life causes. As Father Ken said: "That makes you all winners!"
- Thanks to the Parish support, last weekend's breakfast raised \$324 for Magdalene Home.
- If you are interested in helping the Knights of Columbus do more good work, visit our web site:
- [www.kofc-1594.org](http://www.kofc-1594.org) or ask any Knight.

# Year of Mercy Procession and Holy Mass

## *A Celebration of Mercy at Sacred Heart Church*

Friday, April 29, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome Ceremonies in Parish Hall

Year of Mercy theme song -- "Merciful like the Father"

Year of Mercy Indulgence explained

✦ Procession: Those able process around the City block and enter the Holy Doors.  
This will be a Silent Prayerful procession – Say a silent Rosary or other prayers.  
(Those unable may enter the church by the side courtyard door)

✦ Procession enters through the Holy Doors  
– Place Prayer Petitions in Baskets at Holy Door

✦ The Divine Mercy chaplet is sung as the Procession enters Church

✦ Profession of Faith  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5 minute Period of Prayerful Silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

✦ Benediction.

✦ Holy Mass celebrated by Father Justus Alaeto

✦ Burning of the Petitions "Holy God we praise Thy name" is sung

*"Mercy is the Heart and Soul of the Gospel." Archbishop Alexander Sample*

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary members bring the presence of Jesus (Communion), and share the Gospel, message to the homebound. This includes Foster Homes, Nursing Homes, private homes and the Hospitals. Volunteers are always welcome. Being involved with this church ministry is very rewarding and if you are interested please call the office.

### PRAYER SHAWLS

If you or a loved one has the need for the warmth of prayer call Eileen Van Dyck at 541- 773-1578. Eileen has been knitting prayer shawls to give free of charge to the sick. One of our priests has blessed each shawl. As she starts to knit she prays: "O Christ who healed the broken in body and spirit, Be with all who suffer today. Be with the doctors, nurses, technicians, and all who care for the sick. Be with the families and friends of those who love and comfort the sick. May your gentle yet strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen."

### COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

April 24: 7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom  
8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow



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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 please contact Whitney Godfrey at [wgodfrey@archdpx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpx.org).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS!** This Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have Confirmation Class. Please remember your books and arrive 5:45 -- 5:55. Class starts (doors close) at 6:00pm! We will have youth Mass and youth group this weekend!!!

**YOUTH GROUP- In Youth Room**

EDGE: 9:45a-11:00a – April 24<sup>th</sup> CANCELED due to Middle School Retreat on April 22-23 2016

**Next week:** May 1 - Our Last EDGE Morn of the Semester!! We are having a party and open Gym!!!

**LIFE NIGHT:** April 24<sup>th</sup> CANCELED

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**YOUTH GROUP DONTATIONS:** Thank you to all who brought food for our teens! Your donations are appreciated. We are still in need of bottled water/juice boxes to get us through our last event on May 1. Please contact Whitney Godfrey in the parish office if you have any questions!

**EDGE RETREAT:**

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for our middle school youth retreat!

**STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:**

Our next meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-3pm for TEENS ::: PARENTS WELCOME

**NUN RUN MEETING:**

Our next meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. We will be prepping for our fundraiser and praying together! Our Bake Sale fundraiser will be held on May 14/15<sup>th</sup> after all Masses!



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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**ENROLLMENT**

Open enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is happening NOW! Come see what's special about Sacred Heart! Consider a Catholic education for your kids. Please call the school for a tour. [541-772-4105](tel:541-772-4105).

**SPORTS**

Track practice is underway with promise of a strong season. We have a great team with lots of enthusiasm and experience!

**ROBOTICS TEAMS**

Both St. Mary's teams TNT and C4 (2015 SHCS Graduate, Heikki Ashby's team) advanced through league championship, super qualifiers, state, and the 13 state West Regional to make it to the World Championship, being held in St. Louis at the end of April. Only 128 of 4,629 teams advance. These teams are the first to advance to the World Championship from Southern Oregon. Congrats to all and good luck in St. Louis!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Register Now for 2016-2017 !!!**

Children's **First Reconciliation/First Communion** classes

**Religious Education** Classes Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

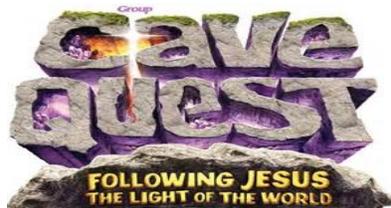
*Here are some of the criteria for eligibility in the Sacrament Preparation program in 2016-2017*

- Has your child been baptized?
- Is your child entering the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year?
- Are they in their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of Religious Education or attending Sacred Heart School?
- Does your family attend Mass regularly?
- Is your child able to attend the classes? Classes are alternating Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm.

**2016 "FAMILY" Vacation Bible School**

Monday July 11 – Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm



For further questions or details about Religious Education; Sacrament Preparation or Family VBS contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 Ext: 107

### 2016 ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

We are getting closer to the goal! Please consider a gift to help us reach 100%. Thank you to the 440 parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Sacred Heart parishioners have pledged or contributed \$67,692 toward our goal of \$79,271 (85% 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

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Enjoy our Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale, Sunday, May 1 after the 7AM till plants are gone!! The Sacred Heart Stitchers will be joining us with their hand crafted items. Don't miss it!! Call Louise at 541-776-2441, with questions. If you have plants to donate, please bring them to the court yard, Sunday before the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

All proceeds support the needs of the Altar: Hosts, Candles, Wine. Thank you.



#### COME SEW WITH US!

The Sacred Heart Stitchers will meet this Thursday at 9:15am in the Parish Nursery. All women are welcome to join us. We are working on quilts for veterans as well as making pillowcases and totes for charity. Come over to visit and see what we're all about! We will also be sewing items for the Altar Society's Mother's Day Bazaar to be held on May 1st. For more information call Kathy at 541-773-9805.



#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough Priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which takes place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

"evangelizing, proclaiming Jesus, gives us joy. In contrast, egoism makes us bitter, sad, and depresses us. Evangelizing uplifts us."



— Pope Francis

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING

All Catholic women are invited to join us Tuesday, May 3. We begin in the church at 8:00am with the Rosary, followed by Mass. Then on to the parish hall for fellowship and a light snack. Please bring something to share. Our meeting begins at 9:30. The main agenda item is the **election of new officers**. We have some wonderful candidates. Our guest speaker will from Magdalene Home. Questions? Call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736

#### Financial Report

	4/10/2016	4/12/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$22,957.55	\$18,300.08
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$755,702.03	\$739,350.12
Needed for Budget	\$733,269.40	\$743,913.44
Over (under) Budget	\$22,432.63	(\$4,563.32)
% Over (Under) Budget	3.06%	-0.61%

Thank you for the generous support of the parish.

#### A Charismatic Women's Retreat Flame of God's Love, The Holy Spirit Friday, April 29 -- 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

#### MARRIED COUPLES

Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon on May 27th - 29th or August 26th - 27th. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.