



## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 (45c)

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

### FATHER KEN'S KORNER

**Q:** We believe as Catholics that Christ is substantially present (body, blood, soul and divinity) in the Eucharist and as contained within the tabernacle. Why then do we not have a stronger sense of God's power emanating from the people who receive the Eucharist and even from the church building itself. I have seen various examples of God's power on display among Pentecostals and other non-Catholic Christians who do not believe in or receive the Eucharist. Why do we not see more examples of God's power on display within Catholic communities?

**A:** This question, which I have paraphrased, well expresses what I have long considered to be one of the Catholic Church's greatest scandals. Although we are not given over to displays of emotionalism or sensationalism within our traditional worship we really should still see more transformation in people's lives and more signs of divine power in our world because the Eucharist really is "the source and summit of our faith". One of the reasons why we do not is that many are in mortal sin when they receive the Eucharist or are not properly disposed to receive it. These obstacles prevent the power of the Eucharist from bearing fruit in our lives. When we are not properly disposed what we are saying is that we have not fully surrendered to God so as to give Him the "green light" to fully invade our hearts and lives so that we might be used as an instrument of grace. Put more simply, we do not have the desire to change much less to become more holy. We want business as usual and not something shockingly different or scary in our lives. Spiritual transformation requires a docile heart that is willing to be led and many times we do not receive him with that mindset and so his power is frustrated, as he refuses to use us against our own will. I have seen Catholics, for example, who have experienced charismatic prayer for the first time reacting in fear because they are not comfortable with our faith demonstrating those kinds of outward signs. I think of a scene from the movie "A Leap of Faith" where a traveling con-man faith healer reacts in this way when he actually experiences someone being authentically and miraculously healed. And in many cases, in a humbling way, those who have been given objectively less have done more with it, simply through the power of the Holy Spirit outside the sacramental structure. We even see this among non-Christians who, at times, achieve great natural virtue and courage to overcome evil in the world without even knowing the Trinity. That being said, there really are many signs of miracles to be witnessed within the Catholic Church if you have eyes to see. It is just that most are

hidden under the disguise of ordinary life as Catholics are sustained in the day to day works of charity. If you want to see signs that most would classify as more supernatural in nature, however, we have plenty of examples to consider. If one were to investigate the modern day "X-Files" of the Catholic Church they might be shocked by the Eucharistic miracles, apparitions, exorcisms and other such phenomena that take place. I am often baffled at why the secular news does not cover these stories more closely. Take for example St. Padre Pio who was marked by the mystical signs of the stigmata and who was seen to have levitated, bilocated, and to have read souls on a daily basis, all during World War II in modern times. Hundreds of thousands of witnesses as well as modern photography testify to this. There are tens of thousands of saints who performed miracles during their own lifetime and, even after their deaths, have had multiple miracles attributed to them. Those of more ancient origin have often been simply dismissed as mythology by modern man. However, many of these miracles have taken place in our times; the age of science and modern media. Many of these are not just miraculous but mind-boggling. For example, the miracle accepted for the canonization of Bishop Fulton Sheen involved the recovery of a stillborn child who remained dead for 61 minutes after delivery in 2010. No doctor on the scene could medically explain this and they attributed it as unexplainable by science. I have read of other carefully studied miracles involving the regrowing of limbs, cures for leprosy and AIDS and other miraculous examples in our modern times. Last of all, because the parishioner's question was specifically based around the power of the Eucharist, I think specifically of Bl. Imelda Lambertini who in 1333 died at the moment of her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. She was often on record as saying she could not understand how someone could receive the Eucharist and live if it is what we believe it to be. In her day 1<sup>st</sup> Communion was restricted to 12 yr. olds but at age 11 during a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion service many witnessed a host levitating toward her. The priest in the moment had no choice but to allow her to receive it, after which she immediately dropped dead of joy. That is power! And if we have never experienced even the most basic transformation in our lives we really do need to ask ourselves whether or not we are the reason it has not happened to us. Are we standing in the way of God's power?

*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)*

**BE A PILGRIM THROUGH  
THE DOORS OF MERCY  
Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**

Join parish ministries in a Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration where we will honor the mercy of God and enter through the "Open Door". The wish of Pope Francis is the jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, tenderness almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to be ever more effective. To participate more fully, pick up an informational handout at the parish doors this month.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE  
3:00PM ON APRIL 3RD**

"Jesus, I trust in you!" Please join us for the beautifully sung Divine Mercy Service, Sunday, April 3, at 3:00 pm in the church. There will also be Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

St. Faustina reported Jesus saying to her, "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion." Come celebrate the wonderful Mercy of the Lord toward us!

**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](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). Thanks!



**JOAN OF ARC**

Very few people know that Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) wrote a major work on Joan of Arc. Still fewer know that he considered it not only his most important but also his best work. He spent twelve years in research and many months in France doing archival work and then made several attempts until he felt he finally had the story he wanted to tell. He reached his conclusion about Joan's unique place in history only after studying in detail accounts written on both sides, the French and the English. A remarkably accurate biography of the life and mission of Joan of Arc told by one of this country's greatest storytellers.

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**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](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org) for information or to register.

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

Jan Cantor, Marjorie Nave, Virgil Syverson, Andrea Serrato, Ayva Burekhart, 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, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Patty Wittenbock, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Cynthia Sugura, 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, +John Aitken, +Rose Albachten, and +Pauline Medina.

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

- M. Apr. 4: +Colleen Bravo
- T. Apr. 5: Catholic Daughters
- W. Apr. 6: Sybilla Williams
- Th. Apr. 7: Avery Presley
- Fri. Apr. 8: The Sieg Family

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

- M. Apr. 4: +Zander Schilz & Family
- T. Apr. 5: The Batzer Family
- W. Apr. 6: Legion of Mary
- Th. Apr. 7: +Paul Dellapenta
- Fri. Apr. 8: +Sue Caswell
- Sat. Apr. 9: +Patrick Stahl

**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 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>:**  
**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**

**HAPPY EASTER!** A warm welcome to our newly initiated Catholics! Our Altar Society meets on Monday, April 11. With the new format we begin with Rosary in the Church at 8:00 a.m., followed by 8:30 Mass, then to the Hall for a continental breakfast. Please bring a breakfast item to share.



On the agenda: officers for 2016-2017; Mother's Day Plant Sale and Boutique; and Bunko! Need not be a dues paying member to join us on this day.

**SACRED HEART EASTER VIGIL  
FEATURED IN THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL**

Please be sure to check out the new issue of the Catholic Sentinel, in which the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart parish is featured! We had a beautiful, joyous Easter Vigil with 23 baptisms, 47 Confirmations, and 12 Receptions into the Church of those baptized in other traditions. You'll enjoy the wonderful photos of that Night and the interview with one of our elect, Dacey McCrae. We are honored to be included in the Catholic Sentinel article.

**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



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS**

Alleluia Jesus Christ is Risen! Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Easter Season! All women in the parish are invited to join Catholic Daughters. Our motto is "unity and charity". **Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, our guest speakers will be Dr. and Mrs. Parrish; sharing their experience ON "The Way" their walk to St. James in Spain. We gather in the church at 8:00 a.m. for the Rosary, followed by Mass, then to the hall for a light snack. **Please bring something to share**, coffee and tea will be available. For more information call, Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF RAFFLE**



Raffle tickets now available from any Knight. Tickets will be available after all Masses Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Two winners will be drawn at the April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 so stop at the Knights table and get your tickets to be entered in the drawing.



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**COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**

**April 3:** 7:00 & 8:30 - Sacred Heart School

**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.



**NEW TESTAMENT STUDY**

A study of Catholic teaching about scripture You are invited to a two weekend in-depth course at Shepherd of the Valley in Central Point presented by Fr. Mike Walker.

Dates: April 8-9 and April 15-16, 2016

Fridays 6:00-9:00PM Saturdays 9:00AM-3:00PM

Sponsored By: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

-Ministry Formation Southern Oregon Vicariate

Registration to: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178 or

[martywwsor@yahoo.com](mailto:martywwsor@yahoo.com)



**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY**

Contact Whitney Godfrey, Youth Minister:

wgodfrey@archdpdx.org Please e-mail Whitney for her **PHONE NUMBER**

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:** To receive our e-mail contact Whitney at [wgodfrey@archdpdx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpdx.org).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS!** This Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> we resume our Confirmation Classes. 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 3, Following Our Leaders: An Edge Morning on the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Next week: Marry Me – We are discussing the sacrament of marriage & have some time to party!

Also: XLT at SAGP

LIFE NIGHT: 6:15p-7:30p – April 3, Filled First A Life Night on Receiving Mercy!

Next week: TRUST – XLT - SAGP

**XLT ADORATION – NEXT WEEKEND:** XLT is at St. Anne’s in Grants Pass on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!



**YOUTH GROUP DONATIONS:** Thank you to all who brought food for our teens! Your donations are appreciated. 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 if you have any questions!

**EDGE RETREAT – REGISER by APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>!**

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 23<sup>rd</sup>! Applications are available at the parish office or at [wgodfrey@archdpdx.org](mailto:wgodfrey@archdpdx.org)!

**STEBENVILLE San Diego 2016:**

Our first meeting is on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:00pm for teens and parents in the Sacred Heart Youth Room! We look forward to seeing you there!



**NUN RUN 2016:**

Meeting Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 6:30-7:30p  
April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 6:30-7:30p AND May 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30p (May 26 – youth and parents).  
Nun Run Bake Sale Fundraiser Date: May 14<sup>th</sup> after all Masses – Arrive Saturday by 3pm for prep!

**ENGAGING CHILDREN AND TEENS IN THE FAITH IN A CULTURE OF DISTRACTIONS**

A presentation for ministers, catechists, teachers and parents will be held in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of the Mountain on April 23, 9am-12pm. This wonderful event is promoted by the Archdiocese of Portland Department of Pastoral Ministries and will be presented by Dr. Joseph, child psychologist. Topic includes - **Engaging Children and Teens in the Faith in a Culture of Distractions**. For online information and registration please visit: <http://www.pdxfamilife.org/attention-please/> Do not miss out on this free opportunity!



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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From all of us at Sacred Heart School, we hope everyone at Sacred Heart Parish has the most joyous Easter Season. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

"Alleluia, He is Risen".



**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

**TLC FOR ST. JOSEPH’S, JACKSONVILLE**

Spring is around the corner and our lovely church yard will need all available hands for its beautification. Please save the following dates for outdoor work party ☀ Saturday: April 9 and April 16, 9AM--12 noon, weather permitting (will reschedule if more rain than a mist). Please call Leslie at (925) 324-0252 with questions. 2nd Sunday donuts and coffee - please join us, (weather permitting). God Bless

“God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.”

~~ Pope Francis



**Financial Report**

	3/20/2016	3/22/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$15,454.05	\$13,907.27
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$683,016.45	\$671,249.02
Needed for Budget	\$679,615.54	\$689,480.75
Over (under) Budget	\$3,400.91	(\$18,231.73)
% Over (Under) Budget	0.50%	-2.64%

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](http://www.rediscoverthepark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.