



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 (57C)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

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

Q: Are aborted babies considered as having undergone baptism by blood?

A: There are a few things to clarify in answering this question. First the Church affirms that baptism is necessary for salvation. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1257, we read, "The Lord himself affirms that baptism is necessary for salvation... The Church does not know of any means other than baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; This is why she takes great care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are 'reborn of water and the Spirit.'" This sacramental baptism is what we often refer to also as baptism by water. What then is this "baptism by blood" that our parishioner refers to? In the very next paragraph (#1258) we read, "The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This baptism of blood, like the desire for baptism, brings about the fruits of baptism without being a sacrament." Normally, then, baptism by blood refers to martyrdom or the specific sacrifice of your life for the sake of your Christian convictions. Based on that definition, the death of an unborn child through abortion would not seem to be able to meet this standard definition of martyrdom although they are certainly innocent victims of a violent act carried out against them. How about baptism of desire then, also referred to in the last quote? Well, baptism of desire, mentioned in #1260 seems to indicate a catechumen who is in process of being formed in the faith for formal reception into the Church at the annual Easter Vigil celebration but who dies before that formal reception can take place or any other who had the desire/intention of becoming Christian but were unable to see that dream reach fruition sacramentally. Therefore, once again, it does not seem that an unborn child would fit that description since they are not yet rationally capable of desiring any

conceptual thing. Is the situation simply beyond hope then? NO. But, God's plan for the unborn is somewhat shrouded in mystery. What we do know is that God is love and mercy itself and that Jesus always had a preferential option for the poor, the victim, the marginalized and the powerless in society. Everything we believe about God leads us to hope with a strong confidence that God has a special place for those whose lives were cut short and who never reached the age of reason in order to be able to choose God intentionally for themselves. Paragraph #1261 puts it this way, "As regards children who have died without baptism [this would include miscarriages and unhealthy premature births as well as aborted children] the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: 'Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them,' allows us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism. I would add that St. John Paul II made a comparison during his papacy between aborted children and other unbaptized babies with the death of the Holy Innocents. These were the children put to death by Herod as he sought to take baby Jesus' life. The late pope pointed out that the Holy Innocents have their own feast day after Christmas on our liturgical calendar. Other than All Souls Day where we pray for the souls in Purgatory (who will one day be fully united with God in Heaven) every other feast day we celebrate in the life of the Church involves a saint. By our practice, then, we show a belief that the unbaptized Holy Innocents (who were Jewish children) are with God. Finally, I would add a rarely quoted passage from the Catechism which states that, "God has bound salvation to the sacraments of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (Cat. 1257). In other words, the sacraments were not created to limit God's power or mercy but to help the faithful get to Heaven. Therefore, knowing what we do about God's love and mercy should fill us with confidence about the fate of these children. Put another way, if I, though a broken sinner would be willing to grant these children mercy and a place with God (and I would) then how much more so would God who is perfect and who is Mercy and Love itself.

A PILGRIMAGE of MERCY to the HOLY LAND
Walking in the footsteps of Jesus

November 2nd to November 12th, 2016

Join Father Justus Alaeto for a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Each day Father Justus will offer Mass at different Churches with significance to the Life of Jesus. Sites to visit include: Nazareth, a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the Church of the Multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Cana, Mt. Carmel, Jerico, the Dead Sea, - so much more, too many to list! Please see the flyers at the doors of the Church. Total trip cost: \$3,248, which includes round trip air fare, superior accommodations with breakfast and dinner, transportation in a modern coach for all tour days, excellent English speaking guide, entrance fees to all sights, portage at hotels. For more information please contact Jiryis Alyateem. Phone: 503-866-5698 or holylandtoursllc@gmail.com.



HEALING SERVICE

On the first Saturday of every month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass the Priest offers Imposition of Hands for all who suffer from chronic or temporary illness of body or soul. May 7th is the first Saturday. Come and pray for healing.

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 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 FEATURE OF THE WEEK
Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows



Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for Kimberly to initially understand, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on Earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

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. May 2: Ann Caires
T. May 3: Catholic Daughters
W. May 4: Sick & Homebound
Th. May 5: Cynthia Stanley
Fri. May 6: Dennis Macey

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. May 2: May Crowning
T. May 3: The Batzer Family
W. May 4: +David Groves
Th. May 5: +Jim Garvey
Fri. May 6: +Lorraine Dimpfl
Sat. May 7: Dr. Arnold Depner

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Mary Schettino, James Glaccum, Vicky Nuss, Lenore Manigbas, Joey Rosscknecht, Mark Oddfield, Gladys Schibusch, Sharon Sakraida, George Halvorsen, Marjorie Nave, Virgil Syverson, Marge Kearney, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Reese Baker, Randy Gale, Diane Williams, Trudy Omann, Frances Maltoni, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, Marie Casilio, Shizuka McCue, Beverly & Dick Handley, John Zeleznik, and Don & Jean Palese.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Margaret Morgan, and +Gloria Farnsworth.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

May is the month of Mary our Mother! Our "Technology Corner" lends itself very well to Mary, linking us to her through selected rosary meditations. Below are several YouTube links. You can work in the yard, go for a jog, or just sit back and enter into these beautiful prayers!

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, The JOYFUL MYSTERIES of the Rosary

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, The LUMINOUS MYSTERIES of the Rosary

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES of the Rosary

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, The GLORIOUS MYSTERIES of the Rosary

To view go to: YouTube, then type in Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Rosary Videos

Scriptural Rosary: The JOYFUL Mysteries by Melissa
<http://www.scripturalrosary.org/MelissaJoyful.html>

Scriptural Rosary: The LUMINOUS Mysteries by Melissa
<http://www.scripturalrosary.org/MelissaLuminous.html>

Scriptural Rosary: The SORROWFUL Mysteries by Melissa
<http://www.scripturalrosary.org/MelissaSorrowful.html>

Scriptural Rosary: The GLORIOUS Mysteries by Melissa
<http://www.scripturalrosary.org/MelissaGlorious.html>

Complete Holy Rosary in the form of Gregorian chants
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7gPan_INmjE&sns=em

Rosary for Priests- 2013-06-07- Fr. Anthony Mary
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoEqd1CabpU>



If you are interested in daily reflections on Mary, the website below asks only for your e-mail. Each day you will receive a short meditation. They are like reminders from your Mother!

A Moment with Mary

<http://en.mariedenazareth.com/qui-est-marie/moment-mary-subscription>

LEGION OF MARY

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to enrich your prayer life? Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting. There's no obligation. We meet on Wednesday mornings after the 8:30AM Mass in the Parish Hall. We pray, have our meeting, then disperse to bring Communion to the many home-bound of our parish. We visit nursing homes, private homes and foster homes. We have many Catholics in our area who desire Our Lord but cannot make it to Mass. Can you help? Please call the office.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Today, May 1, is the Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Please take time to stop by the tables to see the plants donated by Altar Society Members and many Sacred Heart Parishioners and purchase a plant for that someone special. Proceeds go to support the needs of the Altar.....hosts, wine and candles. Also check put the handmade crafts made by the Sacred Heart Stitchers and support their charitable projects. Thank You.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

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 is from Magdalene Home. Questions? Call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST



Please join us Sunday, May 8th after the 7 and 8:30 morning Masses for a special Mothers Day Breakfast. Scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. For Mothers of course, there will be no charge. Come and treat your Mom and let her know how special she is!

LO GLUTEN HOSTS

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL

If you wish to pray in the Chapel please come to the Parish Office for the code. The Tabernacle can remain open while you pray. If no one relieves you please close the Tabernacle as you leave. As always PLEASE pull both entry doors closed as you enter and as you leave. PLEASE do not let people you do not know into the Chapel.

Financial Report

	4/17/2016	4/19/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$18,106.75	\$16,014.31
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$773,808.78	\$755,364.43
Needed for Budget	\$751,154.02	\$762,057.67
Over (under) Budget	\$22,654.76	(\$6,693.24)
% Over (Under) Budget	3.02%	-0.88%

Thank you for the generous support of the parish.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help **strengthen the Church at home** and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit

www.usccb.org/home-missions



MARRIED COUPLES

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your live including your marriage. 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.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Godfrey, Youth Minister:

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Wednesday, May 4th we will have Confirmation Class. Please bring your books and arrive, 5:45 to 5:55 as doors close and class starts at 6:00pm! We will have youth Mass and youth group this weekend!!! Confirmation is 3 weeks away!

YOUTH GROUP in Youth Room:

Our Last EDGE Morning of the Semester!!! May 1 9:45a-11:00a We are having a party and open Gym!!!

Our Last LIFE Night of the Semester!!! Party and open Gym!!! May 1

Next week: Youth Group begins Summer Break. Look for our youth study summer program: Altaration! Join us for youth Mass every Sunday Night at 5pm!!!

STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:

TODAY! Our meeting is May 1st from 2-3pm for TEENS ::: PARENTS WELCOME – Fundraising!!!! Our next meeting is May 15th from 2-3pm for TEENS ::: PARENTS WELCOME.

NUN RUN MEETING:

Our Bake Sale for our Nun Run will be held on May 14/15th after all Masses! We will meet at 3:00pm on Saturday May 14th to package our baked goods!!!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please keep all the children in our programs in your prayers but especially this year’s Sacrament Preparation group of faith filled girls and boys. With great excitement and anticipation these children are poised ready to make their First Holy Communion on May 21st. What a blessing for these children, their families and Sacred Heart!!

Looking for a way to grow your faith and serve as well? Become a Catechist! Come join our team where children and Catechists know and show it’s “Cool To Be Catholic!!” One more 4th and 5th Grade Catechist needed for next year. It could be you??



Register Now for the 2016-2017 School Year !!!

Why not beat the rush that the beginning of every school year brings AND SIGN UP NOW ???

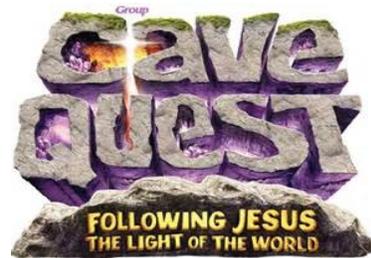
Religious Education Classes – Preschool -- 5th Grade Classes are Sunday mornings 9:50am – 11:15am at Sacred Heart School

Children’s First Reconciliation/First Communion classes 2016-2017 are held alternating Wednesday evenings 6-7pm at Sacred Heart School

Registration for all Sacrament Preparation programs must be completed at your scheduled Registration Intake Interview. Interviews can be scheduled May 22nd to September 12th 2016 (CLOSING DATE).

Call for Sacrament Preparation eligibility details and to schedule an interview for you and your child with Mary Stallard. After hours and weekend Interview times available. Just waiting to hear from you!

2016 “FAMILY” Vacation Bible School



- WHEN ????? Monday July 11 – Thursday July 14th
 - WHAT TIME??? Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm
 - DINNER TOO??? Yes!!! 5:15pm – 6pm
 - WHO COMES?? The Whole Family – Parents come with children (Target age Preschool – 5th Grade) Children under 4 Free!!
- Watch the Bulletin for upcoming details

With further questions or details about Religious Education; Sacrament Preparation or FAMILY Vacation Bible School contact Religious Education Coordinator Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 Ext: 107



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

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED!

Sacred Heart Catholic School will be presenting their Academic Showcase and Open House on May 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Come see the wonderful work our teachers and students have been doing this year. Thank you to all our parishioners for your support of Sacred Heart School.

MAYOR'S CUP PRIZES

Our school joyfully participates in the Mayor's Cup every year, and this year was no exception. Thanks again to everyone who participated! We not only came in second place, but received a check for \$200 and a gift certificate for \$100 from Cascade Athletics. We also received 14 rubber playballs and 2 stop watch timers for the track team to be used at track meets from Cascade Athletics. Thanks so much!

SPORTS

Our track team continues to shine, with many first year track students earning first and second place in key events. Great job!

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

We continue our celebration of 150 years of Catholic school education through the end of this year. We'd love to hear from alumni who went to Sacred Heart school about their favorite memories and teachers. Please call the school if we may interview you!

ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is happening **NOW** for Pre-School through 8th grade and on-site day care! If you are considering an exemplary and caring education for your children, call the school at 541-772-4105.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

We need volunteers! Last year over 3500 backpacks were given away to children in need of school supplies. Your help would be so greatly appreciated!



These are the dates we need help:

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2016 (Sat. and Sun.) 8 am-2 pm

10 healthy strong workers are needed each of these two days to move backpacks from the warehouse and go through them to be sure they are ready for the giveaway. (No Training needed)

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

3-6 pm shifts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

We will need greeters, runners, screeners and various helpers in order to make the school supply giveaway run smoothly and efficiently. (There will be a volunteer training from 2-2:30 pm August 22 **OR** August 23 we would like you to attend) **CONTACT MINDY SAKRAIDA 541-779-1994 TO SIGN UP FOR A SPOT! QUESTIONS? ANN CLOSE 541-826-9563**
 Thank you!!

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

May 1

7:00 & 8:30 - Sacred Heart School

May 8

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 (NO Coffee & Donuts)

May 15

7:00 & 8:30 - Catholic Daughters

May 29

7:00 - Paul Stancel

8:30 - Emilda Vincent &
 Chato Snow



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Ave Maria Meditation

“We implore her maternal intercession that the Church may become a home for many peoples, a mother for all peoples, and that the way may be opened to the birth of a new world. It is the Risen Christ who tells us, with a power that fills us with confidence and unshakable hope: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev 21:5). With Mary we advance confidently towards the fulfillment of t his promise” ... ~~ Pope Francis