

Jesus is the **GOOD SHEPHERD** who reconciles us all to the Father. Jeremiah preached in Israel before the Babylonian Exile, preaching under five different kings, each more sinful than his predecessor. God gave Jeremiah a message that forecast famine, war, exile and death as punishment. The kings were *misled and scattered the flock*, driving the sheep away from God.

But after all the bad news Jeremiah was also asked to give a message of hope, namely, after the exile God will take matters into his own hands: *I myself will gather the remnant of my flock*. He promises the birth of Christ, a promise that would not see its fulfillment for nearly six centuries. In the wake of such bad shepherds God's promise was to send his only Son as the Good Shepherd.

St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, emphasizes that Jesus came to make peace: between God and human beings, and among people. Through the blood of Christ we are reconciled with God. In his words, those who were far off such as sheep that have been misled and scattered are now being brought back to the Father.

In the Gospel, we see the prophecy from Jeremiah fulfilled. Jesus the Good shepherd, who sees the vast crowd of people in need begins to teach them. For *his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd*. God prepared for our reconciliation and salvation in the person of his Son because now we have the Good Shepherd who seeks us out, calls our name and carries us home.

Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony

2018 St. Peter Church

**YARD
SALE**

AUG 2-4

Donation Drop-offs for July

Tue. - Fri. 9:30am - Noon

Before and After Weekend Masses

Furniture Pick-up:

Call for appointment: Parish Office (541) 688-1051,
Kathleen (541) 461-0485 or Betty (541) 688-5079

Helpers Needed in July

◆ Room Setup, Sorting and Pricing ◆

Tuesdays and Thursdays June
9:30am - Noon

Come any or all days. Come for all or part of the time. We're in the religious ed building. See you there!

DONATIONS

~ ALL KINDS ~

NEEDED!!

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

THROUGH

JULY 27TH — FRIDAY

(PLEASE: NO

TVs OR

CAR SEATS)

Parishioner Pre-Sale on August 1st 9:30—11:00am & 6:00—7:30pm

AREA NEWS

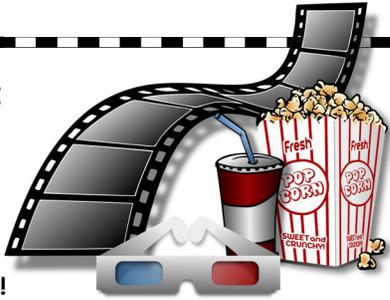
WHERE'S THE BEEF ?? — At St. Catherine in Veneta!! Annual Fern Ridge BBQ, on Sunday, **July 29**, noon–5pm. Their Sunday Masses will be one hour earlier than usual! Good family fun in a beautiful setting, with music (Coupe deVile), raffles, auction, bingo, and Show Cars. \$15/adult, \$13/senior (62yo and older), \$7/12yo and under. St. Catherine of Siena is at: 25181 E. Broadway, Veneta. More info at: fernridgebeefpitbbq.com, or 541-935-3933.

TIME TO SWING A CLUB! — It's the Knights of Columbus' **33rd Memorial Golf Tournament** on **August 25th**, beginning at 8:00am! Proceeds will be donated to Marist and O'Hara Catholic Schools' scholarship funds. You can participate as a golfer (\$25/adult & \$8/lunch ... \$15/student & \$6/lunch), tournament sponsor, golf ball sponsor (with your company logo), prize/raffle donator, etc. See Sponsorship opportunities (along with sign-ups) on page 9 & 10 of the *KnightTimes* at: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a2358468984b90c549775b708/files/d5bc4f3f-6650-4a0f-8485-7a47db908b42/1807_Knight_Times.pdf OR call Dan Landry at 541-510-8459.

NEXT Summer Faith & Film Night:

July 29 @ 5:30pm
St. Mark Youth Room
(in Parish Center)

Bring a sack dinner — popcorn provided!



FAITH SERIES: CATECHISM THROUGH THE YEAR

WHERE DOES THE ROSARY COME FROM?

The angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary is familiar to most Catholics. It is echoed in the most popular Catholic prayer — the Hail Mary (*Ave Maria* in Latin) — “Hail, [Mary], favored one [full of grace]! The Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28). The words that follow in this prayer also come from Scripture, from Elizabeth's greeting to our Lady: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb [Jesus]” (Lk 1:42). “Holy Mary, Mother of God” refers to her status as the woman who bore the divine Son of God (Gal 4:4). And, finally, the prayer asks for Mary's intercession: “Prayer for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death”.

The Hail Mary is one of the chief prayers of the Catholic devotion known as the Rosary. This series of repetitive prayers is usually prayed with a string of beads that helps the person praying to keep track as they pray “the Rosary”. Two other prayers are also central to the Rosary — the first is the Our Father (Lord's Prayer, Mt 6:9-13), and the other is the Glory Be, an ancient expression of praise to the Most Holy Trinity: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen” These words echo portions of various prayers and statements in Scripture (Mt 28:19; Rom 16:27; Jude 25). The Rosary also includes a recitation of the Apostles' Creed, and various other personal prayers/petitions added when praying the Rosary.

The early desert Fathers of the 3rd and 4th centuries used knotted prayer ‘ropes’ for meditation, and with the use of Marian prayers increasing in popularity in the Middle Ages, the current form of the Rosary came to “be” between the 12th and 15th centuries. The name “Rosary” (from the Latin word *rosarium* “rose garden”) comes from the notion of offering a bouquet of prayers to our Lady. There is doubt about St. Dominic actually being the initiator of this form of prayer, but he certainly did promote it, along with Blessed Allan de la Roche, Dominic of Prussia (a 15th century Carthusian monk who called it “Life of Jesus Rosary”), and various popes, including Pope Pius the V, especially in relation to the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.

However it came about, the Rosary, prayed faithfully, is a weapon to be used against evil and bestows grace and goodness in our hearts, families, and world.

RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible
Rom 11:36 · Gal 1:5 · Eph 3:21 ·
& Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) Nos. 971 · 2676-2678 ·