

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

You've all heard the saying, "You can't take it with you when you die." Well, my theory is, you CAN take it with you. With regard to Mother's day, Jesus wants us to have a good relationship with our mothers. If we don't, hopefully we will reconcile them.

My mom and I didn't get along very well when I was a teenager. When I got older, I was visiting my grandfather in The Dalles, Oregon. My mom was living with him after going through a divorce. One day she had to leave for Bend, Oregon on business.

The three of us were at the table talking. I was thinking about carrying my mom's suitcases to her car. Before I had time to offer, she said to me, "You could at least take my suitcases to the car!" "I was planning to," I retorted, "but you didn't give me a chance."

We started arguing. The next thing I know, there is my 82-year-old sick grandfather standing up from the table saying, "I'll take the suitcases to the car." I had never seen my grandpa angry before and it really upset me.

What happened next was the work of the Holy Spirit. I told my grandpa to please sit back down. My mom and I talked, we cried, all in front of my grandpa. We both actually listened and heard each other. I ended up taking her suitcase to the car.

It was a defining moment in both of our relationships. From that experience, our relationship has continued to get better. When packing our bags for heaven, reconciled relationships are the first things that go in. The readings today tell us what else we can pack.

In Acts, Peter was converting Gentiles. Adding conversion to our suitcase isn't easy. People threatened to stone Paul for converting Gentiles. We probably won't be stoned to death for converting others, but we may get chastised, ridiculed, or snubbed by our friends. But it is worth it!

We can take a spirit free of all stain of sin. Our second reading says that God sent his Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Because of Jesus Christ, our sins can be forgiven. We can definitely take forgiveness with us.

The Gospel reveals that love is the most important item we can take with us when we die. Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Love is the first thing Jesus took with him when he was crucified. He also took to heaven a life free of all sin, three years of ministry, the conversion of countless sinners, and yes, a healthy relationship with his mother and father

Many of us will be traveling around this summer. We will pack things like clothes, money, computers and those things we really can't take with us when we die. But think about this: pack a prayer book, a Bible, a book of saints, a journal, and a rosary.

This week take an inventory. Stock up on things you need to put in your eternal suitcase. You CAN take it with you! Have a happy Mother's Day

STEWARDSHIP	MASS INTENTIONS
May 6,2012 \$6,866.81	Saturday May 12
Last Year \$7,796.80	5:00pm For the People of the Parish
<u>Property Improvement \$1,989.25</u>	Sunday May 13
Daily Mass Readings	9:00am + Thomas Forstner
Monday May 14	11:30am + Frank Durso
Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17	Monday May 14
Tuesday May 15	9:00am In celebration of
Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11	Mrs. William T. O'Connor's Birthday
Wednesday May 16	Tuesday May 15
Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15	9:00am
Thursday May 17	Wednesday May 16
Acts 118:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20	9:00am
Friday May 18	Thursday May 17
Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a	9:00am
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FAITH FORMATION

1st Eucharist photographs are available after the Masses.

YOUTH MINISTRY

“This is what is needed: a Church for young people, which will know how to speak to their heart and enkindle, comfort, and inspire enthusiasm in it with the joy of the Gospel and the strength of the Eucharist; a Church which will know how to invite and welcome the person who seeks a purpose for which to commit his whole existence; a Church which is not afraid to require much, after having given much; which does not fear asking from young people the effort of a noble and a authentic adventure, such as that of the following of the Gospel.”

ALASKA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth gathering for grades 9-12 at St. Elizabeth Seaton in Anchorage. To register, please contact Doug Stewart 297-7432 or dstewart@caa-ak.org

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Jesus Said, “Love one another.” One way to love others throughout your local Church is by supporting the ministries that serve all in our faith community. Touch young and old of all cultures with YOUR gift! Lets make a commitment to support the 2012 *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. To make your pledge online, visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate

VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - a coed group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the old church. Rock climbing and the atlatl throwing trips went great. Next adventure - kayaking or canoeing from Cottonwood to Wasilla Lake, but you folks decide. Call Ed at 357-7029 if you want more information or come to the meeting!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year in grades K-8. Please stop at the school Mon-Fri 8-4pm at 260 E. Nelson Ave in Wasilla or call 376-0883 for information. Registration packets are also available at parish offices.

May Students of the Month
Talia Huddleston Abby Hall
Makenna Rahm Luke Devine
Grace Halstead



BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 20

Fr. Scott will bless high school & college grads at the 11:30 Mass. Please wear your robes.

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COMING EVENTS

May

- 13 Mother’s Day
- 19 Why Catholic Workshop 10am-2pm
- 19/20 Annual Sacred Heart Plant Sale
- 20 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
High school & college graduates are asked to add their names to the list in the atrium.
- 27 Debra Lighthart Rosary Sale

*Welcome Child of God In Baptism
Jaxson Michael Xavier Hassler
On May 6,2012*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH GARDEN BOXES

The Knights have garden boxes available to families for planting vegetables to supply the Wasilla Food Pantry. This is a great summer project. Please contact the office or the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.



FLAG RETIREMENT

Torn or faded flags are being collected in the Social Hall for formal retirement ceremony on June 14th Flag Day at St. Andrew’s Parish. The 4th Degree Knights are assisting with this project.

STATEWIDE HONORS

In statewide competition, Sacred Heart’s Steve Gabavics was selected as Grand Knight of the Year, and Bill Smith was selected as Knight of the Year.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
All kinds of pasta
Beans—canned (not green)
rice, flour, sugar,
grocery bags

357-3769

FUNERAL PREPARATION —May 15 6:30pm Social Hall



Glenn Steiner, CFSP, from Alaskan Heritage (373-3840) will host an information evening for families regarding funeral planning. He will discuss funeral home services both in and out of state. Mr. Steiner has extensive experience and can answer questions and provide guidance. Dave Belanger of Sacred Heart Cemetery will provide information about the cemetery and columbarium.