

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The Ascension is a bit different than the Assumption. Mary was assumed into heaven. Mary was human. Her physical body had help by God to be raised into Heaven. She was assumed into heaven.

Jesus on the other hand ascended. Since he was fully human and fully divine, his body did not need help being raised to heaven. He ascended himself.

The Ascension reminds us that although Jesus has risen, he is with us today. The Gospel says, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus is divine. Jesus is glorified. Although his physical body is not present with us, he is still present in us. We experience that presence in our daily lives.

For example, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been known to feel a profound joy when serving at mass. Have you ever walked out of Confession and felt totally at peace with God? Have you ever helped someone who was in need and you felt rewarded? That is truly experiencing our risen Lord. Jesus has risen, but he is with us.

Another way to explain the Ascension is by using the Easter Candle. The Easter Candle is the light of Christ. If that were to be blown out, other candles would still be burning...like baptismal candles, the candles at mass, or the candles we light on Easter Vigil. Jesus has risen, but he will always be with us.

The seven sacraments can also help us understand the Ascension. During his life, Jesus gave us new life through the seven sacraments.

With the new life we receive from the sacraments, we can pass that on to others. The most important work Jesus did on earth is being done today through all of us.

The Ascension teaches us that we need to do more than just receive the sacraments. We need to actually become the sacraments!

Become the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick by supporting someone emotionally, show compassion to a stranger, or say a kind word to an outcast.

Become the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forgive others like Jesus forgives us.

Become the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Share ourselves and our love with others.

Acts tells us, "Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Jesus sent us his Holy Spirit. Although his physical body is not visibly present, Jesus is certainly present in each one of us right now. Our role in the Ascension is to make that presence visible to everyone that we meet.

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### STEWARDSHIP

May 13,2012	\$5,717.05
Last Year	\$7,338.95
Property Improvement	\$60.00

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Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday May 21

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5ac, 6-7 ab Jn 16:29-33

#### Tuesday May 22

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,120-21 Jn 17:1-11a

#### Wednesday May 23

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

#### Thursday May 24

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5-7-11 Jn 17:20-26

#### Friday May 25

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12 JN 21:15-19

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>May 19</b> + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 11:30am	<b>May 20</b> For the People of the Parish + Earl Hopp & Emery & Helen Jadack
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 22</b> Anniversary of Mr. William T. O'Connor's Birthday
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 23</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 24</b>
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 25</b>



**FAITH FORMATION**

1st Eucharist photographs are available after the Masses.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**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

TUESDAY, June 5th 7:30 pm

Jesse Manibusan will be in concert at the Wendy Williams Auditorium at UAA. Jesse is a gifted Catholic composer and performer. This family concert will be great fun for every age and a featured part of ACYC. You do not have to be registered at the Conference to attend this performance.

**ONE BREAD ONE BODY**

As stewards of God's gifts, we show our love through our actions towards those in our community. Did you know that 21 of your Archdiocese's 29 parishes and missions are located in rural and remote communities, some accessible only by plane or boat? You will help bring Church to some of the most remote communities in North America.

**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



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**COMING EVENTS**

**May**

- 19/20 Annual Sacred Heart Plant Sale
- 20 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
- High school & college graduates
- 27 Debra Lighthart Rosary Sale

**June**

- 2/3 Ace's Mystical Rose Religious gifts
- 10 Church picnic
- 17 Father's Day
- 24 Inquiry for those interested in the Church

**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

**WELCOME CHILDREN OF GOD**

Peter Thomas McDermott and Rosalene Mercedes McDermott  
baptized on May 12, 2012  
  
Riston Fuller, Cristal Galindo, Jacqueline Galindo,  
and Jessica Galindo  
Celebrated 1st Eucharist on May 13,2012

