

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

### WATCHING PLANTS GROW

I would bet you have never stood around and watched a tree grow. Several trees make up a forest. We cannot actually see a forest grow. If we plant a seed and come back in a few weeks, we can see the start of a tree. Actually, there are people who watch forests; for example, forest service workers watch for fires.

### TREES ARE IMPORTANT

Trees are very important. They give us oxygen. They house all kinds of animals. They are beautiful to look at. We can burn the wood of a tree to keep warm. Trees give us shade on a hot day.

### SEEDS AND STRONG ROOTS

Trees have strong roots. They start from a small seed like the mustard seed and grow gradually throughout time. All of us in the Kingdom of God start from the seed of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is like the roots and trunk of the tree. He is our strong foundation, so we too can grow strong.

### REST

Birds rest in the branches of the mustard tree. The Gospel tells us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest."

### FOOD FOR LIFE

Trees need rich soil and water to grow tall and strong. All of us in the Kingdom of God need oxygen and food. God provides air, water, and food to live. Jesus provides us his body, which is spiritual food. We need this food to grow strong spiritually.

### TRANSFORMATION

A tree changes and transforms over time. Leaves change colors, branches grow longer, and beautiful flowers blossom. The effect of the Kingdom of God gradually transforms people from within. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches, if you remain in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit." My translation: If you love God, God will take care of you and you will be happy and find much peace in your life.

### PATIENCE

The mustard seed grows slowly. It represents patience. The Lord is patient in order to allow us to respond to his love. When we respond to his love, we flourish and help the Kingdom of God to grow strong.

### CONCLUSION

The way of Jesus and all of us, is not to do violence to ourselves or to others. Our way is to allow God's gentle and persistent love to bring forth a harvest of good works within us. By being patient, mild of judgment, spiritually strong, kind, and loving, we will all grow together from tiny mustard seeds into a beautiful life-giving forest.

With the help of Jesus, we can all learn to do good things for others just like the mustard tree .

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### STEWARDSHIP

June 10,2012	\$5,535.52
Last Year	\$6,429.17
Online Giving	\$175.00

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### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday June 18

1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3,5-7 Mt 5:38-42

#### Tuesday June 19

1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6,11-16 Mt 5:43-48

#### Wednesday June 20

2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Ps 31:20-21,2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

#### Thursday June 21

Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

#### Friday June 22

2 Kgs 11:11-4,9-18,20 Ps 132:11-14,17-18 Mt 6:19-23

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### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 16</b>
5:00pm	+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 17</b>
9:00am	
11:30am	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 18</b>
9:00am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 19</b>
9:00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 20</b>
9:00am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
9:00am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 22</b>
9:00am	



### FAITH FORMATION

1st Eucharist photographs are available after the Masses.

#### Vacation Bible School

June 25-29

Sacred Heart—preschool

Good Shepherd—K-5th grade

1st Presbyterian—6-8th grade

Mon—Rejoice in God's presence

Tue—Pray for God's creation

Weds—Ask questions and listen

Thur—Tell others about God's love

Fri—Seek God in our lives

Registration forms will be available on line and after masses.

Volunteers are needed.



### ONE BREAD ONE BODY

If you pledged a gift to support local ministries through the 2012 *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal, **THANK YOU!** You have helped the Archdiocese provide the following: Opportunities for Catholics to explore, develop and practice their faith. Faith formation opportunities for young and old from all cultures. Ministry and worship in rural and remote parishes and missions. Quality K-12 Catholic education, and funding for vocations and seminarian education. Help for those in need through Catholic Social Service. If you haven't pledged a gift to the appeal, it's not too late! Please take a moment to look at Betty Gardener's story on the SH website.

### VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month (July 2) at 7 pm in the social hall. 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 Sacred Heart Parish office or call 376-0883 for information.

We are now officially at Sacred Heart and are looking forward to a great year. Enrollment packets are available in the office. OLV exemplifies the importance of living the message of the Gospel by helping others. All of our students participate in projects that benefit the wider community.

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## COMING EVENTS

### June

- 17 Father's Day
- 18 Centering Prayer 6pm
- 21 Rosary 7pm
- 22 Adoration 9:30am-12:45pm
- 23/24 Debra Lighthart Rosaries
- 24 Inquiry for those interested in the Church
- 25-29 VBS—Discovery Canyon
- 30 Storage & Boy Scout Project information meeting 10am social hall



Congratulation Derek Criswell & Kara Mccarver who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 9, 2012

### Covenant House Alaska

#### Matching Funds Opportunity

Shell Exploration recently contacted Covenant House about matching funds and has to match up to \$25,000.00. This past winter Covenant House Alaska served more than 1,300 homeless youth. Please join Shell and Covenant House Alaska in believing that all kids deserve to be loved and nurtured and safe from the streets. You may donate on-line at [www.covenanthouseak.org](http://www.covenanthouseak.org) or by sending a check to Covenant House Alaska indicating "Shell Matching Gift Challenge" to P.O. Box 100620, Anchorage, AK 99510-0620. You can also contact Deirdre Cronin, CHA Executive Director at 339-4202

Covenant House also needs a crib as soon as possible for a young mother.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

### Collection for Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Magadan— June 23 & 24

This Special Collection helps support the Archdiocese's Mission to Magadan where Fr. Michael Shields leads a family of religious and lay volunteers serving children and adults struggling to find God. Fr. Mike will be at Sacred Heart on June 23/24 to celebrate Mass and share his ministry.