

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

There are numerous Laws that we have to abide by. There is divine or natural law. There is canon law, constitutive law, universal law, and particular law. Custom is a type of law. There are laws made by the government or civil law. Canon Law, the law of our Church, embraces three distinct kinds of Law: Divine, Ecclesiastical, and Civil.

Divine law is the truths that come to us by God. For example, God is three person's in the trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Some of these truths are moral such as, "Thou shall not Kill." Divine law is broken down into Positive and Natural.

Divine Positive Law is actually written in the scriptures or tradition, i.e. the Ten Commandments.

Divine Natural Law can be known by human reason. Natural law, similar to instinct, is inside us. For example, we know that to kill is wrong to kill.

Divine Law, both positive and natural, is the highest form of law. It binds every human person on earth. Ecclesiastical Law is law that has been made by the church. For example, don't eat meat on Friday during Lent. Ecclesiastical law can be changed while divine law cannot.

Ecclesiastical laws bind in the following situations: (1) the person must be Catholic, (2) possess the sufficient use of reason, and (3) must be at least 7 years of age unless otherwise specified.

Ecclesiastical Law can be universal or particular. Universal Law is law that is made for the entire world of Catholics by the Pope and bishops. Particular Law is law that can be made by a bishop of a diocese. The universal law is very broad, allowing individual bishops to adapt it, to mold it, or to adjust it slightly to fit the particular needs of their culture. For example, universal law says the age of confirmation is seven years old. Bishops can adjust it to a later age.

Not only do Catholics have to abide by Divine and Ecclesiastical laws, but we also have to obey the civil laws. Some civil marriage laws are actually stricter than our laws. In that case the church may accept the civil law instead. This comes up when people want to marry a third or fourth cousin.

The readings are full of Divine law. Deuteronomy tells us to observe God's Commands. James tells us to be doers of the word and not hearers only. The Gospel gives us a list of things in divine law: lust (un-chastity), theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness (wastefulness), envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

Canon Law gives us the reason for our Church law. Canon 1742 states that the purpose of Canon Law is for the salvation of souls. Law can be confusing, but let's make it simple: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love thy neighbor as thyself

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 26, 2012	\$7,190.05
Online Giving	\$660.00
Property Improvement Online	\$5.00
Last Year	\$6,546.25

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Sept.3

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday Sept.4

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145::8-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Sept.5

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15.30-31 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Sept.6

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11

Friday Sept.7

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28.39-40 Lk 5:33-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Sept. 1
5:00pm	+ Jane Kuchac
Sunday	Sept.2
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	
Monday	Sept.3
9:00am	
Tuesday	Sept.4
9:00am	+ Annie Rudeer
Wednesday	Sept.5
9:00am	
Thursday	Sept.6
9:00am	
Friday	Sept.7
9:00am	+ Earl Hopp



FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2012-2013 Faith Formation Classes continues after Mass. Students entering 9th grade are eligible for Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade are eligible for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist classes. Students must **also** register in the regular Sunday School program. Students seeking these sacraments should have enrolled in Faith Formation the previous year.

CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Parent/Candidate meetings will be Sept. 9th at 1pm. First year students (Confirmation 2014) will meet in the St. Jude Center with Scott and Val. Second year students (Confirmation 2013) will meet in the Old Church with Ed and Elaine. A Sponsor meeting will be Sept. 16th at 1pm in the main church.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day Mass 9am
Rosary 7pm
- 7 Homeschool "Back to School" Potluck 12:30pm
- 9 RCIA Family Room 10am
- 16 Knights of Columbus breakfast

RCIA

Classes for people wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith begin September 9th at 10am in the family room. For detailed information, please call the office 376-5087.

RETROUVAILLE October 19-21

Find help and support for the difficult days in your marriage. Rekindle your marriage: Call 907-863-8000 for information or 6001@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.HelpourMarriage.com

VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the social hall. Call Ed at 357-7029 if you want more information or come to the meeting!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

OLV is in need of letter size copy paper and boxes of Kleenex. Any donated amount would be greatly appreciated for this school year. Tax receipts available.

E-SCRIPTS

You can earn cash for OLV every time you shop for groceries! Clip Box Tops for Education and eBox-Tops. Our code is 500017406 Use your CarrsPlus/Safeway Club Card to buy participating items. For details, go to Carrsqc.com/BackToSchool Flyers available after all the masses. Each box top/label is worth 10¢ which OLV can redeem for books, computers, etc.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment is still open for the 2012-2013 school year are available at the OLV office in the St. Jude Center or call 376-0883.

No classes on September 3rd.

Box Tops/Campbell's Points

Clip these from participating products and bring to the office.

Annual Cash Raffle

Thank you for supporting our Raffle. This is one of our largest fundraisers. Tickets are \$10 each/15 chances to win \$50 daily prize. Drawings start Sept. 17 and end Sept. 30th. Each ticket drawn goes back in for a chance at the final drawing on Oct. 1st.

1st prize \$1,000 2nd prize \$500 3rd prize \$250. Tickets available after masses or in the St. Jude's Bldg. Thank you for your support!!

RCIA SPONSOR MINISTRY

Take a Journey with a Friend! The Sponsor Ministry is your opportunity to journey with someone to a deeper faith in Christ. The Sponsor is the representative of the Sacred Heart Catholic community and guides a person through the beliefs and traditions of the Church, but the sponsor does not have to be an expert. A sponsor is a full member of the Church, who will be a friend and mentor to a person seeking admittance to the Catholic Church—someone who can answer questions and discuss apprehensions. In the process, a friendship is formed that often lasts a lifetime. If you are interested in sharing this journey with a new friend, please contact Jim or Jacque Briskey at 907.688.0820 or cook4u@gci.net

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
flour, sugar
all kinds of baby food
cereal, oatmeal
grocery bags
357-3769

THE FOOD PANTRY OF WASILLA

The Food Pantry of Wasilla is thankful for your continued support of our work in providing food for our neighbors in need. Your contribution of food and household products will help provide much needed help to the increasing number of Mat-Su Valley residents who require assistance. As resources dwindle, the need only increases due to rising costs and unemployment. Your support and contribution will help us to continue to serve our clients and support our motto, "Because no one should go hungry." Thank you for supporting the Pantry. Your donation is tax deductible.