

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

I am one of those guys who thinks a lot. I think about saving for retirement, what I am going to eat for dinner, and finding time to change the oil in my truck. I think like a human. The Gospel made me ponder the idea of thinking like God.

In the Gospel, Peter was thinking like a human. Jesus told the disciples that he must suffer greatly, be rejected, killed, and raised on the third day. Peter told Jesus he was talking nonsense. Jesus replied, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Think like God. Here is an example. We need God, but suppose God made a covenant with you. The covenant is this: I promise to be there for you, if you promise to be there with me! God also needs us. Imagine that! That is thinking with the mind of God. If God needs us, we are the Hands of God. God depends on us to help build up his kingdom

This covenant with God begins at Baptism. We strengthen our covenant with God every Sunday when we partake in communion and say AMEN.

Think like God, not like humans. If we are thinking like God, it would be OK to argue with God. Practically the entire book of Job is about Job arguing with God. In the desert and on the cross, Jesus argued with God.

Have you ever wondered why a baby dies or a close friend dies at a young age? Thinking like God would be something like this: God does not will the death of a child or a loved one. God walks with us in our grief.

Thinking like God means that we know we are indebted to God. We owe God. God created us and loved us throughout history by showing us mercy when we sinned.

We all have God given gifts. We can payback God by using those gifts to help our Christian community grow and prosper. If God has given you a great voice, you sing at mass. If you are blessed with a high paying job, you can give lots of money to support the poor, the widows, and the sick. Every one of us has a unique gift that can be used to build up the Kingdom of God.

STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 9, 2012,	\$6,702.90
Online Giving	\$355.00
Property Improvement Online	\$100.00
Last Year	\$6,458.60
Property improvement	\$125.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Sept.17

1 Cor 11:17-26,33 Ps 40:7-10,17 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday Sept.18

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday Sept.19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5,12,22 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday Sept.20

1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2,16ab Lk 7:36-50

Friday Sept.21

Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Sept. 15
5:00pm	+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak
Sunday	Sept. 16
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Richard Gracey
Monday	Sept. 17
9:00am	
Tuesday	Sept. 18
9:00am	+ Michael I. Velasquez
Wednesday	Sept. 19
9:00am	
Thursday	Sept. 20
9:00am	
Friday	Sept. 21
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin September 23rd. Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am. Pre-school and K meet from 11:30am-12:30pm. Confirmation meets from 1-2pm.

Students entering 9th grade are eligible for Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade are eligible for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist classes. These students must **also** register in the Sunday School program were enrolled in Faith Formation the previous year.

1st RECONCILIATION

Classes begin Sept 15 at 3pm and meet every Sat. until Oct 20th. The sacrament will be celebrated Oct 20 at 11am.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

A Sponsor meeting will be Sept. 16th at 1pm in the main church. All sponsors must attend.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 16 RCIA Family Room 10am
Confirmation Sponsor Meeting 1pm Church
- 17 OLV Cash Raffle drawing begins
Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 20 Rosary 7pm
- 21 Adoration 10am-2pm
- 22 Altar Server Training 10am-Noon
- 23 Choir Ministry Meeting 1pm
- 30 Eucharistic Ministers training 1pm

OCTOBER

- 7 Hospitality Training 1pm
- 14 Linen Ministry Training 1pm
- 21 Lectors training 1pm

RCIA

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

PARISH NURSING—2012

Foundations of Faith—
Community Nursing
“...and he sent them out to preach
the kingdom of God
and to heal the sick”—Luke 9:2

Oct 11—5-9pm

Oct 12-14, 26-28 9am-5pm

Recognized by the
American Nurses Association
Faith community nursing provides
holistic care of mind, body, and
spirit. Please call Marlise A. James
for details and registration infor-
mation at 907.212.5053 or
Marlise.James@providence.org

REMEMBER WHEN?

Holy Family Cathedral is collecting stories of their history for their centenary in 2015. If your family celebrated a marriage, baptism, hosted missionaries, or has any other memories, join us Sept 28th at 7pm or Oct 1st at 1pm at the Holy Family Center. Punch and cookies will be provided.

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.

Annual Cash Raffle

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our ice cream social and pancake breakfasts a success. Our students sold 168 tickets during these events. Drawings begin Monday, Sept. 17—good luck to all the ticket holders!

Our Facebook page received 100 Likes this week. Friend us at www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleySchool

Let's try for 500!

RETROUVAILLE October 19-21

Rekindle your marriage: Call 907-863-8000 for information or 6001@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.HelpourMarriage.com

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, but the sponsor does not have to be an expert. A sponsor is a full member of the Church, who will be a friend, pray for candidate and who can answer questions. In the process, a friendship is formed that often lasts a lifetime. If you are interested in sharing this journey please contact Jim or Jacque Briskey at 907.688.0820 or cook4u@gci.net

ALASKA CATHOLIC QUARTERLY

This new magazine is looking for story ideas for this new publication. Please pick up a form after Mass.

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 appreciates your continued support of food for our neighbors in need. Your contributions help us serve our clients and support our motto, "Because no one should go hungry." Thank you and your donation is tax deductible.

BOY SCOUT PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported my Eagle Scout Service Project. Without your support, this project would not have been possible. The pavilion, topsoil, and hydro-seeding will be completed in the spring. Thank you—Bradley Grover