

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

I spent a year in Kodiak before I was ordained a priest. I taught 7th grade religious education at Saint Mary. I asked my seventh grade class what this means: "If you sin, cut off your foot." One said, "Well, you should try not to sin." Another said, "A person needs self-discipline." Finally, one said, "Sin makes a big difference in the world."

The Gospel today presents a spiritual rather than literal interpretation. Just as the hand is an integral part of the body, so is one person important to our community. Just like the eye is responsible to help us see, each one of us has responsibilities to see and respond to the needs of our church.

The body is hindered when losing a foot, like our community suffers when someone sins. In the Gospel today, cutting off a foot is referring to the sin of neglect.

The sin of neglect is failing to care for the poor, the sick, and the hungry. It is failing to responsibly take care of our earth and its resources. When we neglect our Christian duties and responsibilities, it is like cutting off our foot or plucking out an eye.

Will God strike us dead if we neglect our responsibilities? God won't literally strike us dead. Death for us comes in different forms. The death of neglect for us is a slow death of values, principles, cultures, and civilizations.

Death is the price Catholics pay for hiding our gifts and talents under a bushel basket. Death is the price we pay for refusing to take care of our environment and our Christian community.

For teenagers, cutting off your foot or hand is about peer pressure. Peer pressure can be difficult to resist. The allure of cheating, drugs, and misuse of internet social sites can be powerful.

Ever hear this? "Everyone is doing it, Mom!" Does that make it right? I don't think so! Jesus is saying: believe it or not, there are bad things in this world. Stay away from them. If you want to have a good life, listen to my words.

Here is the best part: Jesus loves each of us enough to constantly warn us. He warns us not to neglect our neighbor, our gifts, and our prayer life. He warns us not to change our moral code simply because of peer pressure. He warns us about killing, stealing, and adultery in the commandments.

Like the eye is important to the body and is responsible for sight, each one of us is important to our community and is responsible to be a good Christian. Like Christ, we have a responsibility to share our love, values and morals with everybody to help uplift the "least" among us.

This is how we can change the world around us and help strengthen the Kingdom of God, and this is how we can keep from having our feet or hands cut off

STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 23, 2012,	\$7,854.85
Online Giving	\$370.00
Property Improvement Online	\$5.00
Last Year	\$ 7,741.10

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 1

Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1-3,6-7 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday Oct. 2

Jb 3:13,11-17 Ps 88:2-8 Mt 18:1-5,10

Wednesday Oct. 3

Jb 9:1-12,14-16 Ps 88:10-15 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Oct. 4

Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9,13-14 Lk 10:1-12

Friday Oct. 5

Jb 38:1,12-21 Ps 139:1-3,7-10 Lk 10:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Sept. 29
5:00pm	+ Samuel Garcia
Sunday	Sept. 30
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	
Monday	Oct. 1
9:00am	
Tuesday	Oct. 2
9:00am	
Wednesday	Oct. 3
9:00am	
Thursday	Oct. 4
9:00am	
Friday	Oct. 5
9:00am	+ Rev. William T. O'Connor



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.

1st RECONCILIATION

Classes meet every Sat. until Oct 20th. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Oct 20 at 11:15am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is St. Jerome?
Why is he significant?

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Students in the second year (2013) program meet at 1pm in the Old Church, and students in the first year (2014) program meet in the St. Jude Center.

RCIA

Classes meet at 10am in the family room.

PARISH NURSING—2012

Foundations of Faith—
Community Nursing
Oct 11—5-9pm
Oct 12-14, 26-28 9am-5pm
Recognized by the
American Nurses Association
Faith based nursing provides holistic care of mind, body, and spirit. Contact Marlise A. James for registration information at 907.212.5053 or Marlise.James@providence.org

OCTOBERFEST—OCT 6

The ACTS group is hosting their annual Octoberfest on Oct. 6 from 6-8pm. Music, Food, Raffle, and Family Fun. Pre-ordering food after Mass is encouraged so you will have the best choices. Take out orders are also available. Menus are available after Mass in the Social Hall

Catholicism Movie Oct 16 @7pm

Campbell family is showing Fr. Baron's presentation *Catholicism* in their home on Oct. 16. Information and sign-up will be after mass.

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.

Raffle Winners to date

Sept 17 Anon donated to OLV
Sept 18 Judy Eagle
Sept 19 Renee Stoll
Sept 20 Anon donated to OLV
Sept 21 George Palmer
Sept 22 Bobbie Bianchi
Sept 23 Donna Arehart to OLV
Sept 24 Chris Randall

TRUNK OR TREAT

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization presents Trunk-or-Treat on Oct.31 from 6-9pm after Mass. We have 75 parking spots and are inviting volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out treats. Awards for best dressed trunk. Space is limited, so please contact Rebecca Frey—907.232.9480 or Sarah Soule—907.232.0520

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

29 1st Reconciliation #4 3-4:30pm Old Church
30 Eucharistic Ministers Training 1pm
Debra Lighthart Rosary Sales

OCTOBER

1 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
4 Rosary 7pm
5 1st Reconciliation Movie Night 6-8pm Old Church
6 1st Eucharist #5 3-4:30pm Old Church
Octoberfest 6-8pm
7 Middle School Sandwich making
Hospitality Training 1pm
13 1st Reconciliation #5 3-4:30pm Old Church
14 Linen Ministry Training 1pm
20 1st Reconciliation Retreat and Sacrament 9am
21 Lector Training 1pm

MINISTRY TRAININGS

You are invited to join any of the trainings even if you did not sign a blue card two weeks ago. All are welcome.

"PIES BE WITH YOU"—OCT 7

Join us as we send Dcn Dave into a relaxing retirement. After the 9 and 11:30 am Masses, we are inviting parishioners to bring their favorite pie to share. Dcn Dave's favorite is apple, but he loves all kinds of pies!!!

2012 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY—OCT. 13

This annual event held on the anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima will be at Wasilla Lake at noon. Contact Dot Maslyk at 376-0804

RETROUVAILLE—OCT. 19-21

2 weeks left to join us: Call 907-863-8000 for information or 6001@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.HelpourMarriage.com

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar
all kinds of baby food
cereal, oatmeal
grocery bags

357-3769

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, AND BREAD

Middle School will begin making sandwiches for local outreach on Oct. 7th between the morning masses. We need the help of parishioners to bring in peanut butter, jelly, and bread. Please drop off in the social hall before the masses. This youth outreach has supplied over 10,000 sandwiches to the hungry in the last 12 years. That is a huge accomplishment for our young teens.

PROVIDENCE PASTORAL CARE—ROBERT PULLIAM CONF ROOM

Oct. 23 9am to Noon—Family End of Life Discussions and Decisions
Oct. 25 9am-Noon—Cross Cultural Communications
Contact Karen Quirk at 907.212.2990 rsvp by Oct. 16