

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The teaching on marriage is difficult. If I offend anyone, I don't mean to. If you are currently going to communion and hear something that may make you stop, don't stop. Please email or call me if you need help with a divorce. Remember, the Catholic Church is here to bring people closer to God, not turn them away.

The rules about divorce are clear. The Gospel says, "What God has joined together, no one must separate. Whoever divorces his wife and marries again commits adultery."

Canon Law looks at what makes a marriage. If Consent, Intention, and Form is flawed at the time of your vows, the marriage may not be valid from the beginning and can be annulled.

Think of it this way. Musicians love their music. Before a concert, they must **consent** to work hard and practice. They must **intend** to play beautiful music in harmony with one another for the entire concert. They must play the music in a concert hall (**form**). If one element is missing, the music may not be good.

Everyone in the Catholic Church has a God given right to marry well. If you did not marry well, then you may be eligible for an annulment. An annulment means the marriage never existed in the first place. If one remarries, without an annulment, the Catholic Church still sees you married to your first spouse. So, the sin is that in the eyes of our Church you are married to two people at the same time. **Note:** All children from an invalid or annulled marriage are considered legitimate in the eyes of the church.

**Note:** Divorced people **CAN** partake in Communion. However, when a divorced person remarries then the question of eligibility for communion comes up. Divorce is a real pain in our lives. The Catechism says that divorce introduces disorder into the family and society. It brings harm to the deserted spouse, traumatizes children, and has a contagious effect. We may need help to put our lives and families back together spiritually, legally, and emotionally. Divorce is a reality. God does not like divorce, but God still loves those involved in a divorce. We are human. We can fall short of the perfect marriage. Statistics show that one in two first marriages ends in divorce. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons to divorce. Adultery, pressure, and emotional or physical abuse come to my mind.

Single parent families are a product of divorce. Single families also come about from single people adopting, unwed pregnant women choosing to give birth, and one spouse dying.

2007 statistics: the USA has 14 million single parent families, who are responsible for 26% of the children under 21 years of age, and 83.1% of these families are headed by women. One third of all babies are born to unmarried mothers. Of the mothers who are custodial parents: •45% are currently divorced or separated •34.2% have never been married. Of the fathers who are custodial parents: •57.8% are divorced or separated •20.9% have never married.

Pray to Jesus that the Holy Spirit will guide our community, that we will think of creative ways to help our single parent families. Let us also remember in our prayers all married couples, those happily married, and those struggling .

### STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 30, 2012,	\$7,673.20
Online Giving	\$370.00
Property Improvement Online	\$5.00
Last Year	\$7,741.10

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Oct. 8

Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2,7-10 Lk 10:25-37

#### Tuesday Oct. 9

Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday Oct. 10

Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4

#### Thursday Oct. 11

Gal 3:1-5 (ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

#### Friday Oct. 12

Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday

**Oct. 6**

5:00pm

+ Richard Shanders

#### Sunday

**Oct. 7**

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Audrey Brewer

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+ Shan Satterfield



## 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 Saturday until  
October 20th. The sacrament of  
Reconciliation will be celebrated  
Oct 20 at 11:15am.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is significant about October 7  
in the Catholic Church?

### 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.

## Catholicism Movie Oct 16 @7pm

The Campbell family is showing Fr.  
Barron's presentation *Catholicism* in  
their home on October 16. Infor-  
mation and sign-up will be after  
mass.

## OLV TRUNK OR TREAT—

### OCTOBER 31st

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization  
presents Trunk-or-Treat on October  
31 from 6:30-9pm after Mass. We  
have 75 parking spots and are invit-  
ing 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

### SPECIAL MASS SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets for special liturgies  
will be in available in the social hall.  
Please check your schedule and sign  
up for a Mass as soon as possible.  
We need all ministry help during the  
holiday season.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

### Raffle Winners to date

Sept 24 Robin Minoza  
Sept 25 Donald Nielsen  
Sept 26 Chris Randall  
Sept 27 Renee Stoll  
Sept 28 Sarah Hennemann  
Sept 29 Holli Schachle  
Sept 30 Bob Velock

### Grand Prize Winners

1st—Joanne Rousculp \$1000  
2nd—Karen Smith \$500  
3rd—John Smith \$250

Congratulations to all of our winners  
and thank you to everyone who sup-  
ported OLV by selling or purchasing  
raffle tickets.

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

6/7 October Blue Envelope—Scout project  
7 Middle School Sandwich making  
Hospitality Training 12:30pm  
11 Mass at Primrose  
13 1st Reconciliation #5 3-4:30pm Old Church  
14 Linen Ministry Training 12:30pm  
20 1st Reconciliation Retreat and Sacrament 9am  
21 Lector Training 12:30pm  
31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30pm  
Trunk & Treats 6:30-9pm

### NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Mass 9:00 am  
3/4 November Blue Envelope—Garage renovations  
1 All Souls Mass 9:00am  
Graveyard Blessings: Sacred Heart 10am  
Aurora Cemetery 11am

### 1st Sunday —2nd Collection Blue Envelopes

October supports the Scout project.  
November will support the garage classroom renovation.

### MINISTRY TRAININGS

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

### “PIES BE WITH YOU”—OCTOBER 7

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

### 2012 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY—OCTOBER 13

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

### RETROUVAILLE—OCTOBER 19-21

You still have time to join us: Call 907-863-8000 for infor-  
mation 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 October 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

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