

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

“Teacher, what can I do to inherit eternal life?” As a priest, many people have asked me if non-Catholics will be saved. To help answer this question, let us turn to our Catechism.

NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS: Catholics acknowledge Jewish people as the first to hear the Word of God. The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews belong the covenants, the giving of the law, and the promises. Jewish people are still waiting for the Messiah. They believe that the Messiah will come at the end of time. The Catechism alludes to the idea that Jewish people can be saved. The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator. Muslims profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with Catholics, they adore the one merciful God, who is mankind's judge on the last day. For other non-Christian religions, the Catechism gives us a sense that these religions are in imperfect communion with us and that they need to believe in Jesus to be saved. The Catechism tells us that the salvation of non-Christians is doubtful, but never states that they will not be saved.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS: Christian religions are not in perfect communion with us. The Catechism says, “The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptized who are honored by the name of Christian, but do not profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the successor of Peter.” So, Catholics view all other Christian religions to be on a journey to become in perfect communion with us.

NON BELIEVERS: According to our Catechism, there is little hope for non-believers. Non-believers display the limits and errors that disfigure the image of God in them: very often, deceived by the Evil One, non-believers have become vain in their reasoning, and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie. They serve the creature rather than the Creator. Living and dying in this world without God, they are exposed to ultimate despair.

CATHOLICS: Catholics believe faith and works are necessary for salvation. “He who believes and is baptized will be saved but he who does not believe will be condemned.” We believe Jesus Christ is the truth. He gave us seven sacraments. Participation in the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church is the best way we know how to gain eternal life.

OUR CHALLENGE: It is God's job to judge if a person will be saved, not ours. It is our job to be good Christian examples to all people. Do you want to convert someone to Catholicism? Be patient. Be tactful. Don't put their religion down. Be kind to them. Invite them to Mass. Pray for strength that you may be the instrument that brings them closer to Jesus.

As we approach Advent, think about the Christian example you set for others. Let your goodness, kindness, and understanding shine through and really touch all people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 7, 2012,	\$7,192.45
Online Giving	\$495.00
Property Improvement Online	\$130.00
Last Year	\$ 8,312.63

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 15

Gal 4: 22-24,26,27-31 Ps 113;1-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Oct. 16

Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41,43-45,47-48 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Oct. 17

Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:42-46:4

Thursday Oct. 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13ab .17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Friday Oct. 19

Eph 1:1114 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 Lk 12:1-7

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct. 13
5:00pm	+Earl Hopp, Emery & Helen Jadack
Sunday	Oct. 14
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Annie Ruder
Monday	Oct. 15
9:00am	
Tuesday	Oct. 16
9:00am	+Fritz Kalmbach
Wednesday	Oct. 17
9:00am	
Thursday	Oct. 18
9:00am	+ Ann Lippmann
Friday	Oct. 19
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

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

How much of the Mass comes
directly from the Bible?

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

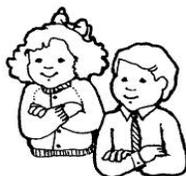
Students in the second year (2013)
program meet at 1pm in the Old
Church, and students in the first
year (2014) program meet in the St.
Jude Center.

RCIA

Classes meet at 10am in the
family room.

OLV TRUNK OR TREAT— OCTOBER 31st

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization
presents Trunk-or-Treat on October
31 from 6:30-9pm after Mass. Our
goal is to have 75 parking spots and
we are inviting volunteers to decorate
their trunks and hand out treats. Priz-
es will be awarded to the best
dressed trunks. Dinner will be availa-
ble for purchase in the social hall with
all proceeds benefiting the
school. The event is open to every-
one so please plan on attending and/
or volunteering. Space is limited,
contact Rebecca Frey @ 907-232-
9480 or Sarah Soule @ 907-232-
0520 to reserve your spot!!



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.

Our school will be holding their first
ever Gallery Art Show at Madd Mat-
ters in Palmer. Students will be pre-
sent on the opening night of the
showing to display their work
and hors d'oeuvres will be be-
served. The gallery showing will last
from October 29th until November
6th. The students will be selling their
artwork and using the funds that are
earned to support some of the ser-
vice projects that they have planned
for this school year.

First quarter ended this past week so
this is a great time to look into enrol-
ling your child at OLV. For more in-
formation about the school please
call Theresa Sand at 376-0883.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 13 1st Reconciliation #5 3-4:30pm Old Church
- 14 Linen Ministry Training 12:30pm
- 20 1st Rec Retreat and Sacrament 9am—1pm
- 21 World Mission Sunday
Lector Training 12:30pm
- 29 OLV Gallery Night Mad Matters Palmer—6-7pm
- 31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Trunk & Treats 6:30-9pm

NOVEMBER

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

1st Sunday—2nd Collection Blue Envelopes

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.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 21

Our prayers next Sunday are directed in a special way
towards our brothers and sisters throughout the world
who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Je-
sus. Through our financial gifts, offered in next week's
collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith,
we become partners with missionaries who proclaim the
Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor in mission
countries. Envelopes will be available for this collection if
you would like to contribute to this collection.

CENTERING PRAYER—NOVEMBER 10

An introduction to Centering Prayer will be offered on
November 10. Please contact Paul Supina for more infor-
mation.

FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

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

HOMESCHOOL GROUP

The homeschool group will meet October 19th at 9am for Mass and other activi-
ties will follow in the social hall until noon. Please contact Andrea Severance at
360-5982.

CATHOLICISM MOVIE

The Campbell family is showing Fr. Barron's film *Catholicism* in their home on Oc-
tober 16. Information and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards.