

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The title of my homily today is "No Guts No Glory." The sons of Zebedee, James and John, wanted to sit beside Jesus in heaven. Jesus told them that if they wanted that, they would have to pay a high price. He basically said, you cannot have the glory of sitting next to me in heaven without a little suffering for others.

Have you ever imagined who might be sitting on the right and left side of Jesus? Will it be a pope? Will it be Gandhi or Abraham Lincoln? Will it be the little lady who gave all she had to the church? One penny!

John and James figured they knew Jesus so they had a good chance to sit beside him. Actually, anyone has a chance to sit next to Jesus. The admission price is being a servant leader. The sons of Zebedee knew nothing about servant leadership. They wanted to be first without paying a price.

At one time in my life, I had visions of being the CEO of some fortune 500 company. There is something human about wanting to be first and the best. But believe me, there is nothing heavenly about that kind of thinking.

Servant leadership has a heavenly goal. It requires us to drink from the cup of suffering. It requires baptism in the river of sacrificial love. To be a servant leader, there is no resurrection without the cross. Put another way, there is no gain without the pain. Isaiah tells us in that first reading, "Through his suffering he will defend many."

Jesus is our example of servant leadership. Throughout his three year ministry, he was not a dictator. He was a servant. He respected and supported his people. He taught those who wanted to listen. He cared for those who had special needs. Jesus would literally stop to listen to a woman's medical history while on a mercy dash to save a dying girl.

Being a servant leader today is committing to the welfare of others by going that extra mile to help them. Servant leadership demands much of the disciple: taking time to know what your spouse likes and needs; listening to elderly people's stories, hopes, and fears; offering to help co-workers in their tasks; waiting patiently for children to learn a skill you already know; caring for a friend when they are depressed and supporting them when they face some trauma.

We would all like to sit at the right side of Jesus. Here are some ways we might make that possible. Confront injustice. Defend the rights of the poor. Forgive others. Reconcile problems with your family and friends. That is our admission to the best seat in the house!

Are you willing to go that extra mile to make another person happy? We are being called today to be servant leaders. As we serve others, we become more open to learn and receive from Jesus. Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 14, 2012,	\$6,241.25
Online Giving	\$370.00
Property Improvement Online	\$55.00
Last Year	\$7,505.72

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 22

Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:2-5 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Oct. 23

Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Oct. 24

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

Thursday Oct. 25

Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,11-12 Lk 12:49-53

Friday Oct. 26

Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 12:54-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am

11:30am

Monday

9:00am

Tuesday

9:00am

Wednesday

9:00am

Thursday

9:00am

Friday

9:00am

Oct. 20

+Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Oct. 21

+ Marya Abramczyk

For the People of the Parish

Oct. 22

Oct. 23

Oct. 24

Oct. 25

+ Eva Ropella

Oct. 26



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am.
Pre-school and K meet from
11:30am-12:30pm.

1st RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the students who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on Saturday morning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the patron saint of your special hobby, sport, or activity?

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

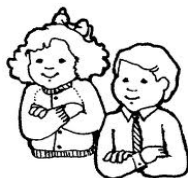
Students in the second year (2013) program meet at 1pm in the Old Church, and students in the first year (2014) program meet in the St. Jude Center.

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. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed trunks. Dinner will be available for purchase in the social hall with all proceeds benefiting the school. The event is open to everyone 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.

Did you know that you can help support OLV just by shopping at CARRS/Safeway? Simply go to www.escrip.com and enter you CARRS' club number with our school code: 500017406. Our school will receive up to 4% of each purchase you make. Thank you so much for your support.

The students of OLV will be holding their first ever Gallery Art Show at Madd Matters in Palmer. Our students will be attending the opening night showcase on October 29th from 5:00 until 7:00. The students' artwork will remain on display until November 6th. All of the artwork will be for sale and the students will use the funds that are raised to support the service projects that they have planned for this school year.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 21

World Mission for Oct 21

Today is World Mission Sunday. We are called at this Eucharistic celebration along with Catholics in every parish and chapel, throughout the world to fulfill the call we first heard at Baptism. On this Sunday we are called in a special way to be "missionaries of faith" through prayer and participation in today's Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

The Bishop's Attic needs volunteers to assist in the following areas: linen, costume jewelry, books, baby items, and others. Volunteers will sort and price the items in their areas. Please call Jack for more information 745-4215

FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop Sacred Heart Church, Day Chapel Saturday, November 10th, 9:00 - 12:30

"Be still and know that I am God" Ps. 46.10 In our Introductory Workshop to Centering Prayer, you will learn about a prayer method in which you sit in silence with God, opening your mind, heart, and whole being to the Ultimate Mystery - beyond thoughts, word, and emotions. At the workshop you will receive instruction on the prayer, as well as opportunities to practice it. For Information: Paul Supina, 864-0115 psupina@gmail.com