

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

I firmly believe that we will know, without a doubt, when the End Time or Second Coming is near. It won't come from a person who predicts the future. It will come from each of us, seeing clearly the signs from God. The Bible tells us in Luke 21, "There will be awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

The readings for the first two weeks of Advent focus on the Second Coming of Christ. We believe that Christ will come in glory and that the dead will be raised. We also believe that at our death we will be judged according to how we have lived and so we are called to be vigilant in our actions.

In the Creed, we pray, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." Later we pray, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. These words are full of mystery. This mystery has fascinated people over the ages, especially at times of disaster or on significant dates like the year 2000 – perhaps it will be the same in the year 2222.

We trust in a loving and compassionate God, and believe that through our good actions and faith we will be prepared to meet God at death. Our Catechism states, "When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace."

Death is something all of us have contemplated. The End Time, judgment, and dying may bring about panic. How and when I die is unknown to me. That brings about a little fear. I learned from my experience of being a priest that death can be beautiful and peaceful because God is present. For those with faith I believe the End Time will be beautiful and peaceful as well.

In today's Gospel, we are told that the angels will gather together the people so that the Lord may judge and welcome home those who have chosen to follow him. Rest assured, our Lord will show mercy to those who call upon his name, repent, and believe in him.

Today's readings remind us of the last judgment, the second coming and the promise of heaven or hell. During the month of November we have prayed for the dead, and today's liturgy helps us to renew our hope in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

To help prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ, every Sunday we pray, "Deliver us from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 11, 2012 \$6,599.00 Online Giving \$600.00
 Last Year \$6,427.75
 Special Project Online \$190.00
 Special Project Garage \$ 50.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 19

Rv 1:1-44;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday Nov. 20

Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:10-10

Wednesday Nov. 21

Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday Nov. 22

Sir 50:22+-24 Ps 138:1-5 Lk 17:11-19

Friday Nov. 23

Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,72,103 Lk 19:45-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov. 17
 5:00pm + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday Nov. 18
 9:00am For the People of the Parish
 11:30am Intentions of Skrade Family

Monday Nov. 19
 9:00am Intentions of Joseph Anthony

Tuesday Nov. 20
 9:00am

Wednesday Nov. 21
 9:00am

Thursday Nov. 22
 9:00am

Friday Nov. 23
 9:00am + Annie Ruder



FAITH FORMATION

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

Nov 25—NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What are a creedal statements?

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, & BREAD

Our next sandwich Sunday is December 2. Our young church has found an opportunity for generosity. A few can make a difference. You can help these young people by donating peanut butter, jelly, and bread. Thanks for your help.

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.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 17/18 Confirmation Pie Pick up Social Hall
- 18 Knights Breakfast—cancelled
- 19 Centering Prayer 6:30 pm
- 22 Thanksgiving Mass 10am
- 24/25 Rosaries and Gifts Debra Lighthart
- 25 No Faith Formation Classes

December

- 1 OLV Steak Dinner Am Legion 5:30-8:00pm
- 3 Grief Support Group 1:30pm Church

1st Sunday—2nd Collection Blue Envelopes

December will support the garage renovation.

CONFIRMATION HOLIDAY PIES

Please pick up and pay for your pies this weekend. The funds raised help the students support Christmas gifts for incarcerated youth. Checks may be written to Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Outreach project.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal

all kinds of baby food
357-3769

THANKSGIVING PIE PICK UP

All pies must be picked up by Sunday afternoon, November 18th.

RCIA

Classes meet at 10am in the family room. Please contact the office if you are interested in learning about the Catholic Church.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If your life has been impacted by the suicide of a family member or someone you loved, please consider joining the Grief Support Group. The first meeting will be held on Dec. 3, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church from 1:30-2:30pm. Everyone is invited whether you belong to this church or another one. For more information, please contact Mary Sears 373-1215.

COOKIE SALE

A delicious cookie sale will take place after the masses on November 24 & 25. The proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

A huge thank you to all of the parishioners who supported our Annual OLV Appeal last week by contributing to the second collection and donating on-line. Thanks to your generosity we have raised over \$7000 toward our goal of \$20,000 for the school year. Everyone should have received a letter about the Appeal. If you have not received one, please contact the school office and we are happy to send you the information. The Appeal will continue until Dec. 31.

Our Lady of the Valley will be holding the first Steak Dinner of the school year on Saturday, December 1st from 5:30-8:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for steak, salad, and potato. If you would like to purchase tickets for dinner, please contact an OLV family or the school office—376-0883

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENEROSITY

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX PROJECT

The Christmas Gift Box Project began this weekend. Parishioners are invited to stop by the table in the atrium and learn how to participate and provide the Spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate in our community. Gifts are due back to the parish on December 2nd. Please place them on the project table in the atrium.

BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

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

WASILLA FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry extends a grateful "thank you" to all the parishioners at Sacred Heart for their faithful support of food and financial contributions. The increasing number of residents who require assistance calls us all to remember the least among us. Volunteers are needed.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Fr. Augustine will teach the Liturgy of the Hours at the Campbell home on December 6 and 13 from 7-8:30 pm.

ROSARIES BY DEBRA LIGHTHART

Debra's rosaries and other gift items will be available for the last time this year on November 24 & 25th. Debra is also available to repair rosaries.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE

The Sacred Heart and OLV offices are closed November 22 and 23.