

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Today we are going to choose two children from our congregation and dress them up like kings.

What do kings do? Kings are people who rule others and live in castles. Kings care for the people they rule over: they give them food during famines, protect them from enemies, and lead them. They tend to eat lots of grapes.

It is easy to identify kings. They sit on thrones of power. They wear red robes or capes, which represent strength, success, and leadership. They wear crowns of gold with embedded precious stones, which represent righteousness, victory, triumph, honor, and legitimacy. They carry jeweled scepters, which represent imperial authority.

The Israelites were expecting a Messiah to come who would look like a king and act like a king. They expected someone who would save them from their enemies and bring peace to their land.

What kind of king did they get? They got a king with a robe, a crown, and a scepter. However, there were some fundamental differences.

The Messiah king who actually came wore a purple robe, which represented repentance, penance, humility, sacrifice, and sorrow for one's sins. He wore a crown of thorns, which symbolized his life of sacrifice on earth. This king had a wooden staff instead of a jeweled scepter. The staff is pictured throughout the Bible as the power and authority of God.

All of the kings who sat on huge thrones, wore red robes, golden crowns and carried jeweled scepters, died, and were buried. Their robes, crowns, and scepters were put away.

The one king who wore the crown of thorns died too. He was also buried. But a wonderful thing happened. This King came back to life three days after he died. Jesus is now King of all the heavens and the earth. He is the King who cares for us. He comes to us in Holy Communion to give us spiritual strength. He protects us from our enemies through the seven sacraments. He helps us in our lives with the power of the Holy Spirit. He leads us to eternal life through faith and good works.

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 18, 2012 \$6,418.45
 Last Year \$7,429.00
 Campaign for Human Development \$630.00
 Children \$3.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 26

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Nov. 27

Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Nov. 28

Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Nov. 29

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

Friday Nov. 30

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 4:18-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Nov. 24

5:00pm

+ Ann Miller

Sunday

Nov. 25

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+Claire Durso

Monday

Nov. 26

9:00am

Tuesday

Nov. 27

9:00am

+Frank Joseph Gwodz

Wednesday

Nov. 28

9:00am

Thursday

Nov. 29

9:00am

Friday

Nov. 30

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

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

All F.F. Classes meet Dec. 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is Andrew Dūng-lac?

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.

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.

OLV parents are organizing a vendor fair tentatively scheduled for Feb. 23, 2013. If you are a demonstrator for products such as Pampered Chef, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Blessings, Longaberger Baskets and others and would like to participate in this event, please contact Sarah Soule 232-1310 or Donna Green 373-1310 or greendonna@hotmail.com

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

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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
12 Advent Reconciliation 5:30pm

1st Sunday—2nd Collection Blue Envelopes

December will support the garage renovation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENEROSITY

BEARS FOR MAGADAN

We are beginning to collect new and gently used stuffed animals, especially bears for Fr. Mike in Magadan. Thank you for your generosity over the years in support of this ministry. Last year we sent Fr. Mike 22 boxes for his give-a-way program. Please consider a donation of a new or very gently used stuffed animal.

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. Please consider us as a volunteer opportunity this season. We also need donations of holiday food and staples.

FOOD PANTRY

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

all kinds of baby food
357-3769

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. Please call the office for information.

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.