

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday

In his first encyclical letter, Pope Benedict said that the Christian life can be summarized in these words of St. John: "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

All that happens to Jesus this week, every pain and outrage he suffers, not least the dreadful loneliness he endures, is proof of his love for us. At each stage of the Passion, it as if he is crying out to us, "My son, my daughter, I undergo this for you. I thank you for all that you try to do to help me in my loneliness. I love you."

During his first Palm Sunday homily Pope Francis said that Christians must be people of joy, but it's a special kind of joy based not on emotion or worldly contentment, but on the encounter with Christ. "Ours is not a joy that comes from having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person," he said. "We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders."

In terms of the Cross, Francis said that Jesus was a unique kind of King who came not to rule in the usual sense, but to take upon himself the weight of the world's sins. "Jesus on the Cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love he conquers it, he defeats it with his resurrection," Francis said.

This Holy Week make every prayer, every act of self-denial, every kindness to another person, and every acknowledgement of guilt a way of offering some comfort and some support to our lonely Lord. Also, encounter Christ more deeply and joyfully remember that Jesus accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders .

STEWARDSHIP

April 6, 20 ,2014 \$7,778.25 Online \$665.00
Last Year \$5,632.25 Online \$108.00
Rice Bowl Lectors 84.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 14

Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday April 15

Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5ab-6ab Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday April 16

Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday April 17

Is 61:1-3a,6a Ps 89:21-22 Rv 1:5-9 or LK 4:16-21

Friday April 18

Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13 Hev 4:14-16

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

April 12

For the People of the Parish

April 13

+ Marya Abramczyk

+ Steve Adams

April 14

April 15

+ Lorretta Olson

April 16

April 17

April 18



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes end today—Palm Sunday.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The second year class meets in the All Saints Center at 1pm. The New Confirmation class Candidates continue meetings with their sponsors and their *Why Catholic?* groups.

1ST EUCHARIST

We will celebrate 1st Eucharist Mass on April 26th at 5pm .

ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Early registration ends May 1—\$75. After May 1—\$90. ACYC is sponsored by Alaska Conference of Bishops. Registration forms are on the sacredheartwasilla.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the first day of Passover this year?

CRS RICE BOWL

25% of contributions to Rice Bowl remain in our diocese. This week we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. Giving to the Rice Bowl supports programs here that help the poor as well as in communities around the world. Please return your Rice Bowl boxes this week. Thank you for your participation this Lent.

ANNUAL OUTREACH CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

April 12-13

This special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (33%), scholarships at the Catholic University of America (33%), and the print and electronic communications efforts of your Archdiocese (33%). Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Estimated totals are in: We grossed a little over \$81,000 for our auction this year! That is fantastic!!! It was our largest crowd yet with almost 340 in attendance.

Our Lady of the Valley enrollment is now open to all parish families in the Archdiocese until April 14th. After April 14th enrollment is open to all the community. Please call or stop by today 376-0883

TEEN CHOIR

Calling all Teens: Youth Mass is on April 26th, and Confirmation is on May 8th. We are inviting teens who wish to sing at both services to attend a choir practice BETWEEN MASSES on April 13 from 10:30-11:00am. Share your gift of music with our assembly and the Lord!!

Our God is Here!!

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 12 1st Eucharist Rehearsal 9am—Noon
 - 13 Palm Sunday — Holy Week begins
 - 17 Holy Thursday 5:30pm
 - 18 Good Friday 5:30pm
 - 19 Easter Vigil 8:00pm
 - 20 Easter Morning 9:00am & 11:30am
 - 26 Dillingham Mission Yard Sale 9am-3pm
1st Eucharist Mass 5pm
 - 27 Divine Mercy Chaplet—10:30am
- No meetings in the Church during Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY CROSS DISPLAY

Please share your home crosses on Palm Sunday, April 13. Cards will be available to describe the history or story that goes with your cross.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes are available for Easter flower memorials. April 14 is the deadline.

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Youth still need help with air miles for the Dillingham trip; please call Sheila at the office. Teens are having a garage sale April 26, 2014 9am-3pm. Donated items that don't sell will go to Bishop's Attic. Spring cleaning is a great time to help the youth on their Mission Trip.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 27

The Chaplet will be recited at 10:30am in the Church.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Rice, Pasta, Sugar,
Flour, Tomato
Sauce, Oats,
Powdered/Can Milk

357-3769

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Download the Rice Bowl app from iTunes for daily reflections, meatless recipes, stories, and videos. Track your sacrifice goal.

FIESTA DE MAYO

This is an ACTS fundraiser on May 3rd in the social hall. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass in the atrium. Join us for fantastic Mexican food, games, music, and fun! Family discounts for 4 children or more.



KITCHEN DISHES

Please claim dishes from funerals and soup suppers. A crock pot lid is missing from the Knights evening. This is a round glass lid with a silver knob. Please return to the office.