

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

My mom's final will and testament was not read in a room with all the relatives gathered around and a lawyer saying, "This is the Last Will and Testament of Theresa Jean Garrett." My mom really had no money and she was on Medicare. She owed back taxes on her trailer. After she died, just a few of the closest family members gathered in her kitchen. There was no lawyer present. We equally distributed her possessions among us. Mom's one desire was to give her collections to people who would cherish them. I received a beautiful collection of Arrowheads she found during 50 years of wandering in the Oregon high desert.

In today's Gospel, right before he dies, Jesus gives his disciples his last will and testament. His entire life is summed up in this one single line. Jesus is gathered in a room with his closest friends. There is no lawyer present. Everyone is bequeathed the same thing. He proclaims, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." That's it! His entire life is summed up in that one line.

We have a very strong desire to carry out a people's last wishes when they are on their death-bed. Many people who are on their death-bed, for example, may want us to take care of a loved one. Some dying requests may be to be ourselves and not somebody others expect us to be. One popular death bed request is to enjoy life more and don't work so much. Jesus knew he was going to die. He was basically on his death-bed. His last wishes are powerful. Since we know Jesus and love him, we want to carry out those commands.

Here are some characteristics of the love that Jesus asks us to do:

Jesus never took anything away from someone else. He asks us not to degrade people and gossip about them, which erodes dignity and respect.

His love was tough at times, but an encounter with him was never destructive. He asks us to be forgiving, healing, and empowering.

Jesus' love was sacrificial. Jesus died for all of us. To figure out who you really love, ask yourself who you are prepared to die for or sacrifice yourself for, so that someone else would live. A good example of this would be the brave souls who stopped the jetliner from crashing into the White House during the 911 attack.

Jesus commands us to live our lives loving one another. His death-bed request is the best and most lasting final will and testament Jesus could ever leave to the world. I ask all of you this week to re-visit this beautiful invitation and make positive adjustments to how you share your love with others

STEWARDSHIP

April 21, 2013	\$6,004.80	Online \$865.00
Last Year	\$6,950.71	Online \$ 0.00
Special Projects	\$0.00	Online \$ 60.00
Outreach	\$130.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 29

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5,15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday April 30

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13an, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 1

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Mt 13:54-28

Thursday May 2

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

April 27

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

April 28

9:00am

11:30am

+ Vern Adkins

Monday

April 29

9:00am

Tuesday

April 30

9:00am

Wednesday

May 1

9:00am

Thursday

May 2

9:00am

Friday

May 3

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation are over for this year. Information about Vacation Bible School will be available later.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What Pope did Catherine of Sienna persuade to return to Rome?

1ST EUCHARIST

On April 28th at 11:30am Sacred Heart will welcome 37 children to the table of the Lord. Congratulations to families and students for the faithful preparation of these young students.

DILLINGHAM YOUTH MISSION

The youth going on the Dillingham retreat need Alaska Airlines miles to help pay their airfare. Please call the office if you would like to donate. Thank you. —Fr. Scott

ON-LINE GIVING

Simply go to our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/> and click on the icon. This is a prayerful and thoughtful way to give safely. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart.



ONE BREAD ONE BODY

As you consider your God-given gift of treasure, please consider sharing this gift with your local Church through the One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal. You'll help make sure the faith community continues to offer life-long faith formation, support for parishes in rural and remote communities, vocations, Catholic Social Services, and much more. Share your gift of treasure by pledging securely online at

www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We give a **huge thank you** to Mr. George Neuerburg, and the Knights of Columbus from St. Andrews, St. Michael's, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of the Lake, who assisted in making our 6th Annual Dinner Auction a huge success by preparing and serving our delicious meal. The support, dedication, and service is greatly appreciated. Our daily prayers remember all our donors, attendees, school families and staff. We were able to raise \$55,000 net to aid us in purchasing curriculum materials, technological and science supplies, student tuition assistance, and general school operations. Thank you and God bless you all!!!

Enrollment packets are available. Please call or come in and discuss our great educational opportunity for your child.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

28 1st Eucharist 11:30am
29 Centering Prayer 6:30pm

MAY

2 Rosary 7pm
4 OLV Steak Dinner American Legion 5:30pm
Cinco de Mayo Sacred Heart 6pm

NEW BUILDING NAMES

St. Christopher —Garage
All Saints Center—Old Church

OLV STEAK DINNER

Come on out to our last Steak Dinner Fundraiser of the year on Saturday, May 4th, 5:30-7:30pm at the American Legion Post #35, Mile 46—Parks Highway. The students will entertain diners with "Celebrate America" at 7pm and silent auction items will also be available. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTES

The ministry schedule has been mailed for May-June. Please use your calling list to arrange for a substitute if you are going on vacation or not able to attend your assigned mass. This is the responsibility of each minister. If you have misplaced your call list, the office can supply you with another.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We urgently need hospitality at every mass. This is a great family ministry to help Fr. Scott during Mass.

GREETINGS FROM FR. STAN

There are many wonderful surprises in life. Certainly one of these came while I was in the hospital. I will always remember the love and care that I received from you — I was overwhelmed. I also believe much of my healing came because of your prayers and care. Thanks so much and God bless you always. Fr. Stan

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal,
all kinds of baby food
357-3769

**The Pantry needs lots
of grocery sacks.



CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco De Mayo dinner will be on Saturday, May 4 after the 5pm mass in the social hall.

Tickets will be presold after masse on April 27-28 to help us prepare. Proceeds will benefit the Dillingham Youth Mission trip and ACTs retreats. \$15.00/adult and \$10 / child over 5. Come join this exciting family event with Mexican food and kids games!