

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT April 6, 2014 2014 Fifth Sunday in Lent

When we fully immerse our RCIA catechumens (those unbaptized) three times during the Easter Vigil, we are reminded of the three days Jesus spent in his tomb. After three immersions, our catechumens leave their old life behind and rise to a new life with God. After three days in the tomb, Jesus rose from the dead into a new life with God.

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, Lazarus reminds us of our own tombs. In our tombs we lay hidden from the life that God is calling us to do. The bad, or evil spirit, seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. We may even con ourselves into believing that our dark hidden secrets are somehow normal or "not so bad." For example:

1. A secret we are ashamed to tell
2. A sin we cannot confess
3. A memory we want to bury
4. A lifestyle or pattern of unethical behavior

Here is what our tombs look like:

1. They start out small.
2. They get larger as we get away with our secrets.
3. We begin to bury ourselves more deeply inside the tomb.
4. We begin to guard our tomb entrance.
5. If the stone is rolled away, we are ashamed of the mess inside.

This Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs. He is calling us out. Jesus is asking us to:

1. Face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy.
2. Move away from shame
3. Embrace repentance
4. Be true to what is best in ourselves
5. Seek out the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

Our journey in Lent is not an easy one, but it is what Lent is about. Lent is about the journey from the tombs of our own particular deaths, through penance, to the new life of Easter.

As you come forth to communion today, imagine the Lord standing by your tomb. He is calling you in a loud voice, "Lazarus, Come out."

STEWARDSHIP

Mar.30 ,2014 \$5,693.80 Online \$715.00
Last Year \$6,503.55 Online \$465.00
Rice Bowl K of C \$102.00
Rice Bowl Hospitality & RCIA \$68.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 7

1 Dt 13:1-9,15-17 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 9-8:1-11

Tuesday April 8

Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday April 9

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday April 10

Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday April 11

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

April 5

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

April 6

9:00am

+ Steve Adams

11:30am

+ Audrey Brewer

Monday

April 7

9:00am

+ Renate Schnell

Tuesday

April 8

9:00am

+ Renate Schnell

Wednesday

April 9

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FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. The final classes are on April 13—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

The final class meets on Saturday, April 12 at 9am.

ACYC

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the site of papal elections?

CRS RICE BOWL: Haiti

This week, Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Haiti. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle and reminded that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and around the world that families and communities may be strengthened and blessed.

ANNUAL OUTREACH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

April 12-13

Contributions to this collection support local and international communications projects that strengthen Catholic faith, worship, and witness including projects of the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School would like to thank all those who donated, attended, and supported our 7th Annual Gala Dinner Auction. It was an amazing fun night. Thank you all!

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

- 6 Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis
 - 7 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
 - 10 Rosary 7:00pm
 - 11 Soup & Stations Confirmation hosting 6pm
 - 11-12 2nd Year Confirmation lock-in
 - 12 1st Eucharist Rehearsal
 - 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
- No meetings in the Church during Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY CROSS DISPLAY

Parishioners are invited to bring their home crosses to display on Palm Sunday, April 13. Cards will be available to describe the history or story that goes with the 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 sale will go to Bishop's Attic. Spring cleaning is a great time to help the youth on their Mission Trip.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

357-3769

BISHOP'S ATTIC —VOLUNTEERS

The Bishop's Attic is looking for help with pricing clothing, linen, fabric, and sorting. Please contact Jack or Charlene (745-4215). Please remember we always need gently used clothing donations.

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,

