

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT August 10, 2014 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing up in Bend, Oregon, my dad and I used to hunt ducks along the Deschutes River. We needed hip boots to wade across marshy areas. Occasionally, I got stuck in the mud. One time my dad had to pull me out. He grabbed my arm, and lifted me up. But one boot remained buried in the mud.

As humans, we will never be able to walk on top of the water. Peter definitely proved that to us in the Gospel. Jesus can walk on water because he was fully human and fully divine.

Since we cannot walk on top of the water, once in a while we will get stuck in the mud. It happened to Peter. Peter lacked faith, he got distracted, and he lost his focus on Jesus. He got stuck in the mud, but because he was zealous for the Lord, he got lifted out.

Elijah said, "I have been most **zealous** for the LORD." Even so, his people turned their back on God. But he remained zealous even through this tough time. He did not give up. His great zeal allowed him to find God in a tiny whispering sound. God lifted him out of the mud.

Even though we are zealous for God, we may get stuck in the mud once in a while. But if we don't take our failures personally and remain zealous for our Lord, Jesus will lift us up.

A zealous feeling is a feeling of strong eagerness. Galatians tells us that zeal is a Christian grace. It must be grounded on right principles and directed to right ends. Zeal is being on fire with the love of God.

All of us here today are zealous for God. We make mistakes, yet we don't let that bother us. Why? Because zealous people are people who struggle and never give up. Zealous people are humble people who remain open to God's love even when things go wrong and we begin to falter.

Getting stuck in the mud comes from being human. It comes from being arrogant, judgmental, and indifferent. We get stuck in the mud when we start focusing on ourselves. Being stuck helps us to refocus on what is important, Jesus. It helps us to realize we are human and imperfect. If you remain zealous for God through the discouragements of life, it won't take long for Jesus to reach down, grab your arm, and pull you up.

To remain Zealous for God, regularly partake in the Body of Christ. Go to regular confession. Participate in the many spiritual development programs we have here at Sacred Heart, including Bible Studies, Prayer groups, Why Catholic Groups, and Adult education. Sign up for a church ministry. Just do not get discouraged if you lose a boot in the process.

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 3, 2014	\$7,061.25	Online \$660.00
Last Year	\$5,121.10	Online \$930.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Aug. 11

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Aug. 12

Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday Aug. 13

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Aug. 14

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12,16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Friday Aug. 15

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12,16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

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

Aug. 9

Hiro Tomizuka

Aug. 10

For the People of the Parish

Aug. 11

Hezykaiia & Araiilyus Sims

Aug. 12

+Helen & Emery Jadack

Aug. 13

Aug. 14

+Emery Jadack

Aug. 15

+Jonas Yochum



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation registration begins August 10. Forms will be available after Mass and on-line.

1st Reconciliation /1st Eucharist

Students should be in the 2nd grade or higher and registered in Faith Formation classes. Baptismal certificate is required for students not baptized at Sacred Heart.

CONFIRMATION

Students should be entering 9th grade or higher. Adult classes are scheduled for March. Baptismal certificate is required for those not baptized at Sacred Heart.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is Mary's Song?

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of married couples. Do you feel alone? Are you angry with each other? Retrouvaille can help you. For more information or registration about the weekend of October 17-19: 1-800-470-2230. www.HelpOurMarriage.com

WHY CATHOLIC

Do you understand the Creed we proclaim each Sunday? Next week at all the Masses we will be inviting you to participate in Why Catholic?-- Small Communities. Topics include: Our Desire for God, Tradition and Scripture, Faith, Incarnation and more. If you miss the opportunity to sign-up, call the office. On Monday, September 8 at 6pm we will hold a Why Catholic? workshop to discuss the fall study groups. All parishioners are welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment is open—Please call for an appointment—376-0883
Welcome Students!!

Parents and students will gather on August 17 for meetings with teachers at 3pm and at 4pm for a back to school barbeque.

Parishioners are invited to OLV's back to school Open House after all the masses on August 16-17.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal

OLV Garage Sale will be on August 15th from 10am to 4pm.



COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 9/10 Cross Catholic Outreach—Fr. Phong Pham
- 11 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 14 Mass Assumption 5:30pm Holy Day Vigil
- 15 Mass Assumption 9:00am Holy Day
- 15 OLV Garage Sale 10am to 4pm
- 17 3pm OLV Teacher-Parent Meeting
- 16/17 OLV Open House for Parish after all Masses
- 18 OLV School opens
- 31 Adult Catechism 10:15am Social Hall

AUDIO SYSTEM

Occasionally we have a critical need for assistance in the operation and maintenance of our church sound system. If you have a familiarity, specialty or background with audio systems, please contact Fr. Scott.

RCIA

Are you or a friend or family member interested in becoming a Catholic? Inquiry classes will begin later in August. Call the office for information.

CROSS CATHOLIC—AUGUST 9-10

Please welcome Fr. Phong Pham who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central & South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

FR. MIKE SHIELDS—AUGUST 16 & 17

Fr. Mike will visit Alaska August 15 to Sept 15. He will be at Sacred Heart August 16 and 17. He will hold a mom's day of prayer at St. Michael's on September 13th from 9am—2pm. Babysitting provided 745-3229.

ADULT CATECHISM—August 31

Parishioners are welcome to our 3rd gathering. Jenny Michaelson will present a discussion on the Safe Environment issues and policies in the Archdiocese. Jenny will begin at 10:15am in the Social Hall.

FOOD BANK

Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Rice, Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce, Pasta,
Cereal, Oats,
Milk—Powdered/Can
357-3769

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers may be requested on-line on the parish web site under Spiritual Life.

ONE BREAD ONE BODY—Not too late!!!

<https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donations/donate/index.php>

SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

Simply click the image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>
This is a prayerful and convenient way to give safely.

