

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT August 17, 2014 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus heals a little girl who was tormented by demons. It was a miraculous healing. We all have the power to miraculously heal others. There are two kinds of spiritual healing: verbal and non-verbal.

Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!" He gave the woman a compliment. Compliments can heal because they boost people's self-esteem.

Here are some verbal ways to heal others: Show compassion to a person at work who complains about being sick; Stand up for a friend who is being ridiculed by others; Change your work schedule so you can have lunch with a friend in need.

For training to become a priest, I spent two months at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans. During the two months, 15 people died while I was on call. Something miraculous happened to several of these people who died: they died within five minutes after I prayed with them. The verbal prayer allowed them to die in peace.

Remember the story of the hemorrhaging woman? She thought if she could just touch Jesus' clothes, she would be healed. It happened. Jesus was present and silent and the woman was healed. The first time with a dying patient I was afraid. I called my friend Gina for advice. She said, "Hold her hand Scott, you don't have to say anything." I silently held her hand. I felt God was working through me to help that lady.

Being present and silent has significant healing power. Being present means we respect a person's pain. It shows that we care and are available emotionally if needed. Being silent conveys a spiritual connection that goes beyond understanding. When Mary stood at the foot of the cross, silent and present with Jesus, healing was taking place. She was sharing in her son's pain.

The intercessions we pray at Mass as a community of faith are a strong way to heal our world. When we come together as one body, in communion with our Lord, and pray, it has powerful healing effects. Our communal prayer around the world is like a continual river of healing prayer raising up to our Lord.

The Gospel challenges us to heal others. Healing involves going that "extra mile." Healing can be draining work physically and emotionally. Healing involves taking extra time from our busy schedule to relate to someone personally. It involves breaking away from the bonds of internet addictions, shopping sprees, and workaholism.

This week heal someone. Try to be with a hurting or sick individual and just be silent with that person for a few moments. Go that extra mile. As you meet people and relate with them, say a kind word to them, greet them with a handshake or a compliment. As you depart, ask yourselves a question. Did I heal that individual in some way?

### STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 10, 2014	\$5,483.90	Online \$1,545.00
Last Year	\$6,211.90	Online \$905.00

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Aug. 18**

Ez 24:15-24 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22

#### **Tuesday Aug. 19**

Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b Mt 19:23-30

#### **Wednesday Aug. 20**

Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

#### **Thursday Aug. 21**

Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

#### **Friday Aug. 22**

Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

### 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. 16**

+Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

#### **Aug. 17**

For the People of the Parish

#### **Aug. 18**

Cristiano Jesus

#### **Aug. 19**

#### **Aug. 20**

#### **Aug. 21**

#### **Aug. 22**



## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation registration begins in September. 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

Who is known as  
the Pope of the Eucharist?

## RETROUVILLE

Retrouville has helped thousands of married couples. Do you feel alone? Are you angry with each other? Retrouville can help you. For more information or registration about the weekend of October 17-19: 1-800-470-2230. [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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 & Staff!!

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: Saturday 8/16 from 4-7pm; Sunday 8/17 from 10-1:30pm after the Masses.

We are delighted to welcome our new and old teachers to the new school year.

Mrs. Joyce Lund  
Principal & 2-3rd grades  
Mrs. Karen Smith—Admin. Assistant  
Mr. Karl Lund—Admin. Consultant  
Mrs. Deborah Waisanen—Grades K/1  
Mrs. Heather Grisso—Grades 4-5  
Mrs. Jennifer Cain—Grades 6-8

## COMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 18 OLV School opens  
Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 21 Rosary 7:00pm
- 30 Youth Mass 5pm
- 31 Adult Catechism 10:15am Social Hall

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Story & Song Jesse Manibusan & Sarah Hart  
Music workshop 1:30—3:30pm  
Mass 5pm

### 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

Thanks to Fr. Phong Pham who spoke at all the Masses last week on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. Fr. Pham has worked with Cross Catholic since 2006 to carry on his passionate commitment to God and to the poor. You may contribute to this ministry with the envelopes or on-line at [www.CrossCatholic.org](http://www.CrossCatholic.org)

### FR. MIKE SHIELDS—AUGUST 16 & 17

Welcome. Fr. Mike 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 Safe Environment issues and policies in the Archdiocese. Jenny will begin at 10:15am in the Social Hall.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

### FOOD BANK

Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Rice, Sugar, Flour,  
Tomato Sauce, Pasta,  
Cereal, Oats,  
Grocery bags  
357-3769

### MINISTRY LISTS

If you have not been assigned on the ministry list, please contact the office, so we can include you on the next list. If you will be out of town in November-December contact the office as soon as possible. Ministers should dress appropriately; no shorts, inappropriate t-shirts, etc.

### SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

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

