

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

We have all made transitions in our lives. The major transitions in my life have been joining the Air Force, moving to Alaska, going to college, becoming a Catholic, and then becoming a priest. During each of these transitions, my life was renewed.

In my spiritual life I have tried to be a good friend to people, to tell the truth, and to try not to swear. I try to be hospitable, caring, and humble. It takes effort. I must move out of my comfort zone and sacrifice what I want to make another's life better. I must constantly remember to transition from living my life for me, to living my life for our Lord.

The readings are about making those transitions. A transition is a movement, passage, or change from one position, or state in life to another. For example, consider the transition from adolescence to adulthood. The most difficult transition that God's people made was converting from Judaism to Christianity.

Before Jesus, God's people were Jewish and expecting a warrior type king like King David to be the Messiah. When a loving, caring, generous, and humble man they called Jesus showed up, many Jews did not believe he was the Messiah. Jewish people today are still waiting for a warrior King.

Those who saw Jesus as the true Messiah had to make a difficult transition from the Jewish religion to Christianity. That new Christian faith had to overcome division. The division was between God's people, the Jewish people descended from the Israelites, and everyone else. The new Christian religion preached that all can be called God's people, Romans and Gentiles alike. Saint Paul himself was a Roman converted to Christianity.

Saint Paul tells us in the second reading that those who believe in Jesus are all one in Christ. He says, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Today, as Christians of the 21st century, we can be as comfortable as we want with our Catholic religion. We can go to Mass every Sunday and fill the obligation or we can truly live our religion at home, work, and school. Today's readings are calling us to take a good look at our Christian state in life and to transition to the next spiritual level.

Scripture tells us today to take up our crosses. "We must risk losing our lives in order to gain it." "We must die with Christ in order to live with him. Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Make that transition!

Is there something right now in your life that you could do to help make someone's life be a little better? This week get out of your comfort zone. Make that transition. Donate something to the Food Bank or My House. Invite someone to Mass. Visit your elderly neighbor and ask if he or she needs help with something. Remember, losing your life for Jesus will bring you true life .

STEWARDSHIP

June 16 2013	\$5,796.75	Online \$1,105.00
Last Year	\$5,970.22	Online \$195.00
Dillingham Sale	\$ 1,463.30	
Food Bank	\$50.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday June 24

Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26

Tuesday June 25

Gn 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-5 Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 26

Gn 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday June 27

Gn 16:1-12,15-16 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 7:21-29

Friday June 28

Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

June 22

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

June 23

9:00am

11:30am

Monday

June 24

9:00am

+ David Chapman

Tuesday

June 25

9:00am

Wednesday

June 26

9:00am

Thursday

June 27

9:00am

+ George Frenzel

Friday

June 28

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation will resume in Sept.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the summer nativity?

MINISTRY TRAINING

On October 12, the parishes in the Valley will come together for Mass ministry training: Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Servers, Music, Linens, and Lectors. Please mark your calendar if you wish to continue or join one of these ministries.

DILLINGHAM RETREAT

Students and chaperones are leaving Monday, June 24th for Sacred Heart's 1st Dillingham Mission Trip. Keep these young travelers in your prayers.

ON-LINE GIVING

Recently we updated our Online Giving link to a new address; this will not affect any donations you have scheduled, your account information or anything else in your account. It will, however, affect any bookmarks you may have created on your computer. The next time you access your Online Giving account on the church website, click on the new Online Giving logo and bookmark this new address.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Why Catholic school for your child? Catholic schools are place where children can learn from day to day that civility and patience are virtues based on the love God has for each of us and the love God expects us to have—and show—towards one another. In school we can talk to God and we can talk about God's laws and God ways. We can talk about God's love and the dignity of every member of God's family. Catholic schools foster the religious and spiritual foundation of the young for the future of the Church and society. We have a place for your child. Please call the office 376-0883 or 715-2788.

—Theresa Sand, Principal



COMING EVENTS

JUNE

24-28 Dillingham Youth Retreat/Mission Trip
24 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
27 Rosary 7pm

JULY

4 Mass 9am

OCTOBER

12 Ministry Training

KNIGHTS GARDEN BOXES

The Knights have garden boxes left for families to plant for the Food Pantry.



DILLINGHAM FUNDRAISERS

COOKIE & BAKE SALE

Wow! Sacred Heart loves cookies!! We earned \$1463.30. Thank you all so much for supporting our Cookie Fund Raiser for Dillingham. Many parishioners provided our sale with delicious baked goods, gluten free items, and even dog biscuits! The Parish has generously responded to our mission trip and we have raised \$4105.30, with \$250 coming from the Willow community of St. Christopher. Thanks for helping us meet our mission goals: Caroline, AJ, Alex, Bradley, Samantha, Corby, Oliver, Michael, and Alyssa.



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.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Thank you for supporting the *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. Our faith community has shared \$24,108.00 for our \$47,072.00 goal. We have met about 51% of our objective. Our parish has 18% participation in this year's Appeal. If you have not pledged your support, it's not too late! Pledges can be dropped at the office or in the collection. To make your pledge securely online, visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate

