

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT Nov. 24th, 2013 Christ the King

The Gospel says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Will Jesus remember you when you come into his Kingdom?

When you enter another country, you need a passport. A custom official will stamp your passport to keep tabs on you. A passport also ensures that if you do something against the law in one country, you have to be judged according to the laws in the United States.

Jesus will remember you when you attempt to come into his heavenly kingdom because you will have a heavenly passport. Christ the King has stamped your passport in order to keep tabs on you. You will need this heavenly passport because you will someday be judged, not by a court system, but by God.

Our heavenly passport will not have our race, age, nationality, or culture stamped on it. The passport will not say: I was a member of Sacred Heart Parish; I was married for 50 years; I raised ten children; I prayed the rosary twice a day. The way we pray, worship, and what we believe are all important in our lives here on earth. These are all stepping-stones and landmarks that lead us to do what is really important.

The King of Heaven will ultimately judge us on what is REALLY important: our behavior in relation to our neighbor who is in need. Christ the King is our example. During his life on earth, he took pity on the poor, helped the defenseless, and was kind to outcasts.

One of the most difficult things for me before I became a priest was changing my business oriented thinking. I set goals for myself. I used physical, financial, and social objectives to meet those goals. Setting goals is a great way to excel in certain areas. It really works.

Goal setting does not work in the spiritual realm. We cannot say that if we go to church every Sunday, donate a certain amount of money, or pray every day, then we will go to heaven. It does not work that way. We cannot do something good and expect something in return. One has to do good for the sake of doing good and not for some other human reason, i.e. recognition, approval, or gifts.

In the seminary, I learned that I do not have to please anyone but God. Storing treasure in heaven means pleasing God is enough. Heavenly treasure helps to ensure that when standing before those pearly gates, Christ the King will give your passport that stamp of approval. Treasure in heaven ensures that Jesus will remember you when you come into his Kingdom.

As we grow in our spiritual lives, we learn the language of love. I pray the language stamped on my visa says this: I allowed Christ the King to be my shepherd. I learned to trust and follow God. I walk where the Lord leads. I lead others to the restful waters, to healing, and to love .

STEWARDSHIP

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| Nov. 17, 2013 | \$6,458.70 | Online \$1,030.00 |
| Last Year | \$6,418.45 | Online \$0.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | Nov. 23 |
| 5:00pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Nov. 24 |
| 9:00am | |
| 11:30am | + Maria Olivas |
| Monday | Nov. 25 |
| 9:00am | |
| Tuesday | Nov. 26 |
| 9:00am | |
| Wednesday | Nov. 27 |
| 9:00am | |
| Thursday | Nov. 28 |
| 9:00am | |
| Friday | Nov. 29 |
| 9:00am | |

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov 25

Dn 1:1-6,8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Nov 26

Dn 2:31-45 (ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Nov 27

Dn 5:1-6 (ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Nov 28

Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28

Friday Nov 29

Dn 7:2-4 (ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Registration is on line. If you would like more information, contact the office. 1st grade students who plan to celebrate 1st Eucharist next year must be enrolled in 1st grade faith formation. 8th grade students who plan to celebrate Confirmation in high school must be enrolled in Middle School faith formation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1PM

Scott and Val's Class meets in the All Saints Center; the New Class meets in the social hall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who was the first of the Apostles to meet Jesus?

WHY CATHOLIC?

In Week 6, small faith groups are talking about sources and ways of prayer. Reflect on a saint who has inspired or helped you. Ask a saint to pray with you to God.

COLLECTION FOR THE PHILLIPINES

This weekend, the Archdiocese is holding a second collection for the CCHD to support programs serving people below the poverty line, both nationwide and in Alaska.

BISHOP'S ATTIC

The Bishop's Attic, a community of volunteers, volunteering from the heart, invites you to join their Volunteer team. Please call 745-4209 or www.bishopsattic2.org for more information.

ST. JUDE QUILT

The St. Jude Guild raised \$300 from their cookie sale that they will donate to the Mat-Su Food Bank. Thank you for supporting their fundraiser.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Final weekend

for raffle ticket sales!

Tickets for the **annual cash raffle** cost \$10 each with only 1300 tickets available. Each ticket has 15 chances to win. Students will sell the tickets until November 26th. The drawing begins Dec. 2 with the grand drawing on Dec. 13. 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500, and 3rd prize is \$250. Good luck!!

We are now accepting donations for our Spring Auction. Please call the office for more details—baskets, gift certificates, cars, 4-wheelers, etc!!

Congratulations to Mrs Yerbich and the 4th–8th grade students who participated in the Gravy Run on November 16th. This 5K Run/Walk supported the youth at My House.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 23/24 Debra Lighthart—Rosaries and Gifts
2nd Collection for the Philippines—CRS
- 25 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 26 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 27 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 28 Why Catholic? 7pm
Rosary 7pm
- 30 Youth Mass 5pm—Confirmation Enrollment
Youth Group activity

YOUTH ACTIVITY

Youth will meet for the Youth Mass at 5pm. Weather permitting, teens will play games and do outside activities—please bring warm clothes. Call Andrea 376-1330 for more information.

ST. JUDE QUILT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The holiday bazaar will be December 7th & 8th after the masses. Quilts, cookies, and more!!!

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Week 6: Keep Moving: Strength for the Journey
Moses was a great walker, but some of the most well-known people of faith were also walkers? People like Mother Teresa, St. Francis of Assisi, Dorothy Day, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer all included daily walks as a time to think and pray. Walking is good for your mind, your body, and your soul. Walk with a friend and create community!

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will have Christian Christmas cards for sale the 1st Sunday of Advent on Nov. 30—Dec. 1 after the Masses.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

Rice, Flour, Sugar,
Pasta, Beans,
Oatmeal, Pwd Milk

357-3769

MAT-SU FOOD BANK & FOOD 4 KIDS

Thank you for over 547 pounds of assorted food donated during October.

BEARS FOR MAGADAN

We are collecting new and gently used stuffed bears, new hats, gloves, scarves, and new baby or toddler snowsuits. Please drop items at the Church or office.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult and supervised on the playground. Due to meetings, children cannot run and scream in the halls—Thank you for helping make our parish safe.