

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

I would like to compare and contrast two Gospel stories. They are stories about people who have many possessions and are rich in material wealth. One story is about a Rich Official (Luke 18: 18-23). He asked Jesus, "What shall I do to inherit eternal. Life?" "Keep the commandments," said Jesus. "I have," said the Rich Official. Then Jesus had said, "Sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven." The rich official went away sad.

One chapter later, is today's Gospel, Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus climbs a tree to catch sight of Jesus.

We can see several similarities between the Rich Young Man and Zacchaeus.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both are very wealthy • Both are looking for more in life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both have lots of money • Money has not brought them happiness/peace |
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Rich Official

Loved by Many
 Sad about giving to the poor
 Wealth more important than Jesus
 Will not experience the fullness of God's love
 Chose not to change while visiting Jesus
 Never found happiness and peace
 Put his faith in money

Zacchaeus

Hated by Many
 Joyful about giving to the poor
 Jesus more important than wealth
 Will experience the fullness of God's love
 Chose to change while visiting Jesus
 Found happiness and peace
 Put his faith in God

Here are a few of my conclusions:

No matter what you have done in the past or who you are today, you can change for the better.

Jesus welcomes everyone, not just those who have been raised in the Church.

Every single person on earth has a chance at eternal life, happiness, and peace.

Choosing Christ is an everyday decision.

We all have something we need to change in our lives that will make us better Christians.

This week, like little Zacchaeus, I want all of you to make a change for the better.

If Jesus was to come to your house today what would you change?

STEWARDSHIP

Oct 27, 2013	\$5,461.90	Online \$895.00
Last Year	\$6,866.85	Online \$400.00
World Mission	\$85.00	
Entrance Sign	\$325.00	Online \$160.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov 4

Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31,33-34 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Nov 5

Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1-3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Nov 6

Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-2,4-5,9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Nov 7

Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday Nov 8

Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Nov. 2

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

Nov. 3

9:00am

+ David Statley

11:30am

+ Clare Durso

Monday

Nov. 4

9:00am

Tuesday

Nov. 5

9:00am

+ Donald William Henn

Wednesday

Nov. 6

9:00am

+ Kathleen Hartman

Thursday

Nov. 7

9:00am

Friday

Nov. 8

9:00am

+ Dennis Molepski



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 their Why Catholic? groups with their leaders.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who was the first American citizen to be canonized?

WHY CATHOLIC?

In Week 3, small faith groups are meeting to explore how to pray. Week 3 discusses how the "noise" in our world can keep us from praying. How can we shuffle our life to make prayer an even more prominent part of our daily life?

HOMESCHOOL

The homeschool families will have their monthly fun get together on Friday, November 9th. The group meets for Mass at 9am. Snacks and activities follow Mass in the social hall. All homeschoolers are welcome—please contact Andrea Severance 907-360-5982.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS!!

November 10th by OLV
November 17th by Knights

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you for joining in the fun at OLV's 2nd Annual Halloween Fest, it was Spooktacular!

Thank you to the students who presented their saint reports after the All Saints Mass. They did a great job and we are so proud of them all!

OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 until 3:00 at the Sacred Heart Church Social Hall. You can support the school while shopping for all your favorite things. Vendors will include Vault Denim, Blessings, Origami Owl, 31 Bags, and many more.

Join us at a "Free Pancake" breakfast on Sunday, November 10th after the Sunday Masses. Students and families will be selling raffle tickets as a donation for the breakfast.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3 Middle School—Sandwiches for Br. Francis
- 4 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 5 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 6 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 7 Why Catholic? 7pm
Rosary 7pm
- 8 Homeschool activity 9am—Noon
- 9 OLV Vendor Fair 9am-3pm Social Hall
- 11 Mass Honoring Veterans 9am

OLV ANNUAL RAFFLE

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 from now until November 26th. The drawing begins December 2 with the grand drawing on December 13. Please contact a student, staff, or faculty!! Thank you for helping OLV with our fund-raisers. 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$250. Good luck!!

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Week 2: Moses Was Not Alone: A Companion for the Journey—From the very beginning, God created us to be in relationship with others. Whether we live quietly alone or in a large and boisterous family, we need friends to find wholeness. God even made sure that Moses had his brother, Aaron, when he approached Pharaoh. Data shows that people with strong social networks tend to be healthier. People who take care of their health are likely to have others around who take care of their health as well. Take the time to connect with a friend—today.

ST. JUDE QUILT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for the annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 16th, from 9am—5pm in the All Saints Center, and December 7th & 8th after both masses. Quilts, pillows, cider, cookies, and more!!!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Top Ramen
Pasta
Peanut butter
Jelly
357-3769

VETERAN'S DAY MASS—NOVEMBER 11

OLV is once again honoring our valued Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th. With Mass, a student presentation, followed by a reception. Please come and invite veterans you know as we honor all those who served and are serving.

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