

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The psychologist Bernard Lonergan asserts that for conversion to happen a person must experience a conflict between choosing something truly good and something satisfying, and the truly good must reign. That conflict comes from learning how to use our hearts when making decisions.

My Catholic Father had to convince my protestant Mother to have me baptized Catholic. My mom persuaded my step-dad to require me to go to Sunday school. After I dropped out of church in middle school, the military influenced my return to church. While a Mormon, my friend Eric convinced me to go to the Catholic Church.

These experiences all have one thing in common: There was resistance, but with God's intervention, one person influenced another to really listen to his heart.

When someone is influential in making us think with our hearts, we build a spiritual connection with that person. That spiritual connection is what connects us to the story in the Gospel.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. They were mocking Jesus with their questions about marriage. As Jesus speaks, there is something influential and spiritual about Him. You are in the crowd. Jesus influences your thinking. You feel a spiritual connection. You use your heart to believe in the resurrection.

Paul tells us how to use our hearts: "Be open to God's grace and God will give you comfort and hope." Mary is our example for using our hearts: Standing at the foot of the cross, she pondered all things in her heart. It is in the heart where the good decisions come from.

The Sadducees existed and were basically surviving life. They were comfortable with their strict laws, proud of their enforcement of the rules, and they were arrogant about their perfect lives. They did not use their hearts to help them make decisions.

Followers of Jesus live life to its fullest. We make good decisions. We use our minds and our hearts to make decisions. The best decisions come from the heart.

Here is why: all the fruits of the Holy Spirit live in the heart: understanding, patience, strength, courage, and knowledge. It is in the heart that Jesus resides. It is from the heart that we make our best decisions.

Our hearts are different than our conscience or mind. Our conscience can be formed wrongly by society, i.e. you decide to steal or not to steal. Once a decision is made, either right or wrong, our mind comes up with the plan.

Our heart is never wrong. The heart, if you listen to it, can either cut down a plan or agree with it. If used, the heart is like a filtering system. It helps us decide what plans should or should not be carried out.

Here is the Gospel message for today: Don't get too caught up in rituals and strict behavior patterns. Start listening to your heart and start living life to its fullest .

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 3, 2013	\$7,392.80	Online	\$1,070.00
Last Year	\$6,668.80	Online	\$625.00
Food Bank	\$ 290.00		
Entrance Sign	\$1, 606.05	Online	\$35.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov 11

Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday Nov 12

Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3,16-19 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Nov 13

Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4,6-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Nov 14

Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119: 89-91,130,135 Lk 17:20-25

Friday Nov 15

Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov. 9

5:00pm

Sunday Nov. 10

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:30am + Maria Olivas

Monday Nov. 11

9:00am

Tuesday Nov. 12

9:00am Shan Satterfield

Wednesday Nov. 13

9:00am

Thursday Nov. 14

9:00am + Danny Lamm

Friday Nov. 15

9:00am



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 1st Eastern saint to be canonized and helped establish the Byzantine Rite of Catholicism?

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11 Mass Honoring Veterans 9am
Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 12 Why Catholic? 7pm
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- 14 Why Catholic? 7pm
Rosary 7pm
- 16 St. Jude Quilt Bazaar
- 17 Knights Breakfast
2nd Collection CCHD
- 23/24 Debra Lighthart—Rosaries and Gifts
- 30 Youth Mass 5pm—Confirmation Enrollment

ST. JUDE QUILT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The annual holiday bazaar is 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!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

November 17th by the Knights



WHY CATHOLIC?

In Week 4, small faith groups are talking about prayers of blessing, adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. What prayer form moves you?

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The CCHD stands by people who struggle below the poverty line, providing nationwide and here in Alaska. Next weekend, our Archdiocese will hold a second collection to support programs that create solutions to poverty. Please prayerfully consider gift to this critical effort. Thank you.

BASICS OF CANON LAW

Fr. Thomas Brundage, JCL will present 2 evenings on the historical development of canon law, uses and practice, rights and obligations as well as Sacramental Law. The first evening is Nov. 12 from 6:45-7:45pm at St. Johns Orthodox Cathedral, ER. The second is Nov. 19 at Gruening Middle School, ER.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Join us for 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.

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!! 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$250. Good luck!!

OLV will honor Veterans on **Veterans Day, November 11th** at the 9am Mass with a student presentation, followed by a reception. Please come and invite veterans you know as we honor all those who served and are serving.

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Week 3: Manna and Quail: Eating God's Healthy Provisions—God blessed the traveling Israelites with manna and quail. Most people who travel today eat in restaurants. A restaurant meal of spaghetti and meatballs can contain 1,200 calories—roughly the equivalent of three quarter-pound hamburgers. All restaurants do have healthy choices, so ask for what you need.

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.

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 PANTRY NEEDS

Cereals
Tuna, Salmon, Spam
Top Ramen
Soup, Stew
357-3769

OLV THANKS BILL GREEN

Thank you to Mr. Bill Green and friends for the beautiful covered walkway entrance to the school! Your time and talent is very much appreciated!!!

BEARS FOR MAGADAN

Thank you for supporting this annual drive to support Fr. Mike Shields. 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 parish 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