

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Saint Gregory of Nyssa said, "There are three distinct aspects of the life of a Christian: thought, words, and action." He said that words express openly the interior conclusions of our thoughts. Actions carry out what the mind has conceived. The readings today are about taking action now.

Procrastination, individualism, and materialism in our lives keeps us from fulfilling God's Will. There is a bad habit we need to stop. There is a relationship we need to mend. There is a person we need to help.

Look at Elisha in the first reading. He was wealthy. In those days twelve oxen meant he had material wealth to give up. Elisha was comfortable with his wealth and lifestyle but it was keeping him from doing God's will.

Elijah, by casting the mantel over Elisha, was giving him a choice. The choice was: accept the role of prophet or refuse it. Back then the cloak was a sign of a prophet's vocation in life.

The story of Elisha is about God saying, OK, time is up Elisha. I have given you enough time to accept the role of prophet. You have let the world pull you away from what I want you to do. It is time to make a decision **RIGHT NOW**.

The Gospel really makes the point that there is no time like the present. It almost seems harsh. Jesus says, "Follow me now." Do not return to your family. Jesus makes this point: Sometimes in our lives there is no room to compromise, no room for indulgence, and not even room for family bonds.

What comes to my mind is the person addicted to drugs. The family gives them a choice to either go straight into rehab now or we cut you out of our lives.

Yes, the lesson today is harsh. Each of us, at some time in our lives, may have to face a new call, a new challenge. That means we may have to take a fresh new look at our lives, our habits, and our attachments.

What are your habits and attachments? Do they get in the way of God? Saint Gregory wants us to be sure that all that we do is controlled by Christ? If Jesus does not control your life, something is getting in the way. Call on the Holy Spirit right now to guide your words, thoughts, and actions!

Take a look at your lifestyle. Think about your habits and attachments. There are certain things we can live without. Get rid of some of that clutter so that you can be more available to do God's work. Use the power of the Holy Spirit to spur you into action. Is Jesus throwing a mantle over you? Take a look at yourself and make some positive changes in your life because "there is no time like the present"

STEWARDSHIP

June 23, 2013	\$5,146.40	Online \$505.00
Last Year	\$5,621.35	Online \$70.00
Eastern Europe	\$665.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday July 1

Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1-4,8-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday July 2

Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3,9-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday July 3

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29

Thursday July 4

Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6,8-9 Mt 9:1-8

Friday July 5

Gn 23:1-4,19,24:1-8 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

June 29

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

June 30

9:00am

+ Jerome Marostica

11:30am

+ Helen Jadack

Monday

July 1

9:00am

Tuesday

July 2

9:00am

Wednesday

July 3

9:00am

Thursday

July 4

9:00am

Friday

July 5

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation will resume in Sept.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who do the people of Kerala believe evangelized them?

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.

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 emphasize a challenging core curriculum that stimulates students to question, evaluate, discover, and create. Students encounter a broad variety of learning experiences that blends the traditional and the innovative. These experiences together with strong Catholic values, foster every student's ability to shape the world through his or her ideas and vision. We have a place for your child. Please call the office 376-0883 or 715-2788.

—Theresa Sand, Principal



COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 4 Mass 9am
- No Rosary

OCTOBER

- 12 Ministry Training

KNIGHTS GARDEN BOXES

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



The office will be closed on July 4, 2013

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

We had a great time on our mission and will be telling everyone about what we did and what we learned.

Thanks for supporting our trip.

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.

WELCOME FR. CHRIS!

Fr. Chris Arockiaraj, S.S. was ordained in 1995. He is a Sulpician priest and full time faculty member at St. Patrick's Seminary in San Francisco. He is a professor, spiritual director, advisor and supply-priest in local parishes on weekends. During the academic year, he teaches courses such as Pastoral Counseling, 12-step Spirituality, World Religions, Introduction to Spirituality etc. He also celebrates mass in Spanish. As a faculty in a seminary, he has a summer vacation in July, so he has agreed to come and replace Fr. Andrew and myself during our vacations.