

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The way I live my life now has no effect after I die. At death, everyone goes back to Sheol, or Hades. Back in the days of Christ, many people had the belief that there is no after-life. To die was to go into a black hole.

In AD 507, Pope Gregory the Great sent missionaries to England to convert the Angles and Saxons there. The missionaries taught about the hope of an after-life. They taught that there is a better life after death.

After hearing this Gospel message from the missionaries, King Edwin of North Umbria got together all his noblemen and discussed the after-life.

One nobleman said, "Our human life is like a banquet hall. You are sitting at table feasting, with the warm fire blazing in the hearth, while outside the wintry storm rages. A sparrow enters through a window, flies the length of the hall, enjoying the light and the warmth, and then flies out back into the cold wintry darkness from which it came. So with us, at birth we emerge from who knows where, and for a short time we live here on earth, with its light and comfort, but then we fly out back into the darkness. We know nothing of what went before and what comes after. If this new teaching about having a better life after death can lighten the darkness for us, let us follow it."

In the Gospel the rich man had no interest in after-life. He lived for the moment. His motto was "eat, drink, and be merry." His philosophy was, "I want as much self-pleasure for myself now because when I'm dead, I'm dead."

This rich man fits right in our 21st century culture of materialism. Materialism defines people by how much they earn, or consume, or spend.

The rich man knew who Lazarus was by name. But on earth, he simply does not care about him. He is totally caught up in his own pleasures. He does not harm Lazarus and is not violent or abusive to him. He simply ignores him.

Here is the message that Jesus wants us to hear: Actions in this life have meaning, significance, and lasting consequences in the after-life.

To me, to reduce life to physical pleasure and consumerism is to live a life of poverty. To live only for self and purely for this life, is to cheapen what it means to be human. I committed to a vocation because I found myself living a single life only for myself. I made money and I spent it on myself. I made more money. What fun!

Being truly human means living with a commitment to, and concern for, one's fellow human beings. The message from Jesus this Sunday reveals the true meaning of life: loving thy neighbor leads to a more satisfying experience of life in the here and now, as well as in the life to come.

STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 22, 2013	\$ 5,488.80	Online	\$760.00
Last Year	\$ 7,854.85	Online	\$370.00
Blue Env. New Sign	\$0.00	Online	\$160.00
Archdiocesan School Collection	\$1,067.80		

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Sept. 30

Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-23,29 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday Oct. 1

Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:17 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Oct. 2

Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 18:1-5,106

Thursday Oct. 3

Neh 8:1-4a,5-6 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

Friday Oct. 4

Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5,89 Lk 10:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Sept. 28

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

Sept. 29

9:00am

For the Protection of the Unborn

11:30am

+ Gordon Spaulding

Monday

Sept. 30

9:00am

Tuesday

Oct. 1

9:00am

Wednesday

Oct. 2

9:00am

+ Marya Abramczyk

Thursday

Oct. 3

9:00am

Friday

Oct. 4

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation resumed on September 22. Registration is on line. If you would like more information, contact the office.

1ST RECONCILIATION

Classes began Saturday, September 7 at 3pm in the All Saints Center. Students must also register in Faith Formation classes that began Sept. 22 at 10am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The New Class meets in the All Saints Center; Scott and Val's Class meets in the Social Hall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOGLE QUESTION

When is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels?

MINISTRY TRAINING—OCT 12

Valley parishes will gather for ministry training: Eucharistic Ministers, Homebound Eucharist, Hospitality, Servers, Music, Linens, Art & Environment and Lectors. Please join us.

WHY CATHOLIC

Adult Faith Formation

Small faith groups will form for 6 sessions that focus on prayer and how God communicates with us. Prayer is one of the four pillars of the Sacred Scripture and the Catechism. Please sign the list in the social hall for the times that are best for you. Small groups will be formed with people who wish to meet on same day and time. For more information Jacque Briskey at countess@gci.net

RETRouvILLE

This program for troubled married couples is hosting a weekend on Oct. 18-20. Please contact 1-800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The staff and students of OLV would like to thank the gentleman from the Knights of Columbus Artic Madonna Council for the support that they have shown to our school. The Knights shared \$240 from their pancake breakfast with the school. THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the generous parishioners who donated to the Archdiocese of Anchorage Catholic Schools Annual Appeal. Sacred Heart contributed \$1067.80 to the Archdiocesan School Collection.

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who supported OLV's Steak Dinner last weekend. Together we were able to raise over \$2000 to support Catholic Education. Your support of Catholic Education is greatly appreciated. The event is pictured on our Facebook site.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 28 Reconciliation Class 3-4:30pm All Saints
- 28 Youth Mass 5pm
- 28/29 Debra Lighthart—Rosaries & Gifts
- 30 Centering Prayer 6:30pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Rosary 7pm
- 5 ACTS Oktoberfest
- 6/7 Blue Envelope 2nd Collection for the Sign
Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis
Get My People Going! Sign-up
- 12 Ministry Training
- 12/13 *Get My People Going!* Sign-up

OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 5

The whole family is invited to the Oktoberfest and Silent Auction on October 5 from 6-8pm in the Social Hall for music, food, and fun. Pre-order forms will be available September 21/22 and 28/29.

OLV VENDOR FAIR—NOVEMBER 9

The OLV Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair is Saturday, November 9th. If you are a home demonstrator and would like to purchase a table please contact Donna Green 373-1310 or Karena Forster 354-6824. Proceeds will help fund student activities. Thank you for your support!

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Please contact hospitality or Fr Scott before Mass if you have wheat gluten intolerance.

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Get My People Going! is rooted in Exodus; this 8-week individualized program invites you to select 2-3 areas of your life that you would like to improve. Sign-up dates are Oct 5/6 & 12/13. When you sign-up, you will receive participant materials. Come join us on the journey! Contact Parish Nurses: Donna Green, Maureen Silvan, and Ellen Betts.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed:
peanut butter, jelly
toilet paper,
flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal,
all kinds of baby
food
357-3769

FUNERAL MINISTRY NOTE

We are compiling a cookbook of the excellent casseroles, special salads, and delectable desserts served at our funeral receptions. We invite recipes to Sharon or Judy as soon as possible. We would like an entry from every one you!! **Please pick up any dishes you brought. Dishes left in the kitchen from the funeral reception will be given to the Bishop's Attic on Tuesday.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be supervised and accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult. Due to meetings and other activities in the Church after Mass, children cannot be running and screaming through the building. Thank you for your assistance.