

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The story of the ten lepers is about receiving chances to strengthen our faith. All the lepers received that opportunity. They were miraculously healed. Only one leper chose to let his spiritual encounter with Jesus strengthen his faith. In my life, I have received numerous second chances.

After I learned how to swim, I was swimming in the Deschutes River and Spike, our Labrador, wanted to play. He swam out to me and started jumping on top of me. I almost drowned.

Driving from Anchorage to Fairbanks, I rolled my friends Jeep near Nenana. We hit a snowdrift. We rolled four times and landed upside down. It was 40 below zero outside. I got a second chance.

Flying to Levelock, Alaska, one windy morning I decided not to land there because I did not trust myself landing on the short gravel runway with the wind gusting to 35 MPH. I continued on to King Salmon and landed. The next morning, just before lifting off, I lost my engine. I was able to stop before I hit the end of the runway. If I would have taken off from Levelock, I could have died crashing into the trees at the end of the short runway. God gave me second chance.

These second chances strengthened my faith. Nine lepers did not use their spiritual experiences to grow in faith. They went back to their empty and unfulfilling lives. One of the lepers used the spiritual event to change his life. He acknowledged Jesus as Lord and Savior. He grew in faith. He gave thanks to God for his life.

Ultimately, the story of the leper is about seizing or not seizing second chances. How do you react when you have a scare in life? How do you react when it turns out OK? Getting a second chance to nine of the lepers meant going back to the same old way of life. Sure, they were happy at first. Sure they were grateful for a little while, but how soon they forgot.

The second chance for the one leper launched a new insight, which was a deep praise for God and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus will sustain this grateful man for the rest of his life.

In the first reading from Kings, God gave Naaman a second chance. It changed his life. After being cleaned of leprosy, Naaman said to the prophet Elisha, "I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord."

For you and me, second chances don't have to come from life and death situations. We may get a second chance to repair a hurt relationship. We might get a second chance to give back something we took that was not ours. We may get a second chance to tell the truth to someone we lied to. From now on, take that second chance to help you get to know Jesus a little better .

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 6, 2013	\$6,147.60	Online \$ 1,100.00
Last Year	\$7,192.45	Online \$ 495.00
Sign	\$3,202.15	Online \$ 183.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 14

Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Oct. 15

Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Oct. 16

Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Oct. 17

Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday Oct. 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13ab,17-18 Lk 10:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Oct. 12

5:00pm

Shan Satterfield

Sunday

Oct. 13

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Audrey Brewer

Monday

Oct. 14

9:00am

Tuesday

Oct. 15

9:00am

Wednesday

Oct. 16

9:00am

Thursday

Oct. 17

9:00am

Friday

Oct. 18

9:00am

+ Anna Lippmann



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 RECONCILIATION

1st Reconciliation will be celebrated on October 19th at 11am. Students meet in the Social Hall at 9am. A potluck will follow.

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

Did St. Luke know St. Paul?

MINISTRY TRAINING

Thank you for joining our 1st Annual Ministry Day. We had a great day. If you missed this training day, you must contact the office to stay on the ministry lists.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Small faith groups will meet for 6 sessions to explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer. Sessions focus on prayer and how God communicates with us, different forms of prayer, some difficulties we experience in prayer, and a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. The groups will be formed with people who wish to meet on the same day and time. Contact Jacque Briskey at countess@gci.net

OCTOBER—ROSARY MONTH

www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place to contemplate Jesus and Mary. This uncomplicated format is for everyone at no cost to enrich faith through a beautiful prayer.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This weekend kicks off the start of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School's Annual Faith and Knowledge Fund Drive. The funds raised through this annual drive, formerly known as the Annual Appeal, allow us to continue offering a high quality Catholic education to children in the Mat-Su Valley. The families, staff and students of OLV thank all of you for your past support of the school and ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the success of this drive.

OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization is sponsoring the 2nd annual Halloween Fest on October 31st following the vigil mass. Last year we had an amazing turn out of kids and volunteers; let's make this year a greater success for our community. Volunteers are needed to set up a game table or pass out candy. Please contact Sarah Soule 232-0520 or the school office 376-0883

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 12/13 *Get My People Going!* Sign-up
Why Catholic groups
RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcome 9am
- 14 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 17 Rosary 7pm
- 19 1st Reconciliation 9am-1pm
- 20 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 26 Youth Mass 5pm
- 31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Halloween Fest 6:30pm Social Hall

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Mass 9:00am

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!

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 continues on Oct. 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. Sign up sheets are in the social hall.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed:
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Top Ramen
Cereal

357-3769

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult. Due to meetings in the Church after Mass, please supervise your children closely and help keep the noise down. Children need to be supervised on the playground. Thank you for your assistance.

FURNITURE MINISTRY

The 1st Presbyterian Church has a large selection of furniture for individuals and families in need. Please call 355-9011 for an appointment and assistance.

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