

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In our Gospel, Saint Luke speaks of Theophilus, a person who has already been instructed in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Theophilus means "lover of God."

We have all heard the expression "lay your cards on the table." It basically means to be up front with people. It means making yourself perfectly clear, to show your true feelings, or to expose your plans and ideas. To me it means being honest and not trying to deceive people.

In the Gospel, Saint Luke is "laying his cards on the table." He is being completely "up front" with Theophilus and his community. In a very clear program, he explains what we are called to do as children of God. That program tells us exactly what has to be done to gain salvation.

Traditionally, prophets told of the Messiah coming to help the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed. Prophets before Jesus were to be companions in our distress and advocates on our behalf. Jesus is all that and more. Jesus also came to establish the reign of God in our lives.

We are all spiritual children of Jesus. Like Saint Luke, Theophilus, and those first Christian communities, we are inheritors of a program for salvation. It is a program that is crystal clear because in today's Gospel, Saint Luke "laid all the cards on the table."

Be a companion to the poor

Set prisoners free

Fight oppression

Enable others to confront what they prefer to ignore

Boldly proclaim there is no one beyond God's favor or grace

Luke asks us to "get with the program." These are very tough demands. They are not optional or extras. These demands define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world. May the Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand,

STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 20, 2013	\$5,886.51
Online	\$785.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$245.00
Property	\$25.00 online \$5.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Jan.28

Heb 9:15,24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday Jan.29

Heb 10:11-18 Ps 40:2,4,78,10-11 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Jan.30

Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday Jan.31

Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b,5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Friday Feb.1

Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 26
5:00pm	+ John Kelly
Sunday	Jan. 27
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Jack Furina
Monday	Jan. 28
9:00am	
Tuesday	Jan. 29
10:00am	
Wednesday	Jan. 30
9:00am	+ Catherine Cizek
Thursday	Jan.31
9:00am	
Friday	Feb. 1
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am.
Pre-school and K meet at 11:30am

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is Theophilus?

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Students in the second year (2013) program meet at 1pm in the Old Church; students in the first year (2014) program meet in the St. Jude Center.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

February 17, 24, and March 3

Catholic adults who have not had an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join preparation classes taught by Fr. Scott. The candidates will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please call the office.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Lenten Longings

During this Year of Faith we are called to live our Catholic faith each and every day. The Archdiocese is encouraging all to participate in *Lenten Longings*, a program of small parish groups who meet for 6 weeks to discuss *Lenten Longings*, a six-week lectionary-based, faith-sharing resource.

People's experiences in a small community shows that we all come from different places on the faith journey, but with the sharing we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join us this Lent? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture – it's called Lenten Longings. We believe you will be richer for the experience.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment forms are at the OLV office or call 376-0883.
OLV Steak Dinner **February 2** at the American Legion Post #35 mile 46 of the Parks Hwy. Great Steak and a fantastic Dessert Auction. Tickets available after mass.

OLV parents will hold a Vendor Fair in the Social Hall on Saturday, **February 23** from 9am-3pm. If you have products you would like to sell, please contact Donna Green (373-1310 or 232-2634) or Sarah Soule (232-0520) for more information.

Save the date for OLV's 6th Annual Gala Auction, **April 13, 2013** at the Sports Complex. Tickets on sale now \$50 per person 21 and older.

Special pricing: **\$45 if purchased by February 1, 2013.** Corporate tables available \$750 Gold \$600 Silver call for details.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 26/27 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and Gifts
- 27 Catholic Schools Week begins: Special collection
- 28 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 31 Rosary 7:00pm

FEBRUARY

- 3 Middle School Sandwich making

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN 27—FEB 2

In celebration of Catholic Schools, our 2nd collection will support Our Lady of the Valley. Please join us in supporting their educational and spiritual programs.

RETROUVAILLE—FEBRUARY 15-17

There is still time to sign up for this excellent program. Couples are given the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a positive and new way. For information, please call 800-470-2230 or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

ACTS RETREATS

The women's retreat will be Feb. 7-10 and the men's is Mar. 7-10. ACTS members will be available after the masses to answer questions and provide information about these dynamic retreats. Registration forms for the women's retreat are due Wednesday, January 23.

WHY CATHOLIC? LENTEN LONGINGS

Don't give up chocolate or dessert this Lent. Join a small faith group with your friends and family. Sign-up sheets and cards are available this weekend after all the masses.

BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

The Bishop's Attic needs volunteers. Please call Jack for more information 745-4215

WASILLA FOOD PANTRY

Please consider us as a volunteer opportunity this season.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal
all kinds of baby food
357-3769

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—FEB 2 & 3

The Confirmation students will continue their annual collection for the Wasilla Food Pantry on February 2nd and 3rd after all masses. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to the Food Pantry. Students will be collecting food and money; consider bringing a case of Mac & Cheese, soup, canned vegetables or fruit.