

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT July 6, 2014 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Romans, Paul explains, "Consequently, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." This verse from Romans made me ask the question, "If not in debt to the flesh, are we in debt to God?" Spiritual debtors are the poor of spirit, the humble, and the meek. The poor cannot own, rule, or conquer. The poor are truly deep in debt to God for everything.

Before becoming a priest, I was always in financial debt. Debt dictated my life and stressed me out. I was worried about paying it back. We deal with debt every day. Thinking of debt in terms of our spirituality may help us in our daily lives to be better Christians. I would like to compare and contrast financial debt with spiritual debt. Financial debt is defined as an amount of money borrowed by one party from another. We owe another person money. My definition of spiritual debt is something we owe to God for creating us and taking care of us.

### Similarities

- Both motivate us to change something or do something different.
- In both we owe something to someone.
- Both take sacrifice, suffering, and work.
- We receive something first, then pay for it later.

### Differences

- We choose to be in financial debt. Everyone starts out in spiritual debt to God.
- Legally we must pay back financial debt. We do not have to pay back spiritual debt if we choose not to.
- Paying back financial debt is a burden. Paying back spiritual debt makes us feel good about ourselves.
- In deep financial debt we focus more on money. The deeper in spiritual debt we go, the more we focus on God. Financial debt imprisons us. Spiritual debt frees us.

Our reward for paying back financial debt is a paper receipt. Our reward for paying spiritual debt is hope for eternal life. How do you know if God is happy with your payment plan? You will know by the amount of peace you feel right now. The more you pay back to God, the less burden you will have, and the more peace you will have. The greatest way to pay back our debt to God is to strive and pray for peace and harmony among fellow Christians. Work toward being united with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus is talking to those of us who choose not to pay back spiritual debt: the arrogant; those burdened with financial debt; the unkind; the judgmental. He tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and you will find rest." Choose to pay back spiritual debt. You will actually become less burdened and happier. Jesus tells us, "For my yolk is easy and MY burden is light."

### **STEWARDSHIP**

June 29, 2014 \$6,169.05    Online \$630.00  
 Last Year        \$6,048.10    Online \$755.00  
 Aid to Eastern Europe \$115.00

### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday July 7**

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26

#### **Tuesday July 8**

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-7b, 8-10 Mt 9:32-38

#### **Wednesday July 9**

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

#### **Thursday July 10**

Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2ac-3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

#### **Friday July 11**

Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:16-23

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday July 5**

5:00pm

#### **Sunday July 6**

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:30am +Yasuo Sanoh

#### **Monday July 7**

9:00am Jefferson So

#### **Tuesday July 8**

9:00am

#### **Wednesday July 9**

9:00am

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9:00am

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9:00am



## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation classes begin in the Fall.

### 1st Reconciliation /1st Eucharist

Students should be in the 2nd grade or higher and registered in Faith Formation classes. Baptismal certificate is required for students not baptized at Sacred Heart.

### CONFIRMATION

Students should be entering 9th grade or higher. Classes begin in the fall. Adult classes are scheduled for March. Baptismal certificate is required for those not baptized at Sacred Heart.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### GOOGLE QUESTION

When did Pope John Paul II canonize Augustin Zhao Rong and other Chinese martyrs?

## COMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 5/6 Voter Registration after Mass
- 7 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 10 St Jude Quilt 10am-2pm
- 11 Rosary 7pm
- 27 Adult Catechism Discussion 10:15 am

### DILLINGHAM YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Thank you for supporting our Mission to Dillingham. We had a great time and appreciate all the support from the Parish for our trip.



### WELCOME FR. CHRIS

Fr. Chris is joining Sacred Heart again this year for the month of July. He is quite adventurous so don't hesitate to invite him for skydiving or other more sedate activities!!

### FOOD BANK

Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Rice, Sugar, Flour,  
Tomato Sauce, Pasta,  
Cereal, Oats,  
Milk—Powdered/Can  
357-3769

## ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the 2014 One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal. Your pledges and donations make possible the vital work of our local Church. Last week, 286 families had participated, an Archdiocesan record. Next week we will have the final tally. Help your Archdiocese Go Green! Make your pledge securely online at [www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate](http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate)



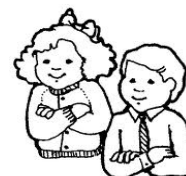
Adult Catechism, 7-27-14, 10:15  
Topic: "Blessing in Communion Line." All are welcome. All EMOHC need to attend.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**JOB OPENING:** Part-time 6-8th Grade teacher. Must have a current teaching certificate (Alaska type A or other state), B.S. or B.A. Applications are available at [www.olvasilla.com](http://www.olvasilla.com) Click "teacher application" link. Please send application and resume to [contactolv@valleycatholicschool.org](mailto:contactolv@valleycatholicschool.org) or fax 907-376-0853.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal  
Enrollment is open—Please call to make an appointment—376-0883

Thank you to all our friends and parishioners for making our recent craft sale a success.



### THANK YOU

I would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for sharing the last 20 years together. To all of you who said yes whenever I called you will never know the difference you made in someone's life, especially the Funeral & Music Ministry. The church looks as beautiful as it does thanks to Dave Belanger, Art Gravley & Mike Schachle who always came when I called when something needed to be repaired.

To the students and staff of OLV my days were filled with joy watching you learn and grow in your faith. Friday mass was the highlight of my week.

Now the time has come to move to Colorado to be closer to my parents. Please pray for Dave & me.

I would love to hear from you. My temporary address will be C/O Beverly Watts 3232 Salem St Aurora, CO 80011. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The beautiful painting of Sacred Heart that was a gift from all of you is greatly appreciated. Sheila English

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers may be requested on-line on the parish web site under Spiritual Life.

### LINEN MINISTRY

We need more volunteers to launder Mass linens. Please sign-up in the Sacristy.

### SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

Simply click the image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>  
This is a prayerful and thoughtful way to give safely.

