

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT The Ascension of the Lord June 1, 2014

When I was becoming a Catholic, there were several big words that I had to learn. The “A” words scared me the most. I had no idea what Aspergillum, Ascension, Assumption, or Annunciation meant. Here are some of those words I had to learn.

VENERATE: We venerate or honor the saints and Mary. We pay them respect and ask them to intercede for us. That means we ask them to pray **WITH** us, **THROUGH** the Spirit, **IN** Jesus Christ, **TO** God.

WORSHIP/ADORE: Worshiping or Adoring is reserved to God alone. Many other faiths like to say we worship Mary. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Venerating is not worshiping.

INCARNATION: Incarnation comes from the root Spanish word *carne*, meaning “meat.” It describes the event when God became man. He became flesh and blood (meat) like us.

ANNUNCIATION: This is the time when the angel Gabriel announced that Mary was to become the Mother of God and announced to her that she was pregnant with our Lord.

ASSUMPTION: Assumption is the term used to describe the way Mary went to Heaven. She was assumed. That means that an angel had to come down and get her human body and take it to heaven.

ASCENSION: Ascension is the term used to describe the way Jesus went to Heaven. Since He is fully divine and fully human, He did not need help rising to Heaven. He did it Himself. He ascended.

I also had trouble putting events in order. Let’s see if you can put the following words in order:

Walk on Water Assumption Crucifixion Resurrection Last Supper Presentation
 Incarnation Annunciation 10 Commandments Ascension Immaculate Conception

Saint Augustine helped me to understand the Ascension. He said that Christ ascended into heaven. As humans living on earth, our bodies do not ascend, but our hearts ascend to Jesus. We naturally seek Jesus above. Saint Augustine believed that we can be with Jesus right now through love. Augustine concluded that, “Since Christ Ascended and He is the head of us and we are the body, we can NEVER be separated.” The last line in the reading from Acts tells us, “Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” Jesus sent us his Holy Spirit. Although his physical body is not visibly present, Jesus is certainly present in each one of us right now. Our role in the Ascension is to make that presence visible to everyone that we meet.

STEWARDSHIP

May 26, 2014	\$5089.60	Online	\$630.00
Last Year	\$4640.50	Online	\$770.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday June 2

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd,6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday June 3

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday June 4

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36a Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday June 5

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a 5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday June 6

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12 Jn 21:15-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am

11:30am

Monday

9:00am

Tuesday

9:00am

Wednesday

9:00am

Thursday

9:00am

Friday

9:00am

May 31

For the People of the Parish

June 1

+ Edward Fitzgibbon

+ Mike Petrina

June 2

June 3

+Douglas Lund

June 4

June 5

June 6



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will begin in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Teens entering the 9th grade and all high school students are invited to the Confirmation preparation series that begins this Fall. Registration will be in August.

ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Registration forms are on the website: sacredheartwasilla.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

How are St. Boniface and Thor related?

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Did you know that 21 of your local Church's parishes and missions are located in rural and remote communities? Your gift through the One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal helps make possible support for parishes and missions in some of the most remote communities in North America. Please make your pledge today online, www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.



PARISH PICNIC PENTECOST JUNE 8

The parish will supply hamburgers, chicken, and hot dogs. Parishioners supply sides and desserts. This would be a great Feast Day to bring ethnic and cultural favorites of your family.

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.olvwasilla.com Click "teacher application" link. Please send application and resume to contactolv@valleycatholicsschool.org or fax 907-376-0853.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal Enrollment is open—376-0883

OLV PLANT SALE

The OLV staff and students are profoundly grateful to the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their support and contribution of plants for our Building Fund Plant Sale. Without the dedication and hard work of Alice Massie, chairperson, this would not have been possible. Her efforts, along with our OLV supporters, netted \$1800 toward the Building Fund. Together we make a difference. God bless you all.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 2 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 5 Rosary 7pm
- 8 Parish picnic w/Blessing of Motorcycles
- 15 Father's Day—Blessing of Fathers
- 23-27 Dillingham Retreat for Youth
- 29 Adult Catechism Discussion 10:15am Chapel

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Our Lady of the Lake



Students going to Dillingham from OLL are having a Yard Sale & Car Wash to support Faith Formation & the Dillingham trip. Join us at OLL on June 14 from 9am—4pm and after Mass on June 15 from 11am—1pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Garden Boxes

The Gardens benefit the Food Bank of Wasilla. Contact the office or sign the sheet in the atrium.



Parish Picnic

On Saturday, June 7th Knights are needed to cook chicken for the Picnic starting at 8am. Knights are needed to cook hot dogs and burgers on Sunday, June 8 at noon. Please contact Patrick Cook.



Old Flag Collection

Old flags will be collected in a box in the atrium for appropriate retirement on June 13th.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—MAY 31/JUNE 1

In the Archdiocese of Anchorage, this Solemnity is celebrated on Sunday, not Thursday.

BLESSED THEODORE RHOMZA BYZANTINE (GREEK) CATHOLIC MISSION

The Byzantine mission (an outreach of St Nicholas of Myra—Anchorage) meets Sundays at Sacred Heart at 3pm. The Greek Byzantine Catholic Church is in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church but uses the Byzantine liturgical rite in the Koine Greek and modern Greek language. For more information about this Rite, please contact Fr. Michael Sidun 907-277-6731 or www.ak-byz-cath.org

BLESSING OF THE MOTORCYCLES June 8 at 1:30 pm

Fr. Scott will bless all motorcycles at the Parish picnic.