

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT March 16, 2014 Second Sunday in Lent

When I was in middle school in Bend, Oregon, my friend Ted invited me to climb the South Sister, the largest of the Three Sisters. The Indians named these three Cascade Mountains Faith, Hope, and Love. We got up early, drove 40 minutes, and started our climb in the dark. Ted's dad brought a packsack. Ted and I traded off carrying it. Every step we took the pack seemed to get heavier. I said to Ted, "What is in this thing"?

When we finally reached the top, we took an entire cantaloupe out of the pack. Then Ted's dad pulled out a bottle of Champaign, for himself and Denis, his lawyer friend. Ted and I were a bit angry because most of the stuff in the heavy pack was not for us. Ted's dad did not even cut up the cantaloupe to make it lighter. "And where was the chocolate?" The two men celebrated the beauty of the view and the exhilaration they experienced during the climb while Ted and I watched.

Climbing mountains transforms us and literally brings us closer to God. In the Bible, great things happen on mountains. In fact, Jesus and Moses have life changing experiences on mountaintops.

Moses went up Mount Sinai alone. He received a code of law called the Ten Commandments. God told him to be sure the people obey it. Up on top of the mountain, Moses' face shined like a beacon. He descended the mountain to enforce the law.

Jesus climbed Mount Tabor with friends. On top of Mount Tabor, he received a proclamation of God's love. On top of the mountain, the entire body of Jesus is transfigured with light. Jesus came down from the mountain to make known the love God has for us. He did that by dying on the cross.

By obeying God's laws, by listening to the Gospel of love, and by opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we gain the power to transform the world. Lent is not supposed to be a grim season of self-denial. It is about sacrificing for forty days so we can grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us. As we grow more deeply in love with God, we are able to transform the world.

Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience. On this spiritual mountain top, we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us. Communion gives us spiritual strength to help us obey God's Laws. The readings enable us to learn God's law of Love. Prayer opens wide our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives. This mountain experience transfigures us and makes us shine brightly. After Mass, we descend this spiritual mountain to make the world a better place.

STEWARDSHIP

Mar.9,2014 \$5,785.10 Online \$1,345.00
Last Year \$6,971.30 Online \$740.00
Rice Bowl Middle School \$107.95

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Mar. 17

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11.13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Mar. 18

Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Mar. 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22

Thursday Mar. 20

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday Mar. 21

Gn 37:3-4 Ps 105:16-+21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Mar. 15

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday

Mar. 16

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Dorothea Adkins

Monday

Mar.17

9:00am

+ Mr. & Mrs. Foley

Tuesday

Mar. 18

9:00am

Wednesday

Mar. 19

9:00am

Thursday

Mar. 20

9:00am

Friday

Mar. 21

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Classes will not meet during Spring Break March 9 & 16. Classes resume March 22.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The second year class meets in the All Saints Center at 1pm. The New Confirmation class Candidates continue meetings with their sponsors. Their *Why Catholic?* groups resume in March with the same books for the final 6 chapters on prayer.

ADULT CONFIRMATION—Mar16

The 3rd class meets in the All Saints Center at 10am. Fr. Scott will lead this week's session on the Mass

1ST EUCHARIST

Classes meet on Saturday, March 8 at 3pm. No class March 15.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 16 Adult Confirmation III 10am All Saints Building
2nd Collection: Peter's Pence, Africa, Latin America, and Catholic Relief Services
Knights Breakfast
- 17 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 20 Rosary 7:00pm
- 21 Soup & Stations Eucharistic M. hosting 6pm
- 25 ACTS Core team 6:30—8pm Open to public
- 29 OLV Annual Dinner Auction—Menard 5:30pm
Youth Mass 5pm
- 29/30 Debra Lighthouse Rosaries & Gifts
- 31 Lent Confession OLOL 6pm

APRIL

- 1 Lent Confession St. Michael 7pm
- 2 Lent Confession Sacred Hart 5:30pm

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Rice, Pasta, Sugar,
Flour, Tomato
Sauce, Oats, Powder/Can Milk

357-3769

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is the patron saint of the seal of confession?

WHY CATHOLIC?

Prayer can be silent, vocal, shared, or private. Sometimes prayer comes with great ease and other times it may be quite difficult.

ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Early registration ends May 1—\$75. After May 1—\$90. ACYE is sponsored by Alaska Conference of Bishops.

CRS RICE BOWL: Guatemala

This week, Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. Reflect on Catholic teaching to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala that we may come to know and protect their lives.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic School
"Breakfast at Tiffany's"

The 7th Annual Dinner Auction is on Saturday, March 29th at the Menard Sports Complex in Wasilla. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$50 21 and older. Limited amount of tickets are available. No tickets sold at the door. Delicious Prime Rib dinner, appetizers, beer and wine cash bar, live entertainment, DJ, silent and live auction items: Alaska Railroad trip for 4, Day Spa package, Argentina Dove hunt, Art work, Weekend RV rental, etc. plus games and more! We are accepting donations and a tax deductible receipt will be given. Please call or stop by the office. 376-0883

Thank you!



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BABY BOUTIQUE

Babies and toddlers need new and gently used hooded sweatshirts, hats, mittens, sweatpants, coats, snowsuits, and jackets. One piece t-shirts and diapers in all sizes are always in demand. A collection basket is in the social hall.



FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise will be hosting families during the week of March 16. Sacred Heart needs volunteers in many areas. Please contact Gini King-Taylor or Judith Akrep 373-3852

PARISH CALENDAR

A current parish calendar is on our website and is updated regularly.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Download the Rice Bowl app from iTunes for daily reflections, meatless recipes, stories, and videos. Track your sacrifice goal.

SERVICE COLLECTIONS—Worship Locally . . . Give Globally

This weekend, a special collection will benefit Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Please give generously to help provide food, shelter, water, sanitation, emergency assistance, education and opportunities for life-long faith formation to our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Together in solidarity, we can impact the lives of millions worldwide. Thank you!