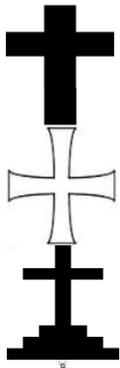


GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Lazarus was lifted up as Christ was on the cross. Crosses symbolize spirituality and healing. The four points of a cross represent self, nature, wisdom, and higher power. Crosses suggest transition, balance, faith, unity, temperance, hope, and life. They represent relationships and a need for connecting with other people. The cross is one of the earliest and most widely used Christian symbols. In the broadest sense it symbolizes the religion of Christianity. More specifically, the cross represents and memorializes Christ's death. There are a variety of crosses, some with specific symbolic meaning and others that have simply become culturally associated with certain groups. The cross without the Body of Christ is favored by Protestants reminding all Christians of the resurrection. The crucifix with the body of Jesus is favored by Catholic and Orthodox churches, reminding us of Christ's sacrifice. An inverted cross is the cross of St. Peter, who, according to tradition, was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die the same way Christ did. The simplest and most common Christian cross is the Latin cross, which came into use in the 2nd or 3rd century.



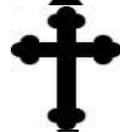
The Greek cross, with arms of equal length, is the most ancient cross. The cross of Calvary or Graded Cross has three steps leading up to it, which can represent the hill of Calvary or faith, hope, and love.

The papal cross is the official symbol of the papacy, and may be used only by the Pope. The three bars of the cross most likely represent the three realms of the Pope's authority: the church, the world, and heaven.



The baptismal cross has eight points, symbolizing regeneration. It is formed by combining the Greek cross with the Greek letter chi (X), the first letter of "Christ" in Greek.

The budded cross is a common form of the cross. Its trefoils represent the Trinity.



The triumphant cross with the orb represents Christ's reign over the world. It is often shown atop Christ's scepter in Christian art.



The Celtic cross symbolizes the human desire to know and experience the unfolding mystery of life. The mystery unfolds in a four-fold pattern in which the arms of the cross offer four ways to ascension, an invitation to objectively know Self, Nature, Wisdom and God. The ring around the Celtic cross could be a halo and the cross represents Jesus Christ. Christian monks combined the sun-god idea with the Christian cross to broaden the appeal to Irish pagans.



Crosses can also represent navigation; we can look to the cross as a symbolic compass. The cross offers (1) Spiritual navigation: the cross can re-center our focus and move our thoughts in the right direction; (2) Cyclical navigation: The cross deals with the transition of the seasons; and 3) Time navigation: The top half of the horizontal bare would symbolize sunrise and the lower half sunset.

STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2013	\$6,971.30	Online \$665.00
Last Year	\$5,582.15	Online \$0.00
Special Projects	\$21.00	Online \$205.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday March 18

Dn 13:1-9,15-17 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a Ps 89:2-5,27 Rom 4:13,16,22

Wednesday March 20

Dn 3:14-20,91-92 (ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday March 21

Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105: 4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday March 22

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16
5:00pm + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday March 17
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:30am +Patricia Hemes

Monday March 18
9:00am

Tuesday March 19
9:00am +Gordon Sandbakken

Wednesday March 20
9:00am

Thursday March 21
9:00am Intention of Joan Amanda

Friday March 22
9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

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

SPRING BREAK

No Faith Formation or Confirmation classes on March 17.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the chrism mass?

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Classes meet Saturday at 3pm.
Students must attend these preparation classes. No class on March 30. 1st Eucharist will be April 28th at 11:30am.

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Students meet in St. Christopher building and All Saints Activity Center. Confirmation will be April 20th at 5pm.

DILLINGHAM YOUTH

MISSION TRIP

Please sign up for this mission trip by March 18. This will be a wonderful, life changing experience. Teens entering 9th grade and older are invited.

YOUTH MASS

Beginning on April 27th, the parish will sponsor a youth mass on Saturdays at 5pm once a month. Youth will be hospitality, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and music. All youth and their families and friends are encouraged to join this spirit filled mass.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

This year Catholic Social Services is asking for your support of St. Francis House Food Pantry. This is a great opportunity to link prayer, sacrifice, and giving to those in greater need than ourselves.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV's 6th Annual Gala Auction is **April 13, 2013** at the Sports Complex. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person 21 and older. Corporate tables are available: Gold—\$750 & Silver—\$600. Please call for details.

Donations are being accepted for the auction. Items may be dropped at the school office or arrangements can be made. We are seeking adults to assist with this event. Please call Karen (376-0883) if you can provide time and talent.



OLV Website

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 17 Knights Pancake Breakfast
- 18 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 21 Rosary 7pm
- 22 Soup & Stations 7pm Confirmation
- 25 Social Hall Holy Week prep—no activities
Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 28 Holy Thurs: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
- 29 Good Friday: Stations Noon
Passion of the Lord 7:00pm
- 28 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:00pm
- 29 Easter Sunday: 9:00am & 11:30am

PALM SUNDAY CROSS DISPLAY

Families are invited to bring their home crosses to the Social Hall for a display of crosses. A card will be available to identify the family and add any interesting fact or history about your family's cross.

SOUP SUPPER—CRS Rice Bowl

Thank you for your generous support of \$75.05 for Catholic Relief Services at the Soup Supper dinner on Friday. We invite parishioners to donate what they would have spent on dinner on Friday night to the CRS Rice Bowl project.

HOSPITALITY

We are in critical need of hospitality ministers at all masses. Please consider this opportunity to assist at mass and sign the sheet in the social hall. If we can recruit 8 families for every mass, the ministers would only be scheduled approximately every six weeks. At this point, some of the ministers are serving every week in order to provide the needed coverage. This is a great and friendly ministry and an opportunity to meet other parishioners and welcome new people.

FOOD PANTRY

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

**The Pantry needs lots
of grocery sacks.

KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Knights will be hosting their affordable and delicious breakfast on March 17 after both masses. The Knights will also sell buffalo raffle tickets after mass.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available in the atrium until March 17.

SERVICE COLLECTION—March 16/17

The collection will benefit Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Your gift supports the pastoral work of the Church throughout the world. Please consider giving to this collection.