

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT March 30, 2014 Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Gospel today talks about going from darkness into the light.

Here in Alaska we go from dark winters to light summers. We also go from dark to light spiritually.

Saint Paul says, "You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

Many of us have experienced going from darkness into the light; you just may not see it that way.

Dark and light is a constant theme in our daily lives. Dark and light are like sin and forgiveness; suffering and being healed; going from despair to hope; Cross-and-Resurrection.

At birth, we physically come from darkness into light. We go from darkness to light during Conversion.

Each transition from darkness into the light gives us opportunities to grow in faith and holiness. Each transition is about our salvation.

Baptism is coming from darkness into the light. We are all born into darkness; what gives us life is Baptism.

In Acts, St. Paul says to the jailer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and your household will be saved." Then the jailer's family was baptized.

We were once blind. The Lord gave us light when we were baptized. About Baptism, Saint Augustine says, "The light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith."

Being confirmed into the Catholic Church is another faith step. It is another transitional step that brings us closer to the light. It makes us shine brighter. It enables us to use the Holy Spirit to help evangelize others. Confirmation gives us direction and helps bring peace to our lives.

The fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during Lent are designed to help us uncover the darkness that we hadn't noticed creeping into our lives.

Today after Eucharist, as we go forth to our families, neighborhoods, and places of work, let's seek out Jesus. Let's notice people in need and help bring them from darkness into light.

Let Easter be a time when you take another faith step and shine just a little brighter.

STEWARDSHIP

Mar.23 ,2014 \$5,580.65 Online \$480.00
Last Year \$7,617.13 Online \$465.00
Rice Bowl Eucharistic Ministers \$56.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Mar. 31

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday April 1

Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday April 2

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday April 3

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday April 4

Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Mar. 29

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

Mar. 30

9:00am

11:30am

+ Chad Hall

Monday

Mar.31

9:00am

Tuesday

April 1

9:00am

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April 2

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April 3

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April 4

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays.

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 with the same books for the final 6 chapters on prayer.

1ST EUCHARIST

Classes meet on Saturday, April 5 at 3pm.

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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
GOOGLE QUESTION**

The sacrament of reconciliation has to do mostly with a) preparation for death, b) holy communion, c) Easter duty, d) baptism, or e) *extreme unction*?

CRS RICE BOWL: Malawi

This week, Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Malawi. Reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*. Just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi as we work with joy for God's greater glory.



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**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



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

Thank you for supporting the 7th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 29th at the Menard Sports Complex in Wasilla. We appreciate all friends, neighbors, and families who made this a "sold-out" success.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY

CROSS DISPLAY

Parishioners are invited to bring their home crosses to display on Palm Sunday, April 13. Cards will be available to describe the history or story that goes with the cross.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes are available for Easter flower memorials. April 14 is the deadline.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 29 Youth Mass 5pm
- 29/30 Debra Lighthead Rosaries & Gifts
- 30 Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis
- 31 Lent Confession OLOL 6pm
- Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm

APRIL

- 1 Lent Confession St. Michael 7pm
- 2 **Lent Confession Sacred Heart 5:30pm**
- 3 Rosary 7pm
- 4 Soup & Stations Lectors/ACTS hosting 6pm
- 6 Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis
- 11 Soup & Stations Confirmation hosting 6pm
- 11-12 2nd Year Confirmation lock-in
- 13 Palm Sunday — Holy Week begins

FINANCE COUNCIL

- Mary Sears
- Susan Colligan
- Mike Schachle
- Mike Verbos
- Carol Akerson
- David Belanger

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Steve Cochran
- Angelina Klapperich
- Hilma Barrera
- John Mahoney
- Karen Smith
- Sr. Mary Hugh McGowan

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

If you would be interested in helping our youth with air miles to Dillingham, please call Sheila at the office. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Youth.



**FOOD BANK
NEEDS**

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

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LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The parish reconciliation will be Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30pm. We will have 5 priests available for that evening.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

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

FIESTA DE MAYO

This is an ACTS fundraiser on May 3rd in the social hall. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass in the atrium. Join us for fantastic Mexican food, games, music, and fun! Family discounts for 4 children or more.

