

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2014

Today I am going to talk about the connection between law and love. Law is not the enemy of love. Freedom and joy do not always equal love. Obedience to Jesus' commands equates to love.

Obedience comes from the Latin Word *oboedire*, meaning to "listen carefully." In other words, obedience means to listen to the Holy Spirit's call in our lives.

This is our law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." We are obedient when we follow this law.

Saint Paul tells us, "The law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say, or how we feel, but in what we do." Saint Paul's fruits of the Law of Love are: (1) Sacrifice, which means to give up something you don't really need for the good of another, and (2) Self Control, which is not acting on impulse.

Sacrifice is an ally of love. The two go hand in hand. Here is an example of sacrifice: take some money that you would normally use for candy, coffee, or snacks and give that money to the Wasilla Food Bank. That is sacrificing for the Law of Love.

If you really want to know what sacrifice is, ask a married couple. A husband and wife sacrifice for each other and for the good of their family every day. That is the Law of Love.

Self-control is also a partner of love. A self-controlled person is able to sort out the appropriate time to undertake an appropriate action. The path to happiness is not being free, doing what we want, and always having money to buy things. The path to happiness is being self-controlled.

A professional athlete knows what self-control is. Self-control is when you focus on a healthy goal and don't let distractions such as one's own impulses, emotions, or desires get in the way of achieving your goal.

The main benefit of self-control is being able to be in charge of your emotional life rather than it being in charge of you.

Here is an example of sacrifice and self-control: set three easily obtainable goals for yourself and prioritize them. For example, sacrifice some time to pray the rosary, exercise for 30 minutes, and eat one piece of fruit and a salad every day. When you set obtainable goals and accomplish them each day, it helps your self-esteem and helps you feel content. Feeling good about yourself helps you to relax and have more patience for others.

This week, may all of us embrace sacrifice and self-control as the doors to an even greater practical experience of the Risen Christ's Law of Love.

STEWARDSHIP

May 18, 2014 \$4,785.50 Online \$640.00
 Last Year \$6,185.25 Online \$1,035.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday May 26

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday May 27

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday May 28

Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday May 29

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday May 30

Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 24
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	May 25
9:00am	
11:30am	+ Margie Shampine
Monday	May 26
9:00am	
Tuesday	May 27
9:00am	
Wednesday	May 28
9:00am	
Thursday	May 29
9:00am	
Friday	May 30
9:00am	



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

The Feast of the Visitation occurs one month prior to what Solemnity?

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Jesus said, "Love one another." One way to love others throughout your local Church is by supporting the ministries that serve all in our faith community. Touch young and old of all cultures with YOUR gift! Please make a commitment to support the 2014 One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal. To make your pledge online, visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.



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 on the "teacher application" link on the main page. Please send your application along with a resume to contactolv@valleycatholicsschool.org or fax to 907-376-0853.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal

Enrollment is now open, please call or stop by today. 376-0883

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.

OLV PLANT SALE MAY 24-25

Alice Massie's tomato plants and other plants will be on sale to support the OLV Building Fund. Alice's plants were a big hit last May, so don't wait to add these beauties to your garden.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 24-25 OLV Plant Sale
Debra Lighthart Rosaries & Catholic Gifts
- 26 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 29 Rosary 7:00pm

JUNE

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

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Thank you for supporting our mission trip. We are planning several more fundraisers to reach our goals.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Garden Boxes

Garden Boxes must be reserved and prepared for planting by May 31st. 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—SUNDAY 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

1ST EUCHARIST PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph packets are available in the atrium or the office.