

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2014

When people come to me and want to enter the church, have their children baptized, or celebrate marriage, I try to meet them where they are. I try not to expect them to be perfect Catholics like you and me (that's a joke). I know we all start our faith journeys at different places. I know that none of us are at the same level of faith. The RCIA program and the sacraments mark the progress we make on our faith journeys.

The road to Emmaus is the road we are all on during our faith journey. The Gospel today describes how Jesus walks with us on that journey. The disciples are on the road to Emmaus. Jesus meets them as they are. Jesus listens to their expectations. He listens to their dreams and disappointments. After listening, Jesus teaches them by reading scripture. This leads to hope.

When you come to mass, you are on a road to Emmaus. God reads your hearts and minds while you are participating at Mass. There is no reason to pretend how you feel. God wants to meet you, as he did with his disciples, in the midst of your lives, wherever that may be. Wherever you are on your faith journey, Jesus first wants to listen to you, and then he wants you to listen to Him.

During Mass, as we are walking on that road to Emmaus, Jesus gives us important knowledge about our faith journeys. The first reading from Acts gives us hope. Acts of the Apostles states, "You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." The second reading from Peter states, "Our Lord will judge us fairly according to our works."

Three main events during our Mass guide and prepare us while we are on our faith journey. These will never change.

1. The risen Christ is present with us during every Mass and will accompany us on our faith journey.
2. Jesus always listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, and hosts us at His table.
3. At the end of Mass, Jesus sends us out and walks with us. We are commissioned to tell the world that Christ is risen and to spread the Gospel teachings.

As we walk on the road to Emmaus, we share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts. That road takes us to Mass every week where we are listened to, taught, nourished, and sent out to build God's kingdom. As you spread the Gospel this week, allow the risen Lord to walk with you .

STEWARDSHIP

May 4, 2014	\$6,714.20	Online \$730.00
Last Year	\$7,430.80	Online \$565.00
Food Bank \$	250.00	Children \$159.40
Dillingham Garage Sale	\$2,038.67	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday May 5

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday May 6

Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4 Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday May 7

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 99:1-3a,4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday May 8

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17 Jn 6:44-51

Friday May 9

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc,2 Jn 6:52-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 3

8:00pm

Sunday May 4

9:00am

+ Steve Adams

11:30am

For the People

Monday May 5

9:00am

Tuesday May 6

9:00am

Wednesday May 7

9:00am

Thursday May 8

9:00am

Friday May 9

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will begin in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1st year group will meet May 4th at 10:00am. Confirmation Mass for the 2nd year group will be May 8th at 7pm.

ACYC

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What was Damien's home country before he went to Hawaii?

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Mass to celebrate all graduates—high school, college, tech—will be May 18 at 11:30am. Please submit names of graduates to the office.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 1 Rosary 7:00pm
- 3 Fiesta de Mayo 6pm
- 5 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 8 Confirmation Mass 7pm
- 11 Mother's Day
Dillingham Youth Mission Car Wash
Knights Breakfast for Moms
- 18 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
- 18-25 Family Promise Hosting Week

JUNE

- 8 Parish picnic w/Blessing of Motorcycles

CRS RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl by May 11.

EASTER SACRAMENTS

Full Initiation: Chris Forbess, Robin Jeffrey, Chaz Rivas, Cheyenne Johnson

Profession of Faith:

Wendy Mannen, Clarissa Viens, Valerie Petz, Joy Eversmeyer, Jerry Eversmeyer

Confirmation: Logan Lightfoot, Gina So

1st Eucharist: Marissa Beachell, Thorsten Warhus, Isadora Warhus

Baptism: Ashley Bobbitt, Caitlin Bobbitt, Seth Charles, Gabriel Loyd, David VanKrevlen, Brooklyn Axley



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Are you skilled in communication, organization, finance, building management, education or catechesis? Do you simply desire a chance to make a major impact in the lives of truly remarkable children? If you can answer "yes" to any of the above questions, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School needs YOU. We are now accepting applications for School Board members from all three supporting parishes. Please prayerfully consider applying for this amazing ministry.

Contact the school at 376-0883 or at contactlv@valleycatholicsschool.org for an application form.

Remember, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!

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

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Thank you for supporting our garage sale. We had a lot of fun and now we are closer to our goal. Mark your calendar for our Mother's Day Car Wash. Give mom a shiny, clean car on her day!



ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Stand by for an exciting proposal by Fr. Scott about our yearly appeal for our Archdiocese.



LINEN MINISTRY

Please check the sign-up sheet in the sacristy for available months. We need your help.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

FIESTA DE MAYO—MAY 3

This ACTS fundraiser on May 3rd includes Mexican food, games, music, and fun! Family discounts for 4 children or more. Proceeds will also help the Dillingham youth mission trip. Tickets are pre-sold.

FAMILY PROMISE

Sacred Heart's next host week is Sunday, May 18, through May 25. We need hosts and meals. Thank you for your supporting Family Promise and families in crisis here in the valley. Judith 373-3852

KITCHEN DISHES

Please pick up dishes. A crock pot lid is missing from the Knights Stations & Soup evening. This is a round glass lid with a silver knob. Please return to the office.

