

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT November 16, 2014 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today uses a financial analogy to describe the benefits we gain (interest) for using our talents (money). Interest is when you go to Wells Fargo Bank and deposit \$100 into a savings account and a year later you will have \$110. That is why most people save their money in banks, rather than put it under their mattresses at home.

While attending the University of Fairbanks, I learned that High Risk equals High Return. The more risk you take with your money, then the higher return (or interest) you will get back. A savings account is a lower risk investment and the stock market is a higher risk.

Here is where the analogy of money and talents breaks down. If we take "high risks" with our money, we have the potential of earning more interest. However, we also have the potential of getting no interest and losing all the money. When taking higher risks with our talents, we can never lose!

The field of economics would call using talents a positive relationship. The more we use our talents, the more spiritual strength we gain. The less we use our talents, the less spiritual strength we gain. Imagine that every one of you is a separate bank. God is making a very high risk investment in you and expects a very high return. He has given you many gifts and talents and those talents need to be used!

The idea is this: the less you use your talents, the more closed off you become to others, the unused talents are wasted, and the less interest you pay back to God. The more you use your talents, the more skilled you become, the more you touch other people, and the more interest God receives.

Music ministers, altar servers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, hospitality, and all the ministries in our church are ways to exercise our talents and pay back interest owed to God.

Your life has a shape, like a triangle, square, or circle. You have a unique gift that is yours alone. It is something that you love to do and are able to do well. That is called your talent; you may have more than one. Your talents shape your life. You may be kind and helpful; good in sports; an exceptional dancer; a born leader; physically strong; a gifted artist; skilled at making things with your hands; an avid reader and researcher; mechanically inclined. Your life is shaped by your talents and how you use them. Choose well and bless others with your gifts.

This week discover that special talent that God has given to you. Think of something you are very good at and enjoy doing. Then, think of a creative way to share that with someone else. The message today is don't bankrupt God. Use your talents for the good of your neighbor and your church.

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 9, 2014 \$5,540.85 Online \$1,260.00
Last Year \$5,887.35 Online \$1,010.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 17

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday Nov. 18

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday Nov. 19

Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday Nov. 20

Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44

Friday Nov. 21

Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

Nov. 15

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday

9:00am

Nov. 16

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

Blessings for Hironori Tomizuka

Monday

9:00am

Nov. 17

+ Mathew Jeffery Stokes

Tuesday

9:00am

Nov. 18

Blessings for Salvador Zuloaga

Wednesday

9:00am

Nov. 19

Blessings for Salvador Zuloaga

Thursday

9:00am

Nov. 20

Friday

9:00am

Nov. 21



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are meeting weekly. Faith Formation classes will not meet on November 30th.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2015 will meet November 16 in their Why Catholic? groups at 1pm. The Rite of Enrollment is November 29 at the 5pm Mass. Students should turn in sponsor information as soon as possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What saint built a hospital in her castle basement?

WHY CATHOLIC?

Groups meet at various times to discuss our desire for God, Scripture and Tradition, faith, and Trinity. Please call the office for information.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 16-22 Family Promise Host Week—help is needed
- 17 Centering Prayer 6:30 pm
- 20 Rosary 7pm
- 29-30 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and gifts
- 29 Homeschool Youth Activity
Youth Mass & Rite of Enrollment 5pm
- 30 Adult Catechism: Clergy & Religious Vocations

SUGGESTION BOX

The suggestion box is at www.sacredheartwasilla.org

THANKSGIVING MASS—9am

The sign-up sheet is posted in the social hall for all the Mass Ministries.

ST. JUDE QUILT GROUP BAZAAR

St. Jude Quilt Group will have quilts and handmade goods for sale after all the masses on December 6&7.

2014 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our second collection this weekend supports programs serving those struggling below the poverty line, both nationwide and in Alaska. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this important collection. Thank you!

BL.THEODORE RHOMZA BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Byzantine mission (an outreach of St Nicholas of Myra—Anchorage) meets Sundays at Sacred Heart at 4pm. The Byzantine Catholic Church is in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church but uses the Byzantine liturgical rite in the Eastern Slavic style spoken in English. For more information about this Rite, please contact Fr. Michael Sidun 907-277-6731 or www.ak-byz-cath.org.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

You can support OLV by shopping!!

Safeway Go to escrip.com/Safeway and register or click on "Yes! Renew." Group Name: Our Lady Of The Valley Group ID: 500017406

Fred Meyer Community Rewards: Enter OLV school code: #87179

Amazon Sign on to Amazon smile (smile.amazon.com) For every purchase Amazon donates .5% back!

Box Tops & Campbells Labels for Education! Clip Box Tops and/or Campbell's Labels for Education and drop in the designated box in the social hall or the school office.

Thank you to all who came and honored our Veterans and all service men and women at the OLV Veterans Day Mass celebration and reception.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BOXES

Sacred Heart Parish will begin its 15th annual Christmas Gift Box Project this weekend. All parishioners are invited to purchase gifts, items, and /or offer prayers or donations for those within the Mat-Su Valley, not often thought of during the Christmas season. To learn more about the project, see the table and display in the atrium after the masses. For questions, contact Jenny Michaelson at jmichaelson@caa-ak.org, or call the parish office.

ACTS RETREAT WEEKEND

Registration for the 2015 Women's and Men's ACTS Retreats begins after all masses this weekend. Sign up now to insure that you will have a confirmed place at the Retreat. A deposit of \$50 holds your reservation. An ACTS Retreat is a weekend of spiritual renewal and revitalization, planned and presented by the laity, in a safe and inviting environment. Make 2015 the year that you attend an ACTS retreat.

FOOD BANK

Rice, Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce, Pasta,
Cereal, Oats,
Grocery Bags
Please write checks to

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

KNIGHTS POT O' GOLD RAFFLE

Knights have raffle tickets available. Contact a Knight after Mass.

COMMUNITY MUSIC

The Archdiocese is looking for choir/vocalist volunteers for the upcoming Mass of Elevation – elevating Our Lady of Guadalupe Church to the status of co-Cathedral. This event is scheduled for Friday, December 12th at 5:30 pm – the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information please contact Kevin Barnett at kevin@lovindogmusic.com.