

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT November 2, 2014 All Souls' Day

The Gospel from John states, "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." This verse from John affects what Catholics believe about cremation and scattering of ashes.

Before my mom died she wanted to be cremated and have her ashes scattered. My mother is not Catholic, so I had some disagreements about cremation and scattering her ashes.

Catholics believe in the sacredness of the human body and the resurrection of the dead. Preparing the bodies of the deceased for burial (1) expresses the sacredness of one's body and (2) prepares the body for the resurrection of the dead at the second coming of Christ.

The Catholic Order of Christian Funerals (OCF) states, "This is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, fed with the bread of life; whose hands clothed the poor and embraced the sorrowing. It is hard to think of a human person apart from his or her body. Thus, the Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God."

OCF states that having the body present at the funeral is the first choice, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites. However, there are extraordinary circumstances that make the cremation a feasible choice.

With regard for cremation, the first choice is to have the body at the funeral, then have it cremated, then celebrate the committal (burial or crematorium) at the burial site afterward. The second choice is to cremate the body before the funeral liturgy, have the urn present at the funeral, and have the committal afterward. The third choice is to cremate the body, celebrate the committal, and then have the funeral liturgy.

Cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body: a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition.

OCF concludes that while cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a columbarium, or buried at sea, "the practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." Although I did not agree with my mom, I had to respect her wishes after she died. I struggled with this. We scattered her ashes on top of Pine Mountain, a place in the desert where she hunted for arrowheads. My one comfort is that God can do anything. He can probably find scattered ashes, put them together, and raise them on the last day.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 26, 2014	\$4,886.35	Online \$975.00
Last Year	\$5,461.90	Online \$895.00
World Mission	\$130.00	OLV \$50.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 3

Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1b-3 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Nov. 4

Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26b-32 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Nov. 5

Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Nov. 6

Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

Friday Nov. 7

Phil 3:17—4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Nov. 1
5:00pm	+ Nenita Ferrer
Sunday	Nov. 2
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Clare Durso
Monday	Nov. 3
9:00am	
Tuesday	Nov. 4
9:00am	Blessings for Gina So
Wednesday	Nov. 5
9:00am	
Thursday	Nov. 6
9:00am	
Friday	Nov. 7
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are meeting weekly.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2015 meets with their Why Catholic? leaders 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

Who is the Saint called the "father of charity" and a close friend of St. Rose of Lima?

WHY CATHOLIC?

Groups have been meeting at various times to discuss our desire for God, Scripture and Tradition, faith and Trinity. Please call the office if you would like to join.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 2 Middle School Sandwiches
Blessing of Sacred Heart Cemetery 1pm
- 3 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 6 Rosary 7pm
- 7 Homeschool Activity 10am—Noon
- 7-9 Confirmation/High School Retreat
- 8 OLV Vendor Fair 9am—3pm Social Hall
- 12 Kateri Circle 11:30am—1:30pm
- 14 Adoration 9:45am—11:30am
- 15 St Jude Quilt and Craft Bazaar 9am—5pm
- 29 Homeschool Youth Activity
Youth Mass & Rite of Enrollment 5pm

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Fr. Scott and Fr. Andrew will bless the graves at the Sacred Heart Cemetery after Mass at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 2nd.

FOOD BANK

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

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

CONFIRMATION and HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Confirmation and high school students are invited to the retreat November 9-11 at St. Therese's Camp. Students need to turn in registration forms immediately. Call the office for a form. Retreat fees may be paid on the On Line Giving section of the Sacred Heart website.

LEGOS

Do you have buckets of Legos that need a new home? The Confirmation retreat planning team would like your Legos. Please drop off at the office. Thank you.

KNIGHTS POT O' GOLD RAFFLE

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



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Vendor Fair

Our annual event will be in the social hall on November 8th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Get a head start on Christmas shopping!!

Veterans Day

Join us for our special annual Mass to honor the Veterans in our community. Bring a Veteran to this very inspiring liturgy. The students will host a reception for the Veterans after Mass.

All Saints Presentation

A big thank you to the students and faculty at OLV for the excellent presentation of Saints during the Friday Mass.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PLANNING & YOUTH GATHERING

Retreat planning at St Michael's continues at 3pm on Sunday, November 2nd to finalize the agenda for the November Retreat. Youth Group Fellowship will meet after the planning meeting from 4-6pm.

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited every Thursday evening in the Chapel at 7pm. Call Shirley Jones 376-9221.

SUGGESTION BOX

A parish suggestion box is available at the Sacred Heart Website — www.sacredheartwasilla.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers may be requested on-line on the parish web site under Spiritual Life.

ACTS APOSTOLATE HOG RAFFLE

Final weekend for ticket sales after all the Masses.

SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

Simply click this image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>
This is a prayerful and convenient way to give safely.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule has been sent out by email. The schedule is also available on the Sacred Heart website and the bulletin boards. If you are not available in January or February, please call the office as soon as possible.