

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT November 23, 2014 Feast of Christ the King

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Our King was born 2014 years ago. Our King was different from all other kings. He did not live in a palace. He did not wear a beautiful robe or a jeweled crown. He had no servants to wait on him. He had no soldiers to fight his battles. He did not have a country to rule over. There were no coins engraved with his face on them.

Kings wear special hats, help us fight enemies, protect our dignity, grade us, and judge us.

We can tell much from the kind of hats people wear. People wear hard hats to protect their heads when working in construction. Cowboys and cowgirls have hats that protect them from the sun and rain. Kings and Queens wear crowns of jewels to signify their power and wealth. Christ the King wore a crown of thorns to signify his suffering out of love for us.

Kings have power to fight for their people and protect them. They have shields and swords to fend off the enemy. Christ our King uses the sword of the Word to fight the Devil. He uses readings from scripture to slice through evil to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Christ the King uses the breastplate of justice to protect our God-given dignity.

About dignity, the USCCB states, "We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

Kings have the power to grade us on how well we do our jobs. Right now Christ the King is grading us on:

- Taking care of poor people
- Giving food to hungry people
- Visiting sick people
- Sharing our gifts and talents
- Being compassionate to the less fortunate

Jesus is a different kind of King because He is not only the King of Earth, but He is the King of Heaven as well. His throne was the Cross. Because Jesus is the King of both Heaven and Earth, He has the power to judge us according to what is in our hearts. At the end of time, He will separate the good apples from the bad apples. It will happen something like this:

Good Apple: I was hungry and you gave me food	Bad Apple: I was hungry and you gave me no food
Good Apple: I was thirsty and you gave me drink	Bad Apple: I was thirsty and you gave me no drink
Good Apple: You welcomed me as a stranger	Bad Apple: You did not welcome me, a stranger
Good Apple: I was ill and you cared for me	Bad Apple: I was ill and you did not care for me

STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 16, 2014	\$6,845.60	Online	\$3,225.00
CCHD	\$1,921.25	OLV	\$250.00
Last Year	\$6,458.70	Online	\$1,030.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 24
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Nov. 25
Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Nov. 26
Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Nov. 27
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

Friday Nov. 28
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Nov. 22
5:00pm	Blessings for Ethan Sims
Sunday	Nov. 23
9:00am	+ Hazel Marie Stokes
11:30am	For the People of the Parish
Monday	Nov. 24
9:00am	
Tuesday	Nov. 25
9:00am	Blessings for Mike Schachle
Wednesday	Nov. 26
9:00am	
Thursday	Nov. 27
9:00am	+ Hazel Marie Stokes
Friday	Nov. 28
9:00am	Blessings for Cristiano DeJesus



FAITH FORMATION

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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2015 will meet November 23 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

Who is the martyr who challenged 50 philosophers about pagan beliefs?

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

- 24 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 27 Thanksgiving Mass 9am
- 27 Rosary cancelled this night only
- 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

Thank you for your generous response to help end poverty in the United States through education, housing, and economic development. CCHD keeps Catholic social teaching alive with Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

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, please contact Fr. Michael Sidun at 907-277-6731 or www.ak-byz-cath.org.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School is piloting a Classical Curriculum incorporating students into the wisdom of the Catholic tradition and forming certain habits and dispositions in the souls of students. This requires a distinct change in the approach to teaching. Catholic education teaches faith, the essence and purpose of things. All elements in the Classical Curriculum are part of Catholic tradition. A classical curriculum employs a course of study that follows the three-lane path of grammar, logic and rhetoric, known as the Trivium and derived from the classical Greek system of education. The approach honors the "natural stages of a child's intellectual development, developing memory, sound reasoning and communication skills." For further information, please call 376-0883, stop by or visit us. OLV is where Faith and Knowledge grow.

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.