

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT November 9, 2014 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Dedication of St. John Lateran is a feast day our Church celebrates to dedicate all church buildings to God's service. In the Catholic tradition, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is very special. It is the Holy Father's own church. The Basilica is regarded as the head of all churches in the world. Our Gospel this week emphasizes that God's Church building is a house of prayer, not a place for personal profit.

One thing I imagine or visualize is what I would do if I saw someone hurting one of you. What would I do if I saw someone hurting a defenseless woman or child? What would I do if I saw someone desecrating the church? What would I do if someone in church stood up and got violent?

Things like this go through my mind. I would like to think I would get angry enough to stop, immediately, something bad I saw happening. In fact, I know I would.

Jesus never got angry with people for violating HIS rights. He became angry only three times in the Bible.

First, Jesus got angry at the critics in Mark 3: 3-5 when he tried to heal the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. "Is it legal to do good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing harm? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" Jesus looked at them angrily because he was deeply disturbed by their hard hearts.

Second, Jesus became angry in the story about the paralytic who was let down through the roof and healed. He shouted at the scribes for thinking of only themselves.

Third, in today's Gospel, Jesus saw God's children profiting from the church. What Jesus saw were God's gifts being used not to build the kingdom of God, but to tear it down.

The point is that anger is a sin if used the wrong way. Jesus never got angry at people for hurting him or mocking him. People spit on him and he did not lash out.

Jesus got angry (1) when people violated the rights of his Father and neighbors; (2) when people took advantage of the poor, the meek, and the crippled; (3) when people thought only of themselves, their own needs, and their own comfort; Jesus would get angry when people used the law in a bad way.

Jesus is asking us to use anger appropriately. It is not appropriate to get angry when someone takes advantage of us; someone hurts us; someone criticizes us; or, a big one, driving to Anchorage. It is appropriate to use anger when the rights of others are being violated, when we see injustice in our world, and when people are selfish and think only of themselves.

STEWARDSHIP

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| Nov. 2, 2014 | \$5,898.60 | Online \$595.00 |
| Last Year | \$7,392.80 | Online \$1,070.00 |

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Nov. 10

Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday Nov. 11

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Nov. 12

Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Nov. 13

Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday Nov. 14

2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am

11:30am

Monday

9:00am

Tuesday

9:00am

Wednesday

9:00am

Thursday

9:00am

Friday

9:00am

Nov. 8

+ Kim Kam So

Nov. 9

For the People of the Parish

+ James Hall

Nov. 10

Blessings for Salvador Zuloaga

Nov. 11

Blessings for Fr. Wolfgang

Nov. 12

+ Mathew Jeffery Stokes

Nov. 13

Blessings for Ethan Sims

Nov. 14

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FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are meeting weekly.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2015 will not meet in their Why Catholic? groups this Sunday, November 9 due to the Retreat. They will meet November 16. 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 Pope and Doctor of the Church persuaded Attila the Hun to not invade Rome?

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.

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.

2014 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend, November 15-16, we shall have a second collection for CCHD. This Catholic agency funds both Alaskan and national initiatives that fight systemic, generational poverty. The goal is to empower individuals to enact change in their own lives and communities. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this important collection. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV would like to welcome its new Finance Committee members: Patrick Cook, Doug Dombroski, and Uli Johnson. Thank you for your support and dedication to Catholic education.

Vendor Fair

Thank you to all the vendors who presented wonderful products and gifts for our annual pre-Christmas fair.

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 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, November 11.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7-9 Confirmation/High School Retreat
- 10 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 11 Mass to Honor Veterans 9:00am
- 13 Rosary 7pm
- 14 Adoration 9:45am—11:30am
- 15 St Jude Quilt and Craft Bazaar 9am—5pm
- 16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 16-22 Family Promise Host Week—help is needed
- 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

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

ACTS RETREAT WEEKEND

Registration for the Men's ACTS Retreat (Feb 5-8, 2015) and Women's ACTS Retreat (Mar 12-16, 2015) begins November 15-16. You are invited to sign up for a wonderful, spirit-filled Catholic Weekend. Contact Rick Ackley, 376-0930 for more information.

ST. JUDE QUILT GROUP BAZAAR

The Bazaar will be in the All Saints Activity Center, Saturday Nov. 15, 9-5. Lots of quilts, table runners, placemats and other creations that have been made by the quilt group! Also several craft vendors will be selling their products. OLV will be supplying soup and bread for a donation. There are still a couple of tables available. If you have a handmade item that you would like to sell, contact Priscilla Belanger at 357-3571.

KNIGHTS POT O' GOLD RAFFLE

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

FOOD BANK

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

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

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



FLU PRECAUTIONS

The Archbishop has suggested that we suspend the handshake at the Sign of Peace and handholding during the Lord's Prayer to prevent the spread of influenza/flu. Please be respectful of those who wish to follow these procedures during flu season.