

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT October 12, 2014 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Suppose you are standing at the Pearly Gates and Saint Peter says to you, "My friend how is it you come here without a wedding garment?" Will you respond with silence? How will you stand up for yourself? Will you be properly dressed? If you want a ticket to paradise, put on the clothes of Christ.

Hopefully, you are not dressed in silence or apathy. Hopefully, you are not overly dressed like the Pharisees. The Pharisees were beautifully dressed on the outside but poorly dressed on the inside.

Early Christianity used the wedding banquet as a metaphor for the Eucharistic meal and eternal life. The wedding garment is symbolic. The garment represents a willingness to participate, share in the King's happiness, and actively enter into the feast.

The Gospel is not about material clothing, but clothing ourselves with Christ. Will you be properly dressed when you are called to the heavenly banquet? When Saint Peter stops you at the gates of Heaven and asks, "Why should I let you in?" Do this:

First, pull up the hair on your forehead. Show God how the Holy Spirit has indelibly sealed you. At Baptism we are clothed with Christ. God stamped us as his own by putting his thumbprint right in the middle of our foreheads.

Second, tell Saint Peter that you are good friends with Jesus, God's son. Mentioning that Mary, Mother of God, intercedes for you will help your situation immensely.

Third, say that when you were invited to partake in the Body and Blood of Christ you did so regularly.

Fourth, tell God that you are genuine about your faith. When you recite the Creed, you believe it and live it out. Tell God that you love yourself and your neighbor.

When I was a seminarian working at the Cathedral in Anchorage one summer, I had a garment problem. Sister Barbara had a problem with my Levi's and the fact I hadn't shaved. She had just arrived from Boston a few months earlier. She didn't like my appearance. She took one look at me and retorted, "Look what the cat dragged in!" I was not too worried about it. I knew that God saw what was in my heart.

Wearing proper clothing to the banquet is a message to us: Clothe yourself with Christ! When it comes to loving others, do not be passive and silent. Clothing yourself with Christ is having conviction and passion about your faith. It is enjoying the feast, participating fully in it, and radiating that joy.

The fastest way to earn a ticket to paradise is to wear the proper wedding garment. Get to know Jesus personally, actively partake in this earthly banquet here at Mass, be a genuine believer, practice what you preach, and love others.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 5, 2014	\$8,976.20	Online \$775.00
Last Year	\$6,147.60	Online \$1,100.00
OLV Faith & Knowledge Appeal \$200.00		

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 13

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Oct. 14

Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Oct. 15

Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Oct. 16

Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday Oct. 17

Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct. 11
5:00pm	Blessings for Jefferson So
Sunday	Oct. 12
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Audrey Brewer
Monday	Oct. 13
9:00am	
Tuesday	Oct. 14
9:00am	
Wednesday	Oct. 15
9:00am	
Thursday	Oct. 16
9:00am	
Friday	Oct. 17
9:00am	+ Anna Mae Lippmann



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation classes are meeting weekly.

1st RECONCILIATION

The retreat is October 18 at 9am in the social hall with celebration of the sacrament at 11am in the church.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 15 meets with their Why Catholic? leaders at 1pm. Confirmation 14 meets in the church at 1pm for rehearsal.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

St. Theresa, Doctor of the Church, collaborated with what other saint in adopting a life of poverty and abstinence?

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 12 Confirmation Retreat Planning All Saints 3:30pm
- 13 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 16 Rosary 7pm
- 18 1st Reconciliation Retreat 9am
Celebration 11:00am
Confirmation Celebration 5:00pm
- 25 Homeschool Sponsored Youth Group 1:30 pm
Youth Mass 5:00 pm
- 26 Adult Catechism 10am Social Hall
- 31 OLV All Saints Mass 9am Students will dress as saints and share their saint projects
Halloween Fest Social Hall 6-8pm

NOVEMBER

- 2 Blessing of Sacred Heart Cemetery 1pm

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

RETRouvaille

Couples can still register for the Retrouvaille Weekend on October 17-19. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

WHY CATHOLIC?

Groups will begin meeting this week. Please call the office with any questions.

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.

MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 18 & 19

Next weekend is the annual World Mission Sunday special collection. Mongolia is one of the world's youngest parishes. These remote churches continue to keep alive the joy of the Gospel message. Please consider giving generously to the World Mission collection.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment is open—Please call for an appointment—376-0883
www.olvwasilla.com

Faith & Knowledge Annual Appeal
Thank you to Valley parishes who donated to our Appeal. The Appeal is open through December 28th.

Egypt & Gallery of Artists

October 18 5:30—7:30pm
American Legion Post 35,
Mile 46 Parks Hwy

The best NY steak dinner is waiting for you! \$20/person. Call to reserve with credit card or stop by the office.

All Saints Celebration

Students will present the Saints on October 31st at the 9am Mass.

Vendor Fair

Our annual event will be in the social hall on November 8th. Please call for information about a table.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PLANNING & YOUTH GATHERING

High school and Confirmation students interested in helping plan the November 7-9 retreat will meet from 3:30-4:30pm with youth from St. Michael. The meeting will continue from 4:30-6pm with fun activities. Youth are invited to join one or both of these meetings.

MINISTRY TRAINING

You must fill out a ministry card and arrange to review the training if you would like to continue on the schedule.

3rd ANNUAL OLV HALLOWEEN FEST OCT 31

OLV will host the 3rd annual Halloween Festival in the social hall on October 31st from 6-8pm. If you would like to set-up a trick-or-treat table/game, please email Becky Frey at Rebecca@gibsonroofing.net. The Festival is open to the public with a donation to the Food Pantry as the entry fee. All are welcome!

FOOD BANK

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

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

HOMESCHOOL SPONSORED YOUTH GROUP—October 25

Homeschool families are sponsoring a youth group for middle and high school students. Youth will meet in the All Saints at 1:30pm on the last Saturday of the month. Please call Andrea 376-1330.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ACTS APOSTOLATE HOG RAFFLE

Ticket sales begin October 4/5th after all the Masses.