

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT October 19, 2014 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have rules and laws to help everyone get along and keep safe. Some rules are enforced by the police. I once got pulled over by a motorcycle policeman for running a red light on my bicycle. In today's Gospel Jesus explains that it is important to follow both Caesar's and God's laws.

Caesar's laws are similar to our own laws about taxes, driving, hunting, littering, or criminal laws. They are enforced. You can get in trouble if you do not obey them. God's law is not enforced. Every individual has a choice to obey God's law or not. No one will come by your house and arrest you for not loving your neighbor as yourself. No one will throw you in jail for hating your enemies. You won't be arrested for not loving God with all of your heart and strength.

God's law is like a quilt. The quilter chooses pieces of fabric. Care is taken to make sure each piece is exactly the right size and that the pieces fit precisely together. Think of each piece of fabric as a part of God's love. God's law ensures each of us fits into the quilt of God's love.

Jesus said, "Then repay God what belongs to God." Everything belongs to God. God created the colorful sunsets, sunshine, raindrops, eagles, forests, mountains, friends, bananas, roses, everything. The way to thank God is to repay to God what belongs to God.

There are several ways to repay God: go to Mass, donate time and talent, pray, and give money. During Mass we give praise to God. By uniting as one Body of Christ in God's name, we make a powerful statement to God: "We are united together as one and are thankful for everything You have given us."

Writing a journal can be like praying. In a journal, list all the things you are thankful for. Don't be surprised if you feel happy and blessed when you are done. Also, list one high and low point of your day and reflect on where God was during those times.

Donate your time and talent to helping others. Volunteer for a ministry, help homeless teenagers at My House, drop by Family Promise and ask if they need anything, or donate food to the Food Bank.

Challenge yourself to give 10% of your income to Sacred Heart. God has blessed you with gifts and talents. You use those gifts and talents to make money. The money you give to our church will be used to teach people our faith, help those in need, and maintain this church as a gathering place to sing, pray and worship. In conclusion, I would like to read what is on this dollar bill. It may help you to obey God's law. Let me see, it says, "In God we Trust."

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 12, 2014 \$6,601.65 Online \$1,865.00
 Last Year \$6,538.15 Online \$925.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 20
 Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Oct. 21
 Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Oct. 22
 Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Oct. 23
 Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

Friday Oct. 24
 Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Oct. 18
 5:00pm + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday Oct. 19
 9:00am For the People of the Parish
 11:30am + Gerald Snow

Monday Oct. 20
 9:00am

Tuesday Oct. 21
 9:00am

Wednesday Oct. 22
 9:00am + Eva Ropella

Thursday Oct. 23
 9:00am

Friday Oct. 24
 9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation, classes are meeting weekly.

1st RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated this sacrament for the first time. Students who did not prepare for this sacrament and would like to celebrate First Eucharist in April must call the office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2015 meets with their Why Catholic? leaders at 1pm. Congratulations to all our new Confirmandi.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Which Pope would sneak out of his villa to ski?

WHY CATHOLIC?

Groups started meeting this week. Please call the office if you would like to join.

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

This weekend is the World Mission Sunday special collection. This includes many initiatives around the United States and in our own Archdiocese. Your prayers and generous gifts support the work of priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the poor practical assistance and the experience of God's love and mercy. Please be as generous as you can with today's collection.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

All Saints Celebration

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

3rd Annual Halloween Fest

OLV will host games, treats, and fun activities October 31 in the Social Hall 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!

Vendor Fair

Our annual event will be in the social hall on November 8th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 19 Knights Breakfast
- 20 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 23 Rosary 7pm
- 25 Homeschool Sponsored Youth Group 1:30 pm
Youth Mass 5:00 pm
- 26 Adult Catechism 10am Social Hall
Steven Carvalho Mat-Su Valley Prison Ministry
- 31 OLV All Saints Mass 9am Students will dress as saints and share their saint projects
Halloween Fest Social Hall 6-8pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Scouting for Food Troop 368
- 2 Blessing of Sacred Heart Cemetery 1pm
- 7-9 Confirmation/High School Retreat

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PLANNING & YOUTH GATHERING

Retreat planning at St Michael's will **NOT** meet this Sunday at 3pm. Planning will continue on October 26 at 3pm. Youth Group/Fellowship will also **NOT** meet this Sunday.

ROSARY

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

ACTS APOSTOLATE HOG RAFFLE

Ticket sales after all the Masses.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

FOOD BANK

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

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

SCOUT TROOP 368

Congratulations to new Eagle Scouts Ian Skalsky, Mike Wieliczkiwicz, and Christian Bullard. Scouts will be in neighborhoods Nov. 1 collecting food for the Food Pantry. Boys at least 11 years old are invited to help. Contact Ed.wielej@yahoo.com or 440-0209

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.