

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT October 26, 2014 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel reminds us of the two most important commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, and with ALL your mind; You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Here is my reflection about obeying these commandments.

We all have a heart. Open that heart and listen to what the Holy Spirit is telling you to do. We all have a soul. Pray for someone that is sick or in trouble. We all have a mind. Use your mind to memorize the Ten Commandments. These are ways we can love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind.

Who is your neighbor? "Neighbor" can be used to mean anyone we meet. Your neighbor is the person who rides your school bus or the stranger you stand next to in the grocery store. Any person whom you come into contact with during the day is your neighbor.

Catholics acknowledge three different kinds of Love:

Philia, brotherly or Christian love, i.e., love thy neighbor.

Agape, love we have for God, i.e., because of God's promise of eternal life.

Eros, sexual love, i.e., needed to consummate a marriage.

Love means different things when we are relating with different people. Here is why. We know some people better than others. Some people are family. Some people are our co-workers. Some people we date. Some people are very unlikable.

It is impossible to feel love for everyone in the same way. Love is a feeling. Love can be a decision. Most importantly, love is action. We can love everyone by taking action: tell people about Jesus; invite someone to Church; act with respect, compassion, and concern toward your neighbor; pray for patience.

God does not want you to love Him on a part-time basis. He wants your love ALL the time—ALL your heart, ALL your soul, and ALL your mind. He wants you to use all that you have in His service. Part of your love is not enough, just like part of a picture, poem, or song is not enough. That is the way Jesus loves us. He loves us ALL the time. Jesus wants us ALL for Him.

Both these Commandments Jesus wants us to obey are connected like the hands of a clock: (1) love God with all of your heart, soul, and mind; (2) love your neighbor as yourself. You cannot love your neighbor without loving God or yourself. If you love God, you will honor, respect, and worship Him. If you love people like you love yourself, then you will not cheat them, steal from them, murder them, or harm them in any way. People who love God love people, and people who love people love God. That is the truth that Jesus taught.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 19, 2014	\$6,837.50	Online \$425.00
Last Year	\$5,081.80	Online \$1,235.00
World Mission	\$2,704.60	OLV \$2,050.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 27

Eph 4:32—5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday Oct. 28

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday Oct. 29

Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Oct. 30

Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35

Friday Oct. 31

Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 14:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct. 25
5:00pm	
Sunday	Oct. 26
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Cristina Castro
Monday	Oct. 27
9:00am	
Tuesday	Oct. 28
9:00am	
Wednesday	Oct. 29
9:00am	
Thursday	Oct. 30
9:00am	
Friday	Oct. 31
9:00am	Blessings for Quentin Sims



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are meeting weekly.

1st RECONCILIATION

Preparation classes for Reconciliation have been completed. 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

What are the two names for the Saint of hopeless cases?

WHY CATHOLIC?

Groups started meeting this week. Please call the office if you would like to join. We have discussed our desire for God, Scripture and Tradition and will begin discussing faith.

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 COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous response to World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised over \$2700 that will reach the churches throughout the Missions where the poor receive help and experience God's love, hope, and mercy. For more information: www.IAmAMissionary.org

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. Get a head start on Christmas shopping!!

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 27 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 30 Rosary 7pm
- 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 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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PLANNING & YOUTH GATHERING

Retreat planning at St Michael's will be at 3pm on Sunday, October 26, to continue planning 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.

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.

SUGGESTION BOX

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

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 at wielej@yahoo.com or 440-0209

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Simply click this image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>
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