

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

On the first day as Shepherd of the world, Pope Francis I said, "When we walk without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord."

The Gospel of Matthew says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Everyone in this room has a cross to bear. To "take up your cross" means to willingly follow in the steps of Jesus even though we have something in our lives that cause us pain and suffering.

The cross for Jesus represented his exposure to pain and suffering. Taking up our cross means picking up that one thing in life that really bothers us and sometimes makes us miserable: facing it, dealing with it, and carrying it with us until death.

The cross that I bear is addiction: I can never do anything without overdoing it. I have come to the conclusion that my addictive personality is my cross. I pray, "Jesus, help me to be less addictive."

One author wrote, "If you bear your cross willingly, it will bear you and lead you to your desired goal, where pain shall be no more; if you bear the cross unwillingly, you make it a burden, and load yourself more heavily; if you cast away one cross, you will certainly find another, and perhaps a heavier one."

A cross is something we cannot transfer to another person. Sometimes people can help us bear them. Some say Christ bore his cross by himself to the end, others say Simon helped him. Here are some examples of crosses we bear:

The Cross of Suffering	The Cross of Physical Limitations
The Cross of Poor Health/Sickness/Disease	The Cross of Violated Trust
The Cross of Addiction	The Cross of Impatience
The Cross of Excessiveness/Extravagance	The Cross of Self Un-acceptance

Our cross can be heavy, but it is a little easier to bear willingly when Jesus helps us. Jesus can help alleviate the pain from our heavy burden. Jesus rose on Easter and will always be available to help bear your cross with you. Call on Him!

I will leave you this quote from Elizabeth Ann Seaton:

"The bright and glorious cross which we now drag alone through the mud and dirt, how beautiful and lovely it will appear when we shall find that it opens the door of our eternal happiness for us. Follow on with courage."

STEWARDSHIP

March 24, 2013	\$7,617.30	Online \$465.00
Last Year	\$6,503.55	Online \$0.00
Peter's Pence	\$55.00	
Special Projects	\$20.00	Online \$ 10.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 1

Acts 2:14,22-32 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday April 2

Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday April 3

Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday April 4

Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a,5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday April 5

Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 30
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	March 31
9:00am	
11:30am	+ Sarkis Atamian
Monday	April 1
9:00am	
Tuesday	April 2
9:00am	
Wednesday	April 3
9:00am	
Thursday	April 4
9:00am	
Friday	April 5
9:00am	



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Lloyd & Mary Cole	Aresnio	Duane & Warren Burke
Nettie Briskey & Lea Briskey	Desponsacion	Ricardo & Tomas Dizon
Florence & Bill Felenchalk	Dr. Robert Joseph	Froesch Family
Maria Herrera Rosado	Stephen Carrig	Len Betts
Alex & Eleanor Victor	Mary P. Carrig Jackson	John & Rose Smith
All My Departed Family	Frances Vitt	Levi & Elizabeth Smith
John O'Connor	Yaeger Family	Joseph H. Martin
Sarkis Atamian	Chapman Family	Joseph E. Levesque
Martin C. Betts	Aaron Grinnell	Remy Williams
Bertren Curry III	George & Genieve Schachle	Edwin Ruberg
Earl Hopp	Diana Schachle	Gene , Betty & Matt Janusiewicz
Helen & Emery Jadack	Leo Schachle	Linda Augustyn
Florence, Irene, Diana	Steve Schachle	Al Gallegos
Alex Crapps	Lawrence Schachle	Margaret & Michael Lacsak
Cindy Crapps	Genieve & Bud Roth	Olga & Mike DeKreon
Diana Crapps	Junior Schachle	Clyde & Doris Sturdevant
Jim & Princess Marsh	Clarie & Charles Riley	George & Marie Watts
Ed & Beana Stelmacher	Lucille & Clete Redding	T. Jean Garrett
Herb & Anne Ruder	Dale Schachle	John Garrett
Kina Cavanaugh	Melvine Kahalley	Paul Rose
Francis Elmer	Margaret Haik	Douglas "PJ" Bean
Zenaida	Aaron Pitre	Lona & Talmadge Lyon

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 2 No school OLV on Easter Monday
- 4 Rosary 7pm
- 5 1st Eucharist Bread making & Movie Night 6pm
- 6 1st Eucharist Class 3-4:30pm
- 7 Sandwiches for Br. Francis Shelter Mid School
- 13 OLV Dinner Auction—Menard Sports Center
- 20 Celebration of Confirmation 5pm
- 28 Celebration of 1st Eucharist 11:30am

The Rice Bowl soup supper donations were \$80.08.
Thank you for supporting Rice Bowl this Lent.

ST. THERESA'S CAMP FUND RAISER

I am hosting a fund raiser to help raise money for the purchase of a camp (57 acres on Niklason Lake). At this time there is no Catholic camp in Alaska. The event will be Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm at 3240 Seagull Drive, Palmer. Refreshments will be served. Please call 841.3534 for directions and or questions. Hope to see you — Carol Akerson

ON-LINE GIVING

Sacred Heart provides on-line giving for the convenience of the parishioners. We encourage you to try it—you will like it!! www.sacredheartwasilla.org

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal,
all kinds of baby food
357-3769

EASTER MEAL PRAYER

God of glory,
the eyes of all turn to you
as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.
Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.
May we who gather at the Lord's table
continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection
and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.