

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT September 28, 2014 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing up, my Dad would explain, "If you say you are going to do something, then do it!" If he said we were going fishing next Saturday, we would go fishing. If he said we were going to visit my grandparents in the summer, we went. My dad's words were as good as gold. He would say something and then back it up with action.

The story in the Gospel today is similar. Each son in the Gospel must be judged. Working in the vineyard is analogous to doing the will of God. One said he would not work in the vineyard but he did. The other said he would work but he did not. One took action and one did not.

We are obligated to listen intently to the Word of God being proclaimed at Mass by the lectors. Hear the Word, take it into our hearts, understand it, interpret it, and then take action. Go out into the world and put it to use.

Saint James tells us, "The one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does."

Lip service is always lip service, however noble our desires may be. If our noble desires fail to be translated into concrete action, we have failed to do the will of God.

The will of God is that we turn our understanding of the Gospel into action. It takes obedience to do the will of God. Biblical obedience is acting on the truth we have heard! We answer our call to ministry by doing what we say we are going to do.

Being obedient means to take what we have learned here today, and go out into the world to be LEAVEN in society. To be leaven means to raise another to a higher standard, modify their thinking, and impart on them vitality, energy, renewed life and hope.

Fr. Jim Kolb, a Paulist priest said, "The most important part of the Mass is the dismissal. It is important because we take what we have learned and go out and put it to use."

Catholics do the majority of their ministry outside of the Church. We take action by helping our parents, comforting sick people, or encouraging a failing student to do better in school.

If you are just thinking about taking action, do the next couple of steps. Visualize yourself doing it, then verbalize it aloud to a friend. That will give you the commitment you need to take action.

Let us take time this week to really think about what we say we are going to do. Pray for grace and personal integrity that what we believe in our hearts may be made visible in our behavior.

STEWARDSHIP

Sep. 21, 2014 Last Year	\$7,187.00 \$5,488.80	Online \$425.00 Online \$760.00
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday Sep. 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday Sep. 30

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Oct. 1

Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10-15 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Oct. 2

Job 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday Oct. 3

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b Lk 10:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Sep. 27
5:00pm	Blessings for David Hanson
Sunday	Sep. 28
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+Nenita Ferrer
Monday	Sep. 29
9:00am	
Tuesday	Sep. 30
9:00am	
Wednesday	Oct. 1
9:00am	
Thursday	Oct. 2
9:00am	
Friday	Oct. 3
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation registration forms are available after Mass and on-line. Classes begin September 28. Forms should be turned in as soon as possible.

1st Reconciliation

Classes on Saturdays in the All Saints Center at 3pm. We will celebrate 1st Reconciliation on October 18.

CONFIRMATION

Both Confirmation classes meet Sunday, September 28th at 1pm in the All Saints Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is known as the "Little Flower" and what is her feast day?

RETROUVAILLE

Do you need tools and techniques to improve your marriage? For more information about the week-end of October 17-19: 1-800-470-2230. www.HelpOurMarriage.com

WHY CATHOLIC?

If you've missed the small group experience of sharing faith, why not join a Why Catholic group this fall? We will be exploring What We Believe (the Creed). The sessions are not classes, but instead an opportunity for you to share how God is working in your faith life.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION OCTOBER 10

Adoration will begin after the 9am Mass and continue to 11:20am. Benediction will then conclude the Adoration period. People are needed to sign up for a time period to pray in the Eucharistic presence.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment is open—Please call for an appointment—376-0883

Faith & Knowledge Annual Appeal
This week begins our important annual appeal that enables us to continue to grow and build quality Catholic education in the Valley. Students and staff will greatly appreciate your charitable gift of any amount. Please visit our school and see how your contributions are being used or visit us on Facebook Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School Wasilla or our school site www.olvwasilla.com

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Arctic Madonna Council for last week's breakfast proceeds to the OLV scholarship fund. These men have faithfully served both our parish and school.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 27 Youth Mass 5pm
Home School Youth Group 6-8:00pm
27/28 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and Gifts
28 Adult Catechism 10:00am
29 Centering Prayer 6:30pm

OCTOBER

- 2 Rosary 7pm
3 Home School Gathering 9am-Noon
4 Altar Server Training 10am
Oktoberfest 6:00pm
10 Adoration 9:30am-11:30am
11 Adult Ministry Training 10am
18 1st Reconciliation Celebration 11:00am
Confirmation Celebration 5:00pm

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

ADULT CATECHISM—SEPTEMBER 28

Joyce Lund, Principal OLV, and Heather Grisso presents Classical Curriculum for Catholic Schools.

HOME SCHOOL GATHERING—OCTOBER 3

Families meet for the 9am Mass and after Mass families gather in the social hall until noon for activities.

MINISTRY TRAINING—OCTOBER 4 & 11

New and old ministers must attend training. Call/email the office with questions.

October 4 10am-Noon: Altar Servers
October 11 10am-Noon: Lectors, music, environment, EMOHC, Hospitality, and Communion to homebound

HOME DEMONSTRATORS—NOVEMBER 9

OLV's vendor fair is Nov 8, 9am-3pm in the social hall. If you are interested in a table, contact Donna 373-1310 or 232-2634. Tables are "first come first serve basis."

FOOD BANK

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

Mat-Su Food Bank
357-3769

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCTIC MADONNA COUNCIL

The Knights put up caution and school zone signs at the entrances of the church. Thank you for improving the safety of our parish campus.

OLV FINANCE COUNCIL

The school is looking for interested members to join the OLV finance council. Please stop by the school for a form or call 376-0883 to have a form emailed to you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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