

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Why did Jesus tell the leper not to tell anyone he was healed? First, when people found out about the healing they would flock to see Him and he would not be able to enter a town openly. Second, God would rather that we be focused on the healing miracle of salvation through Jesus Christ instead of focusing on other healings and/or miracles. Jesus knew that publicity over such miracles might hinder His mission and divert public attention from His message. So, although the healed leper actually went out and evangelized the surrounding community, he also disobeyed Jesus and caused his mission to suffer.

That aside, Paul in Corinthians says, "Whatever you do, do it for the greater glory of God." As a priest, this phrase has motivated and inspired me every morning for the past six years. While flying around the Alaskan bush, I relied on one phrase to keep me motivated and inspired to do God's work. Every morning after praying the Divine Office, I would say, "I am going to conquer the world for the greater glory of God." That was my motto.

For me personally, conquering the world for the Greater Glory of God means bringing more light into another's life. Positive thinking brings light into the hearts of others. My biological father visited me a couple of times when I was growing up. He pointed out that I was a negative thinker. We argued but after looking into positive thinking I changed. My biological father helped me to be a better person and thus a better minister to do God's work.

Conquering for the greater glory of God means healing others. Jesus in the Gospel healed a leper. We can heal others by assisting those in need, showing compassion, and visiting the sick. We do it by evangelizing and proclaiming the Word of God. We can heal others with a smile and a positive outlook on life. When we do things for the greater glory of God, we heal people.

Once in the seminary our music group, which was not that good to begin with, had to sing a new song for mass. Before mass the music director prayed, "We pray that the music we sing today is for the greater glory of God."

Although our singing was not great, healing came from our common goal to sing music for the greater glory of God. We were singing together, for God, during Mass, to help provide a more prayerful atmosphere.

"Conquering the world for the greater glory of God" means doing a little extra for others. Have you ever walked into an office lounge and had dirty coffee cups lying around and a mess on the counter. My step-dad taught me one easy way to do things for the greater glory of God. He said, "Scott, always leave a place a little better than it was before you arrived there."

The message for this week is this: Conquer the World for the Greater Glory of God

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Feb.13

Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:6-68,71-72 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Feb.14

Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Feb.15

Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Feb.16

Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

Friday Feb.17

Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday	Feb.11
5:00pm	+ Earl Hopp, Emery & Helen Jadack
Sunday	Feb.12
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30 am	+Annie Ruder
Monday	Feb.13
9:00 am	
Tuesday	Feb.14
9:00am	
Wednesday	Feb.15
9:00am	
Thursday	Feb.16
9:00am	
Friday	Feb.17
9:00am	+ John Molepske



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment is open. Any child is welcome to register even if he or she did not attend the Fall session. Registration forms are available after Mass and on line for all faith formation classes.

Sacraments—information and schedules for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are available in the office. Please contact Julie.

INQUIRY—RCIA

Sunday classes are ongoing for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights are every Wednesday in the Old Church at 7pm; 9th-12 graders are welcome for faith, food, fun, and friends!!

1st EUCHARIST MEETING

Parents and guardians of students must attend an information meeting February 26 at 1pm in the church. Please call the office with any questions.

VENTURING CREW

VENTURING is - Young Adults (15-20) - Coed - High adventure- Fun with friends - Leadership - Service. Venturing is a youth/young adult development program for ages 14-21 years old. If you are interested in starting a group, read the information at the following site: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx>

After reviewing this exciting program, send a note to

matsuadventure@hotmail.com.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV registration is open and Fall 2012 registrations are available. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Ben Snively Amber Thorson
Julia Safarik Ryan Smith

April 14 Annual Gala

Chairpersons Beverly & Gil Serrano are seeking volunteers who can donate time and talent to this great event. Please contact Beverly 376-3434 or Karen 376-0883 for details.

Substitute Teachers

Interested teachers are encouraged to call Principal Theresa Sand for more information.

907.376.0883

COMING EVENTS

February

- 12 Scout Sunday 11:30am Mass (girls & boys)
- 13 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 16 Rosary 7pm
- 18 RCIA Retreat Noon-6pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday 9am & 5:30pm
- 24 Stations & Soup Middle School Hosting 7pm
- 25 OLV Steak Feed Amer. Legion 5:30-8:30pm

- Announcements must be submitted by Wednesday, noon for consideration.
- Requests for any building use must be submitted 2 weeks prior to date for approval and scheduling.

PALMS

Palms will be collected for the next several Sundays in preparation for Ash Wednesday. A basket for collection is in the social hall.

STEAK FEED FOR OLV

Saturday—Feb 25 5:30-8:30pm

Come to the American Legion Post #35 at Mile 46 Parks Hwy. Tickets for a great dinner are \$20. Tickets are available after the masses and at the school—376-0883.

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Jaime Mencias is going to the Holy Land on May 7-12. The trip will include the Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Site of the Last Supper, Jericho, Nazareth and more!!

Fr. Luz is going to the Holy Land and Italy on Oct. 8-21. The trip will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Tuscany, Assisi, Venice and other sites.

Contact 1-855-842-8001 for specific information.

FOOD PANTRY

These are the items needed at the pantry:
cereal, oatmeal, canned beans, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, toilet paper grocery bags

357-3769

SCOUT SUNDAY — FEB. 12 11:30 AM MASS

Boys and girls in scouting are invited to wear their uniforms and attend this Mass. Former scouts of any age are urged to dig out their membership pins and wear them to Mass.

SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

Thank you for your donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The money collected was **\$ 582.50** that will help the Wasilla Food Pantry.

ACTS RETREAT

The Men's Retreat is on March 1-4. Spaces are open for interested men of any age. Scholarships available. Contact Rick Ackley or Scott Gunnell.

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