

## Faith of our Ancestors



This month we will celebrate on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1882, the first Roman Catholic Mass and Baptism was celebrated in the Juneau area. Yet, for the Catholic faith to come to Juneau we need to go back even further. How far? Well all the way back to the ministry of John the Baptist who first announced

to the world that a savior (yet unborn) had come to earth.

From the time of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, John the Baptist worked to prepare the way of the Lord in humble joy. John is portrayed like an Old Testament prophet, calling people to repentance for their sins while living out in the desert. The power of John's preaching is demonstrated by Jesus' disciples still encountering John's followers years after John the Baptist had been beheaded by King Herod.

John the Baptist is Jesus' cousin, and the Gospel of Luke presents many parallels between the two men. John's preaching gives us a preview into Jesus' message that the Messiah had come to liberate all people from oppression. John preached for years in order to prepare the people of Israel for the coming of the Savior of the world. Yet John was a humble servant "not worthy to loosen the thongs of [Jesus'] sandals" (Luke 3:16). John pointed to Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). John the Baptist is the model of how Christians should perform their prophetic mission, pointing others toward Jesus with passion and humility.

So now let us fast forward in history to a time when Jesuit missionaries were moving north into Alaska. Since 1882, many Bishops, priests, and nuns have come to Juneau to minister. Some served for many years, others for only a few weeks or months. Remembering the ordained and religious who have served in Juneau is important, yet the reason the Catholic Church exists in Juneau is because of the lived faith of the people of God here in Juneau and all the way back to the time of Jesus. It is the People of God sustained by the

sacraments, that are responsible for any success the Church has had in spreading the faith.

When I talk with many of the old time parishioners who may have gone to St. Ann's school and can list the many different Bishops, pastors, religious and churches in the Juneau area, I realize with thanksgiving that the faith of the people is first lived at home. It is the joyful and humble passing on of the faith from one generation to the next around the dinner table that is then celebrated when we gather for the Liturgy. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way in Israel for Jesus, so have countless mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents prepared the way in Juneau for faith in Jesus. As we give thanks this month for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I will be especially thankful for the many unnamed people who have lived their faith with joy and work to pass that faith along to others. The thriving Catholic Community of Juneau is the result of their hard work, Thank you.

See you at the 125<sup>th</sup> Liturgy and Reception,  
Shalom,  
Fr. Thomas

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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### NEW MEMBERS

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Church? Has anyone asked you about your faith? Each of us is called to be a follower of Jesus, which means at times we invite others to join us. Have you ever invited anyone to a Sunday liturgy? Do you have a new neighbor? This might be a good time to approach your neighbor and ask if he/she would like to go with you to church. Many of the people who have recently come into the church throughout the country say it's either because of a personal invitation or of seeing Catholics leading a truly Christian life.

In our midst are many persons who have been baptized Catholic, but for a number of reasons are not active members of the Church. Perhaps a personal invitation is what would help a person feel comfortable about returning to a place that was once called home. When God gives us a gift we are asked to put it on a lamp stand and not under a bushel basket. Our faith is a gift—let us share it in any way we are able.

In the next newsletter we'll explore different steps to full membership in the Church. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 209-3577. All questions are welcome, even the seemingly trivial.

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### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL EVENTS

**Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer Meetings** are held on Friday evenings at St. Paul's Parish Church at 7:30pm.

**Twin Hearts Prayer Meetings** are held on Sundays at 1:30pm at the Cathedral.

**Good Shepherd Prayer Meetings** are held on Sundays at 2:15pm at St. Paul's Church.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Prayer Meetings** are held on Sundays at 1:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall meeting room.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KATY RICE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are always looking for more young people to serve as Altar Servers. Our next altar server training will be Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. A pizza party will follow the training. All children who have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion are eligible to become altar servers. If you have any questions or wish to sign-up your child for the training, please contact Katy at 586-1317.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

#### SUMMER EVENTS

**July 11<sup>th</sup>: It's time to climb the Walls again!** All Cathedral youth (Middle School through High School) are invited to join us at the Rock Dump from 7pm to 8:30pm. Look for more information and a permission slip in the mail. If you have not attended a CYM event before, contact Katy to be added to our mailing list!

**July 25<sup>th</sup>: Bonfire at Auke Rec!** Come make s'mores with us and play Frisbee on the beach from 7pm to 8:30pm. Call Katy to arrange car-pooling.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>: Hike with Mass** 5pm to 8:30pm. Meet at the Cathedral at 5pm. Bring along a bag dinner and your water bottle (the Cathedral will provide snacks and dessert). We'll hike up to Ebner Falls on the Perseverance Trail and have Mass with Fr. Thomas by the waterfall.

For more information about any of these activities contact Katy 209-1713 (cell) 586-1317 (wk) or [cathedraldre@acsalaska.net](mailto:cathedraldre@acsalaska.net)

During the summer months, childcare is available during the 11 o'clock Mass for children 5 and younger in the Parish Hall classroom #3.

### CATHEDRAL HOMILIES ON THE WEB!

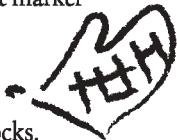
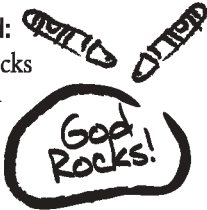
If you would like to hear the homilies preached at the Cathedral again, or share them with a friend, go to the Cathedral website at [www.juneaucathedral.org](http://www.juneaucathedral.org) and click on Weekly Homily Podcasts.

## THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

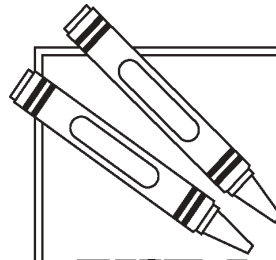
### What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)\*
- An adult to help



### What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. \*After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."



Just for **KIDS**

## THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, **MY FORTRESS** and **MY DELIVERER**; **MY GOD** is **MY ROCK**, in whom I TAKE REFUGE. HE is **MY SHIELD** and the **HORN** of **MY SALVATION**, **MY STRONGHOLD**."

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## GOD ROCKS.

### PHOTO DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We are in the final stages of completing the Parish Photo Directory so we can send it to the printers. If you are a registered family of the Cathedral parish, your name, address & telephone number will be included in the directory (even if you did not have your picture taken). If you do not wish to have this information in the directory please contact the parish office by Monday, July 16th.



### SHRINE OF ST. THERESE

**Annual Mass for Renewal of Marriage Vows, Sunday, July 22, 7pm:** All married couples and families & friends are welcome to attend the Annual Mass for Renewal of Marriage Vows at the Shrine Chapel. No reservations required; just come. Any couple in attendance will have a chance to win a gift certificate for a free overnight at the Little Flower Retreat. The drawing will take place after the Mass.

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

Monday-Friday 12:10 pm

Friday 9:30am **Wildflower Court**

Saturday 9:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

and by appointment.

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