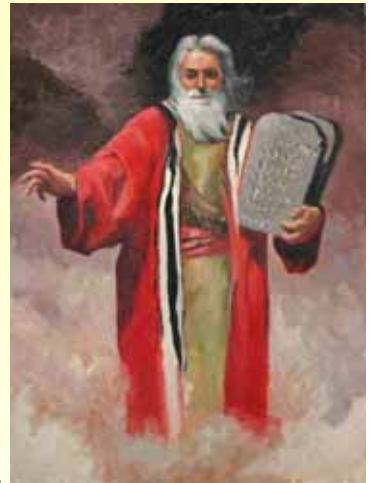


After the Heart of Jesus ...

Moses said to the people:

*“For this command that I enjoin on you today
is not too mysterious and remote for you.
It is not up in the sky, that you should say,
‘Who will go up in the sky to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?’
Nor is it across the sea, that you should say,
‘Who will cross the sea to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?’
No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out.”*



Today's first reading gives us some good news. It reminds us that God's law is not too mysterious and out of the way for us. It's not in the sky, that we would have to send someone up there to get it for us; nor is it across the sea, that someone would have to cross the sea to get it. No, Scripture tells us that God is very near to us and that God's law is already in our mouths and in our hearts.

Unfortunately, there are times when we try to hide from God or pretend that God is hiding from us. We ask, "God, where are you?" as we cover our eyes. Other times, we make life a lot more complex than it needs to be and try to keep God out of our lives -- as though that were really possible.

Have you ever been in a restaurant or in an elevator or in a doctor's office waiting area and have someone ask about a certain song playing in the background? You weren't paying any attention, but sure enough, there is a song playing. In fact there is always a song playing in the background. Grace is the music of God's unconditional love. It's always playing, even when we aren't aware of it. God's law is already in your mouths and in your hearts. The music is playing!

Thank you to everyone who helped us listen to the music of God's grace this week!

Children help us listen to the music. So many children packed our campus this week for their Wild Adventure through the Bible at Avalanche Ranch Bible Camp. The children will be here at the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses this Sunday to share one of the songs they learned this week. Thank you to the over 100 adults, teens, and older children who helped staff Avalanche Ranch!

Married couples living their sacrament of matrimony well also remind us the music of God's grace is playing. We see in each couple's love the free, unconditional, faithful, permanent, life-giving love of God. In a special way we congratulate **Frank and Rose Montefalco** who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend with their family and friends.



This coming week 55 young people from the parish with chaperones will be attending the Youth Leadership Convention sponsored by the diocese at Lewis University, in Romeoville. This event is looked forward to every year because it gives young people a great experience to grow in Christ and their understanding of Church and to meet over 800 teens from around the diocese. One of our recent college graduates, **Stephanie Velasco**, will be going to her 10th consecutive YLC. The theme of this year's convention is "See the Lord – Be a New Creation!" Please keep them all in prayer.

Last week an additional \$2700 was collected for the Diocese of Guntur, India, to support Bishop Gali Bali's programs, especially to build homes for families affected by the tsunami. Our totals will be very near \$8000, which will make a big difference in the lives of many children. Again, thank you!

Summertime is the favorite time for vacations and to listening to the music of grace in more relaxed settings. Please remember that God never takes a vacation from loving us, and we should never take a vacation from our loving and worshipping God. Make sure Mass is a planned part of every weekend wherever you spend it. Also, please remember your support of St. Walter throughout the summer. We count on the consistent support of parishioners throughout the year. If you will be away, please send in your offering or bring them to the next Mass you come to. The summer might be a great time to sign up for e-contributions and not worry about weekly or monthly contribution envelopes.

As we listen to the music of God's grace already present in our lives this week, may we sing and live,

After the Heart of Jesus!

Father John