

# FR. SCOTT MEDLOCK

## BIO

Fr. Scott has served as the Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish since July of 2019. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 26, 1996 as a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Anchorage. He was the Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Anchorage from 2002-2019.

Fr. Scott has a passion for celebrating the liturgy, for implementing the New Evangelization, and for providing parishioners with opportunities to serve those most in need in our community. He is a board member of Catholic Social Services, the broadest provider of social service programs in Alaska. He is a former member of Covenant House Alaska, a shelter with extensive wrap-around services for homeless youth. He served on CHA board for 25 years. He is also a former board member of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group and of Anchorage Project Access, an agency that facilitates pro bono medical care for low-income people without medical insurance.

### HOBBIES:

Fr. Scott loves to bike, in the mountains and on the road, and to climb mountains. With the advent of winter fat biking, he is able to bike year-round in Anchorage. One of his "big adventures" was training for and completing the Fireweed 200 in July of 2010, a one day, two-hundred-mile road bike race from Sheep Mountain Lodge to Valdez. He and his family love red rock mountain biking in Moab, Utah, and Fruita, Colorado.

Fr. Scott was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. He was raised in the United Methodist Church. Fr. Scott, who grew up on a lake, swam competitively from an early age. His claim to fame is breaking a Florida state record in the 25-yard back stroke as an eight-year-old! As a teenager he raced 16' Hobie Cat sail boats. Scouting was a big part of Fr. Scott's youth. He is an Eagle scout who served as a scoutmaster as a young adult.

### VOCATION STORY:

While attending the University of Notre Dame as an undergraduate (1973-77), Fr. Scott met his wife, Maria Elena. Maria Elena is a life-long devout Catholic. Fr. Scott began attending mass with his roommates and with Maria Elena as an undergraduate. His primary area of study was the classics in a Great Books program. Fr. Scott and Maria Elena received the Sacrament of Marriage on June 12, 1978 at Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Basilica.

After working for three years as an account executive at Merrill Lynch in Orlando, Fr. Scott returned to Notre Dame to study law. He graduated with a J.D. in 1983. Although he is a member of the Maryland Bar and did some limited pro bono work representing the homeless, he never practiced law full-time.

During law school, Fr. Scott began to discern God calling him to become an ordained minister. Immediately after graduating from law school, he entered seminary in the Duke Divinity School. He graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1986. He served as a United Methodist pastor for nine years.

Fr. Scott has always attended mass on a weekly basis with Maria Elena. His love for the Catholic faith, especially for the Eucharist, deepened over the years. In 1992, Archbishop Francis Hurley of Anchorage received Fr. Scott into the Church. Fr. Scott and Maria Elena moved their family to Anchorage that same summer. Saint John Paul II gave Archbishop Hurley permission to ordain Fr. Scott to the priesthood in 1996.

Fr. Scott and Maria Elena have three children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live in Denver. His oldest son, Aaron, and his wife, Maureen, have twins, Sean and Grace. His second son, Matthew, and his wife, Amy, have two girls, Emma and Lyla. His daughter, Angela, and her husband, Mike Resman, have a daughter, Lauren, and two sons, Noah and Benjamin. Fr. Scott had the wonderful joy of witnessing the marriages of all three of his children.