

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

This Epiphany Sunday we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the whole world. In a particular way the magi represent the diversity of God's people who receive the Word made flesh. They were probably expecting something different of a newborn king, but Jesus probably just laid there as they looked at him. There is no doubt that they were captivated by the light of his glory. That is what we also expect as we behold our Savior born for us - the glory of his face.

Let us pray this week for the gift of God's Word to enlighten our hearts. And let us present the gifts God has given us to the service of His holy Word.

As you will notice on the liturgy/mass schedule, there will be no liturgies the days of January 8-11. I will be attending the priest retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Priests are required by canon law to make a yearly retreat. Please keep me and the other priests from the diocese in your prayers. If there should be a need for the last rites or anointing of the sick, please contact Deacon Fred at 897- 1955 or his cellular phone 676-2953, who will contact Reverend Gabriel Oduro-Tawiah from St. Mary's in Victoria, who has graciously agreed to be on stand by while I am on retreat.

Please find on the back of this page the 2006 end of year statement.

We will begin the **DSA Raffle** soon. This raffle is to offset the payment to the Diocesan Services Appeal, which goes to provide the bishop with the monies he needs to run the diocese. Our amount this year is 13,000. Presently, \$950.00 has been pledged with \$690.00 received. Thank you to those who have given. We need to do really well on the raffle. 600 tickets will be sold, at \$25.00 each ticket. The tickets will primarily be sold after all Masses, Sunday January 21- February 18th, when will have the drawings. Please mention it to family and friends, so that we can sell all 600 tickets.

Lastly, I met with the parish finance council this past week. We had a good meeting to look at where we are and where we need to go. I outlined our short and long term needs and presented a proposal for a campaign to begin preparing for the 50th anniversary of our parish under the patronage of St. Patrick. Over the next months I will be presenting this to you, so that we might work toward these goals and truly celebrate in 2010.

May you have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

## Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

January 8 – January 14

Monday 8th – Thursday 11th – No liturgies- Fr. Ty on retreat

Friday, 12th 8:00 a.m. – Mass – *Alma Brandl* +

Saturday, 13th 3:00 – Quinceñera – Herrera

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. – Penance

5:30 – 5:50 p.m. – Rosary - C. Sutton/Leader

6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Marie Zissa Hernandez+*

Sunday, 14th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario

2nd Sunday OT 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Accion de Gracias*

10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*

## Readings for Sunday the 14th

First Reading - Isaiah 62: 1-5

## Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

### Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m. Jeanette West, Lisa Canales

Sunday 8 a.m. Ted Cabral, Gloria Cantu

10 a.m. Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela

### Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m. Paulette Brandl, Jeanne Lange

Sunday 8 a.m. Emilio and Veronica Ledezma

10 a.m. Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

### Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m. Alex/Rosie Chamberlain

Sunday 8 a.m. Juan/Martina Aguayo

10 a.m. Albert/Lucia Rodriguez

### Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m. I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, C. Sutton

Sunday 8 a.m. A. Escalante, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles

10 a.m. J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

### Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m. Gabriella & Madeline Canales

Sunday 8 a.m. Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers

10 a.m. Jason, Michael, Angelica Valenzuela

### Activities Calendar

**Parish Calendar Pickup** This weekend in church  
*Please, one calendar per household.*

**January 9** Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Heritage

**January 18** Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Heritage

### Yard Maintenance

Manuel Estrada, Manuel Gonzalez, Lyndon Lange,  
Leland Lange, Marshall Lange, Emilio Ledezma

### Church Cleaners for January

Ismael & Gracie Perez, Elida Cortina, Delfino and Lupe  
Rodriguez, Maggie Mejia

### No Religious Education Classes this Wednesday

Classes will resume on January 10  
Grades 1-6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall  
Have a great Christmas Break!



### Last Sunday's Collection:

*General:* \$ 2100.62

### 2006 Bank Statement (1/1/06-12/31/06)

Income	
Collections	116,156.95
Other Church Income (candles/flowers)	4,087.85
BBQ	22,397.20
DSA Raffle	12,765.20
Turkey Dinner	28,416.48
Parish Societies	850.00
Interest Inc.	11.12
Dividends and Rentals	1469.00
Designated Collections	2086.57
Designated Funds	10,752.45
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>198,992.63</b>
Expenses	
Uncategorized	660.64
Salaries	9,000.00
Assistant Clergy	154.00
BBQ	7506.50
Turkey Dinner	7132.16
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	6157.21
Garbage Utilities	1064.27
Gas and Electric	24,447.06
Internet Service	627.05
Satellite TV	1003.99
Telephone	2107.38
Water	1022.76
Insurance	21,071.19
Repair and Maintenance	9896.79
Church Expenses Misc.	17,103.65
Rectory Expense	2720.17
Auto	8144.68
Needy	248.65
Religious Education	523.09
Diocesan Appeal	11804.24
Loan	34,682.76
Bank Charge	94.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>175,788.69</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>23,203.94</b>

Parish office is closed on Monday. Thank you.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:15 - 5:45 P.M. *and by Private Appointment*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for the preparation class. Godparents should be practicing, churchgoing Catholics, who have celebrated their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired time of marriage.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This healing sacrament is available when one is preparing for medical procedures or is seriously ill.

### New Parishioners

Welcome. Please stop by the parish office to register.

*The bulletin is provided for the explicit purpose of communicating information weekly to the people of God in Bloomington, Texas concerning the pastoral mission of the parish. For more information or to have something included, please call the pastor.*

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### Quinceañeras

Young ladies approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are members of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the pastor six months in advance to arrange the celebration.