

A reflection from the Pastor

“Come see a man who told me everything I have done”, the woman with water jar in today’s gospel speaking of Jesus.

As we move closer to the great feast of Easter, and the renewal of our baptismal promises, the readings today focus on water. We know that if we go for a long period without water we get extremely thirsty. The same is true with our faith life. If we are consistently drawing from the well of faith in Jesus the Christ, then we remain satiated. But when we stray and go for periods without Him, we thirst for Him; in the Sacraments and in the Church, one another. The ebb and flow of life, as us to keep up with thirst, the ebb and flow of Christianity asks us to be consistent with our faith. Can you imagine if you only drank water once a month? That’s what it’s like when some choose not to go to Mass for a month or more at a time. Faith becomes something of a ‘extra’ curricular activity. Something added to what we think we are doing right. If you know someone who operates in these circles, invite them back. Lent is a great time for return and reconciliation. The same is true for the Sacrament of Penance. Even with extra hours during Lent, few have responded. Don’t let your faith go dry. As an aid, I have printed an examine of conscience in this bulletin, please take some time to make a good one before the great Feast of Easter.

May you have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 26 – March 2

Tuesday, 26th	4:50 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 5:00 p.m. Penance 5:50 p.m. Benediction 6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:10 p.m. Mass- <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes + by Juan Rodriguez</i>
Wednesday, 27th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory by Mary L. Moya</i>
Thursday, 28th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Kathryn Koliba + by A. E. Linke</i>
Friday, 29th <i>Day of Abstinence</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Domingo & Venancia Moya+ by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moya</i> 6:00 p.m. Penance 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 1st	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Carl Louis Brzozowski + by Edward E. Brzozowski</i>
Sunday, 2nd <i>Fourth Sunday Lent</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Rev. Gino Bernasconi + by Juanita Canales</i> <hr/> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings for Sunday March 2nd

First Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel according to Saint John 9:1-41

St. Patrick’s Celebration

Friday, March 14, 2008

Due to the fact that St. Patrick’s day, our parish feast day, falls on Holy Week this year, the Church has moved the feast to the Friday before Holy Week, March 14th. As a result, there will be a Parish Feast Day gathering at the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. following the Stations of the Cross. The parish will provide fried fish and those attending are asked to bring a side dish of fruits or vegetables. Please no meat, as this is a day of obligatory abstinence.

More information of the evening’s festivities to come. Stay tuned.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 1st, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Paulette Brandl
Gift bearers	Carol Sutton
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Canales Sr.

Sunday 2nd, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Ted Cabral, Gloria Cantu
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers	Henry and Minnie Chacon
Altar Servers	Maurizio Ledezma, E. Andrade
Ushers	S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo

Sunday 2nd, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Mark and Lisa DeLosSantos and family
Altar Servers	A. Adkins, A. Gonzalez, M. Vela
Ushers	A. Reyes, J. Francisco, H. Llanos, C. Martin

Parish Meeting Calendar

February

- 25 Lenten Lecture Series 7 Heritage
23 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage

March

- 2 First Communion Class w/Fr. Ty 9 Heritage
3 Lenten Lecture Series 7 Heritage
9 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
Daylight Savings Time begins
(Spring Forward one hour)
14 St. Patrick's Day Celebration 7:30 Hall

Hospital / Emergency Calls

As of member of the Victoria Deanery (churches in this area) St. Patrick's pays a hospital chaplain to meet the needs of hospital patients. If you find that you are in the hospital and in need of a priest in an emergency please contact:

Priest Beeper 503 – 9188

If no response, call:

Chaplain at: 579-6895 (home)
920-0137

Post this near your telephone.

Please also take the time to let me know here at the parish so that I may include you on the prayer list and make a visit when possible.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2,211.65

Rice Bowl Collection: \$237.60



Religious Education This Week

This Wednesday – February 27

Grades 1-6 6:00 p.m.

Grade 3 – Sacrament of Penance
Report first to class

Grades 7-12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Grade 8 – Sacrament of Penance
Report first to class

Lenten Lecture Series

The Deadly Sins – Overcoming through
Understanding Virtue

Five Mondays of Lent, Father Ty will be presenting this Lecture Series in the Heritage Room focusing on the sins of pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed, and sloth and how to overcome them with humility, kindness, abstinence, chastity, patience, liberality, and diligence. All are invited. Refreshments will be served. Dates: February 25, March 3, 10.

This Monday: LUST AND GLUTTONY
7:00 p.m. in Heritage

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Peter denied Jesus how many times? a. three times
All four Gospel writers tell about Peter's denial of Jesus. After he had realized what he'd done, he wept bitterly. See Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62, and John 18:15-18, 25-27.

This week's question:

To betray Jesus, the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas Iscariot:

- a. ten pieces of silver b. thirty pieces of silver
c. a hundred gold coins d. nothing

(Answer coming next week)

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Pray for the Sick and
Shut-In

Making a Good Examination of Conscience

Each day we should make a good examination of conscience. One should also be made before approaching the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. I have printed one below that is based on the Ten Commandments.

I. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have false gods before me.

- Have I rejected God's revelation as it comes to me through Scripture and Church teaching?
- Have I served money, power, sexuality, or any other lesser good as if it were supreme.
- Have I despaired of God's help? Have I presumed upon God's mercy?
- Have I placed faith in superstition?

II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I disrespected the holiness of God and of things or persons specially associated with God?
- Have I made false oaths or failed to keep vows made in God's sight?

III. You shall keep holy the Sabbath day.

- Have I failed to worship God on Sundays or Holy Days of obligation through my own fault?
- Have I kept Sunday holy by using it as a time for recreation and family, as a day of charitable activity and by making extra time for prayer? Have I rested sufficiently to renew me for the new week?
- Do I pray regularly and attentively through the week?

IV. You shall honor your father and your mother.

- Have I fulfilled obligations toward my parents, especially in their advancing years?
- Have I been respectfully obedient to those who are legitimate authorities in my life?

V. You shall not kill.

- Have I contributed to or concurred in any way with the taking of human life through abortion, euthanasia, or other threats to human life?
- Have I done damage to another's reputation or well being in any way?
- Have I jeopardized my own well being through the use of alcohol, drugs, or some other self-destructive behavior?
- Have I wished for ill fate to befall another?
- Have I done anything that gives bad example to others that might lead them to fall into sin themselves?

VI. and IX. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

- Have I engaged in willful sexual intercourse outside of marriage?
- Within marriage, have I engaged in sexual activity without regard for expressing true love for my spouse or without openness to the possibility of receiving the gift of human life?
- Have I been sexually impure with another or myself?
- Has my marriage been celebrated in the Catholic Church or with the permission of the Catholic Church?
- Have I pursued and entertained lustful thoughts?

VII. and X. You shall not steal. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

- Have I respected the property of others? Have I taken the goods of another or done damage to them?
- Have I taken the intellectual property of others by taking their ideas without giving credit?
- Have I deprived others of a just wage?
- Have I failed to share my resources with those less fortunate than me?
- Have I been discontent with my own blessings from God and envied those of my neighbor?

VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I told serious lies? Have I gossiped?
- Have I disclosed the faults of others without serious reason to do so?

January Financial Report

Beginning Balance	(1/01/2008)	\$39,518.00
Income		
Building Fund		613.25
Sunday Collections		8149.22
Candles		259.22
Holy Days		369.15
Latin America		276.62
Parish Societies		500.00
Religious Education		100.00
DSA		350.00
Interest Income		3.41
Misc.		67.00
Total Income		\$10,687.87
Expenses		
Salaries		750.00
Health Insurance		503.30
Pension		97.00
Garbage		17.99
Gas & Electric		1,363.33
Internet		312.36
Satellite TV		52.09
Telephone		89.70
Water		62.25
Workmen's Compensation		32.18
Hall Cleaning		119.00
Church Expenses		220.17
Collection to Diocese		718.44
Misc. Expenses		2521.82
Subscriptions		108.28
Rectory Expense		325.53
Auto		620.43
R.E. Expenses		35.00
Loan Interest Expense		142.16
Loan Principal		2748.07
DSA		15,271.32
Adjustment		2.00
Total Expenses		26,112.42
Bank Balance (1/31/2008)		24,093.53
Money Market CD		20,000.00

What we prepare to renew at Easter:

*At Baptism these promises were made.
Pray with them daily that you will live them.*

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life.
Now that we have completed our Lenten observance,
let us renew the promises we made at baptism
when we rejected Satan and his works.

And so:

Do you reject sin,
so as to live in the freedom of God's children? I do.

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be
mastered by sin? I do.

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of
darkness? I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth? I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died,
and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at
the right hand of the Father? I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?
I do.

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven our
sins. May God also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus
Christ for ever and ever.

Amen.