

A reflection from the Pastor

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven," Jesus teaching the crowds.

The blessings we hear Jesus speaking of in today's gospel are traditionally called the beatitudes. They really are attitudes for being a Christian. They summarize Jesus' teaching and what his message was all about and as Jesus said, they prepare us to receive the reward of Heaven. We should take some time to read and learn them and allow them to be practiced in our daily living. There are so many people poor in spirit, mourning, seeking peace and mercy, hungering for a right relationship with God, so many people persecuted around the world for being Christians that need our prayers and help. We really have to find deep within ourselves the call to have Christ's attitude, his be-attitudes and live what we believe.

As Lent approaches, take one or two of the beatitudes a week and really pray and think about how you can put them into practice. When we do, the work of the Lord continues and we form that right relationship with our God.

May you have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 5 – February 10

Tuesday, 5th	6:00 p.m.	Angelus
<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	6:10 p.m.	Mass - <i>Kathryn Koliba</i> by <i>Mildred Janis</i>
Wednesday, 6th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Souls in Purgatory</i> + by <i>Mary L. Moya</i>
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6:10 p.m.	Mass - <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez</i> + by <i>Michael Vasquez,</i> <i>Roland V. & Debbie Shaw</i>
<i>Lent Begins</i>		
<i>Day of Fast and</i>		
<i>Abstinence</i>		
Thursday, 7th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Ann Jurica</i>
Friday, 8th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Paul Depine</i>
<i>Day of Abstinence</i>	6:00 p.m.	Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 9th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary - leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 (vigil) Mass -	<i>Mary A. Lerma</i> + by <i>Mary L. Moya</i>
Sunday, 10th	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario
<i>First Sunday Lent</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Emma Marie McGee</i>
<i>World Marriage Day</i>	10:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings for Sunday, February 10 – First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Knights of Columbus

Chicken Barbecue

TODAY - Super Bowl Sunday
February 3, 2008 – Starting at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick's Parish Hall - 897-1398

\$6.00 a plate

**(1/2 chicken with trimmings – potato salad,
beans, cake) or**

Whole chicken - \$6.00

NEXT WEEK

COFFEE AND FOOD

AFTER 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
in the Heritage Room.
Come for fellowship and food!

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 9th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers	Norma and Sulema Posada
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	R. Cisneros, M. Lange, S. Torres, R. Reyes

Sunday 10th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Veronica Ledezma, Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	M/M Henry Estrada
Altar Servers	Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
Ushers	H. DeLuna, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

Sunday 10th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Gracie and Ismael Perez
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Frank and Maribel Gonzalez and family
Altar Servers	A. Adkins, A. Gonzalez, M. Vela
Ushers	A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin

Parish Meeting Calendar – February

5	Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner	7	Hall
10	Second Sunday Coffee/Food	8 & 10	
11	Lenten Lecture Series	7	Heritage
12	Catholic Daughters Mtg.	7	Heritage
18	Lenten Lecture Series	7	Heritage
19	Safe Environment Mtg.	6:30	Heritage
21	Knights of Columbus Mtg	7	Heritage
25	Lenten Lecture Series	7	Heritage
23	Baptismal Instruction	10-12	Heritage

***Lent begins February 6
with Ash Wednesday***

Mass times: 8:00 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

See insert for more information on the parish practices during this season.

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.

Religious Education This Week

This Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

February 6, 2008

Grades 1-6 6:00 p.m.

**Gather at class to go to Mass
at 6:10 p.m. in the Church**

Grades 7-12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

**Meet at hall to have Word Service
And receive ashes.**

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. 7:00 p.m. Dates: February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

St. Claire is the patron saint of television because she
b. had a miraculous vision

It was reported that while in her sickbed she saw and heard what was happening at the Christmas Mass she longed to attend – just as if she was watching it on television.

This week's question:

The season of Lent lasts how many days:

a. thirty b. forty c. fifty d. sixty

(Answer coming next week)

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1847.59

Church in Latin America: \$276.62

Diocesan 25th History Book

If you ordered a book, they are in. Please pick it up after Mass or at the parish office Tuesday through Friday. If you did not order one but would like one, there are some available. The cost of each book is \$32.

Safe Environment Meeting for Parish

Each year by diocesan law, the parish is required to have an informational and program meeting to inform the parish about the Safe Environment Program for our children. This meeting will be held on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room and will last around one hour. All invited.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pot Luck Supper

Tuesday, February 5 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Come bring your favorite foods to enjoy with others before the Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday.

*Pray for
Vocations to the
Priesthood
and the*

Around the Diocese...

ST. MARY'S, VICTORIA – Annual Festival

Sun. Feb. 10. Victoria Community Center

Brisket/Sausage \$7 adult, \$4 child

A SPECIAL NEEDS one day retreat will be held **MARCH 29, 2008** at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Anyone in the Victoria area with a disability or special need is welcomed to attend. Applications will be available soon throughout the diocese. Please contact Vicki Pyatt, Director, at (361)572-9301 or Pam Kovar, Co-director, at (361)781-0338 for more information.

Prayer for Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for it is from your goodness that we have this day
to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat.

Today we feast.

We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us.

We thank you especially for one another.

As we give you thanks,

we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do.

As we share these wonderful gifts together,

we commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those

who need our support.

Prepare us for tomorrow.

Tasting the fullness of what we have today,

let us experience some hunger tomorrow.

May our fasting make us more alert

and may it heighten our consciousness

so that we might be ready to hear your Word

and respond to your call.

As our feasting fills us with gratitude

so may our fasting and abstinence hollow out in us

a place for deeper desires

and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor.

May our self-denial turn our hearts to you

and give us a new freedom for

generous service to others.

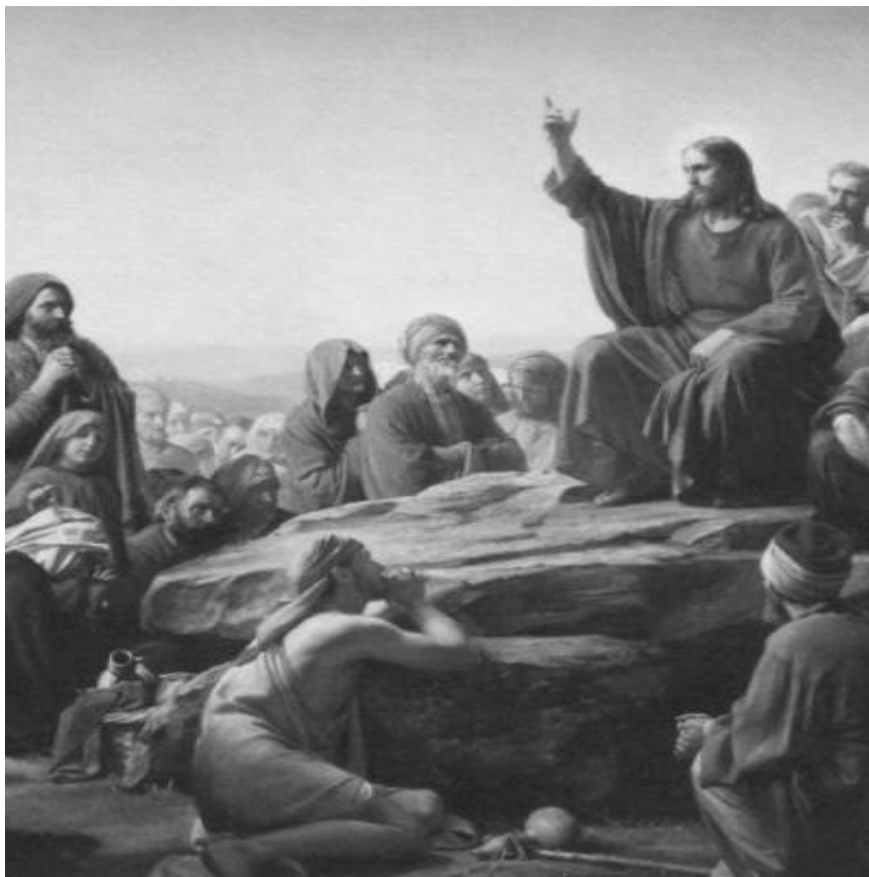
We ask you these graces

with our hearts full of delight

and stirring with readiness for the journey ahead.

We ask them with confidence

in the name of Jesus the Lord.



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of
God.*

*Blessed are they who are
persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven."*

Matthew 5:3-10

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. Baptisms resume Easter Sunday.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S  CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.