

A reflection from the Pastor

“The magi opened their treasures and offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Gifts befitting a king, and yet Jesus' kingship was anything but ordinary. It is a reminder that all is gift. God gives us the gift of life and allows us the ability to choose how to re-gift its many blessings. This new year of 2008 is great time to gift our hearts to the Lord, and truly love one another. A commitment to returning God's gift of love a little each day is a wonderful way to open our treasures.

I pray that this year of grace, 2008 will be marked with many special blessings for you and your families. No doubt there will be some moments that try our faith, but let us look to the light of Christ's revelation to the world – his Epiphany and see the glory that awaits us.

One sad note thus far for the parish, this past week two of the outdoor nativity scene figures were stolen; Mary and Baby Jesus. We pray that those responsible will have the heart to bring them back. I will continue to keep the buildings locked and revisit the weekday security detail.

May you have a blessed week.+

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

January 8 - 13

Tuesday, 8th	6:00 p.m. Angelus
	6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez + by Paul & Mary Martinez</i>
Wednesday, 9th	7:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Kathryn Koliba + by Leonard & Carolyn Linke</i>
Thursday, 10th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Emma Marie McGee</i>
Friday, 11th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Frank & Elle May Fossati</i>
Saturday, 12th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
	5:40 p.m. Rosary - <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 (vigil) Mass - <i>Carl Brzozowske + by Leonard & Frances</i>
<i>Dreymla</i>	
Sunday, 13th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Vocation Awareness</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Donald Lange + by Carol Sutton</i>
<i>Week Begins</i>	

Christmas Flowers

For those who would like a Christmas poinsettia, you may pick them up Monday, January 14, outside the south entrance of the church.

Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts

There will be coffee and donuts following both Masses next Sunday in the Heritage Room. A chance for fellowship and conversation. All are invited.

Family Donations for 2007 Income Tax

If you would like a report of the donations given by your family for income tax purposes, please contact the parish office and I will prepare a copy for you. Due to the number of families and paper/ mailing expense, I would rather print these on a need basis. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor Memorial

M/M Ismael Perez

M/M Roy Canchola *Robert Roy Canchola Jr.
Chastity Canchola*

M/M Steve Mercado

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 12th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanne Lange, Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton
Gift bearers	Mary Galvan Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	D. Hybner, A. Reyes Sr., A. Garcia, N. Posada

Sunday 13th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Gloria Cantu, Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Gift bearers	Juan/Martina Aguayo and family
Altar Servers	K. Monroy, R. Monroy, J. Castellano
Ushers	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez

Sunday 13th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Bebe Canchola and family
Altar Servers	N. Rameriz, Derek Folmar, E. Rodriguez
Ushers	T. Canales Tr 1, Diversa Tr 4, Dodriquez & Deves

Parish Meeting Calendar – January

8	Catholic Daughters Mtg.	7	Heritage
16	Vocation Committee Mtg.	9 a.m.	Conference Room
17	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7	Heritage
26	Baptismal Instruction	10-12	Heritage

Vocation Committee Meeting

As January 13 begins Vocation Awareness Week, there will be this first meeting of the committee, **Wednesday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.** If you are interested in serving on this committee to help foster and promote vocations or if you signed up, please come. The meeting will last around one hour.

Stay tuned to the bulletin for other committees beginning this year.

Diocesan Services Appeal (D.S.A.) Update

This annual appeal goes to help the bishop run the diocese. I know we can do it; **there is power in numbers.** Thank you to those who have already given. To those who have not, you still have time. We now have a total of

\$4,563.87 toward our goal of \$16,291.32.

Thank you again for your support. Encourage one another.

Religious Education

Classes resume this Wednesday

January 9

with Mass in the church
at 7:00 p.m.

**ALL GRADES AT SAME TIME,
pickup at 8:00 p.m.**

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and
a. myrrh

This week's question:

On Epiphany we celebrate

- a. Moses/Israelites passing through the Red Sea
- b. Jesus rising from the dead
- c. The three kings seeing Jesus
- d. Jesus ascending into heaven

(Answer coming next week)

Around the Diocese...

Retrouaille Weekend – Is a help for renewing marriages. February 29-March 2 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For more info visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Gerd or Linda Conner at 979 543-3493 to register.

Last Sunday's/Christmas Collection:

General: \$ 1682.23

Christmas: \$ 1342.36

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.

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