

A reflection from the Pastor

"As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight, " Luke telling the story of Jesus' Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles. Our knowledge, based on simple physics tells us that one just doesn't ascend from the earth on their own. Gravity keeps us down, and about the only place we lose gravity is outer space, or in a specially created situation on earth. But our imagination tells us that one could ascend, considering that we have seen people lose their attachment to earth, say in outer space. So, it is not impossible for us to imagine that Jesus ascended into heaven as Luke reports. So much of our lives is caught up in the little truths that we are told, and yet we are called to get caught up in the one Truth which is Jesus Christ, who wants us to imagine the time when our bodies too will be raised, and our own ascension will take place when he comes in glory. The question for our imagination, is not how, but are we ready to ascend. Is there too much holding us back, mentally, physically, or materially, so much so that would could not ascend – not recognize Christ's call to leave his earth. There is a great urgency to do so many things in our day. The child who prepares for his or her first Holy Communion, imagines what it will be like – taste, texture, smell, feeling – and when it happens continues to imagine what it will be like as the mystery draws him in deeper each time after. We are called to make every Communion be like our first, and our last, which means we must prepare ourselves as though we lived like we were going to ascend at any minute. This week, examine what holds you back from letting Christ seize all of your imagination and will, and then try to let go of it, go deeper in prayer and imagine; it will happen.

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 26 – May 31

Tuesday, 26th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Isabel Perez + by Ismael and Gracie Perez*

Wednesday, 27 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Julia G. Martinez & Rosa G. Cantu by Eduardo Martinez*

Thursday, 28th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Jerry Brosh*

Friday, 29th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Paul Depine*

Saturday, 30th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Lupe Olguin*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Catholic Daughters*

Sunday, 31st 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes + by Juan Rodriguez*
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*



First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

By Order of Bishop David E. Fellhauer

The bishop (as of May 1, 2009) has issued the following directives concerning the "swine flu" until otherwise noted.

1. Holy Communion may be given only under the species of bread and in the hand rather than on the tongue
2. At the sign of peace, a nod or bow of the head should be given, rather than a handshake
3. Ministers of Holy Communion should wash hands before distributing the species of bread, where it applies.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

We will not have gift bearers until noted due to the "swine flu."

Saturday 30th, 6 p.m.

Lector *Jeanne Lange*
Altar Servers *Gabriella & Madeline Canales*
Ushers *B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Reyes, Sr., A. Garcia*

Sunday 31st, 8 a.m.

Lector *Bacilio Gonzalez*
Altar Servers *Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa*
Ushers *P. Guerra, M. Estrada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna*

Sunday 31st, 10 a.m.

Lector *Maribel Gonzalez*
Altar Servers *Analya Gonzalez, Angelica and Michael Valenzuela*
Ushers *H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez*

Graduating Seniors

Those graduating from School and our Religious Education program are attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations. Good luck in your future.

A Prayer for Graduates

Father, I have knowledge,
so will You show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems
a little bit easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage
and put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve You in effective ways.
So my education, my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment
as I learn to do Your will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
That knowledge comes from learning,
and wisdom comes from You.
Amen.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2219.28

Parish Pictorial Directory

As you know, the fiftieth anniversary of St. Patrick's begins September 15, 2009. One of the ways we are celebrating is to produce a picture directory of families. The picture setting is free, you will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free directory book. Any additional pictures will be left to you to purchase.

Please take a moment to sign up for your portrait setting:
- After All Sunday Masses
Scheduled Dates for Pictures:

Tues – Sat. August 25 – August 29
Tues – Friday: 3:00 – 9:20 p.m. appointments
Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. appointments

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples and Mary prayed
a. in the upstairs room

Another name for the upper room was the Latin 'cenacle'. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper in this room, he appeared resurrected to his apostles, and the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles.

This week's question:

The usual minister of the sacrament of Confirmation is:
a. deacon b. priest c. bishop d. the pope

Answer coming next week

WE REMEMBER

Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend



As we remember...
May we never forget...
Their sacrifice...
Their honor...
May God bless them...

May Calendar

24 Mass – Graduating Seniors Attending 10 Church
30 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10-12 Heritage

To baptize, you must be a registered parishioner for at least four months and attending Mass. If from another parish (immediate family [i.e., parents or grandparents] are active parishioners) you must provide a letter from your pastor stating you are active and you must attend your parish's baptismal class. Baptisms are held the first Sunday of each month except during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Birth certificate of child is required before baptism.

Chicken Barbecue

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10751
Sunday, June 7, 2009

Plates to Go – \$ 7.00

1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans, cake dessert
or Whole Chicken for \$6.00
Serving Begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall

Attention Catechists and those Adults Interested in Growing in your Faith this Summer 2009

The short-term class schedule has arrived for the pastoral institute. Consider taking a class this summer. The list of classes is on the diocesan website, www.victoriadiocese.org. You may contact Barbara Parkan at 573-0828 to register or email her at bparkan@victoriadiocese.org.

Liturgical Education

As many of you know, since the promulgation of the third edition of the Roman Missal by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, the United States has been working on translating the Roman Missal into the vernacular, the English edition, for use in our country. The Roman Missal is the liturgical book that contains the texts and rubrics for the celebration of the Mass in the Roman Rite. In 2001, the instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments asked those translating into the vernacular be faithful to the original Latin text and thus preserve the universality of the Roman liturgy. As you may well remember, following the release in 2002 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the Church asked that we review the dignity and importance of the Eucharistic Celebration, the structure and parts of the Mass, duties and ministries of the Mass, the various forms of celebrating, the various arrangements, furnishings for the Church, and the requisites for the celebration of Masses and Masses for the Dead, and adaptations by the United States Bishop's Conference. After many years of translating these texts, approval, and reworking, the time is close for the use of the new missal. Therefore, the Church is asking that we begin a remote preparation and study of the texts and changes to the missal, particularly as it will effect the worship during the Mass, for presider and faithful.

This week: Greeting, Penitential Act Form A and B, *(please remember this is only a study text, not in effect yet)*

	PRESENT TEXT	NEW TEXT
Greeting	<i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you. <i>People:</i> And also with you.	<i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you. <i>People:</i> And with your spirit.
Penitential Act, Form A (Confiteor)	I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault , in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Penitential Act, Form B	<i>Priest:</i> Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy. <i>People:</i> Lord, have mercy. <i>Priest:</i> Lord, show us your mercy and love. <i>People:</i> And grant us your salvation.	<i>Priest:</i> Have mercy on us, O Lord. <i>People:</i> For we have sinned against you. <i>Priest:</i> Show us, O Lord, your mercy. <i>People:</i> And grant us your salvation.

Around the Diocese...

- May 24 Sacred Heart Hallettsville Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew/Dressing \$7

Shiner Spring Picnic
Stew/Chicken/Sausage \$7.50
- June 6 Our Lady of Victory School
Fishing Tournament Port O'Connor
Scott Nelson at 212-1104 more info.
- June 7 Sacred Heart – Flatonia Spring Picnic
Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner - Plates \$7.50
- June 14 St. Rose – Schulenburg Picnic
Fried Chicken/Sausage Plates \$7

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Bay City
Jamaica beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**Congratulations to those Confirmed
in the Holy Spirit**

May 17, 2009

by His Excellency Bishop David E. Fellhauer

Jerry Adkins, Abraham Cabrera Jr.,
Brianda Cabrera, Gabriella Arleen
Canales, Ryan Lee DeLosSantos,
Alexandra Nicole Diaz, Ana
Cristina Esquivel, Andrew Rene
Galvan, Johnathon Ruben
Madrigal, Kevin Samuel Reyes,
Josephine Renae Morales, Norma
Elisa Morales, Karen Gabriela
Rocha, Brianda Turrubiartes, Lucia
Marie Valdez

Come Holy Spirit
Pentecost Novena
Began Friday May 22

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

(To be recited daily during the Novena)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.