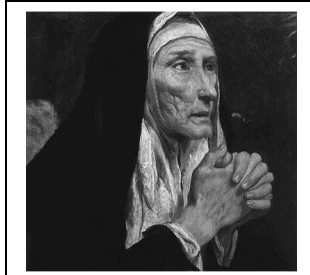


**Prayer for Priests
In this Year for Priests**

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.
Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

**Saint of the Week
Saint Monica**



Born in 322 in Tagaste, North Roman Africa. Raised in a Christian family, she was given in marriage to a bad-tempered, adulterous pagan named Patricius. Mother of two, one of whom is Saint Augustine of Hippo whose writings about her are the primary source of our information about Monica. She prayed constantly for the conversion of her husband (who converted on his death bed), and of her son Augustine (who converted after a wild life at the age of 33 and was baptized). Spiritual student of Saint Ambrose of Milan. Reformed alcoholic. Died in 387 in Ostia, Italy.

St. Monica is the patroness of abuse victims, alcoholics, housewives, widows, mothers, disappointing children, difficult marriages, and victims of verbal abuse.

St. Monica, pray for us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes prior to each daily Mass
Saturday: 5:15 - 5:30 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/Quinceañeros

Young ladies/men approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are 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.

A reflection from the Pastor

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?, you have the words of everlasting life," in today's gospel. Remember that Jesus had just told them that unlike their ancestors who ate manna in the desert and died, if they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will live for ever. Many began to part from Jesus because of this truth and teaching. There is a tendency in our twenty-first century post-modern culture to leave when we hear something that we don't accept, even if it's the Truth. But when it comes to faith and morals, like Peter, we come to realize that there is no other place to go other than Jesus. He has the words of everlasting life. Just this past week a judge in South Dakota ruled that doctors in that state have to tell those choosing abortion that they are killing a human being. Pro-abortionists say that the words 'human being' shouldn't even be mentioned. Again, if it's not convenient, then we can just get on with the sin - in this case the killing of an innocent human life. For those who say the church teaching is too much, I'll go to this or that denomination, statistically they remain unhappy and end up leaving that one too. The answer lies in our faith and how we rely on the Lord to be our strength. To whom shall we go but the Lord. Pray this week that in your own questioning you might find your way to Christ, the Truth.

Please remember to check your times for the parish family pictures this week. Please do your best to be on time. Pictures will take place in the Heritage Room.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

RAFFLE TICKET MAKING

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning - August 25th
Conference Room

We will be making the raffle tickets for the upcoming Turkey Dinner this Tuesday morning. If you are free and willing to help please come. Coffee, refreshments, and donuts will be served.

MEAT DONATIONS

There will be three second collections to make meat donations for the Turkey Dinner. These will be made after communion in church, or you may drop your donation in the basket using one of the pre-marked envelopes at the entrance. Please consider giving to purchase the meat and other ingredients for our festival.

The dates for these collections are:

August 23, August 30, and August 20

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated twenty minutes prior to each daily Mass.

Tuesday, 25th 8:00 a.m. - Roland R. Canchola +
by Roy and Bebe Canchola

Wednesday, 26th 8:00 a.m. - Mary Martin +
by Ernest and Mary Moya

Thursday, 27th 8:00 a.m. - Arnulfo Reyes Jr. +
S. Monica by Steve and Jean Mercado

Friday, 28th 8:00 a.m. - Ann Jurica
S. Augustine

Saturday, 29th 3:00 p.m. - Nuptials - Guerra/Guajardo

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary - leader: Lupe Olguin
6:00 p.m. Mass - Catholic Daughters

Sunday, 30th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
22nd Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass - Jesus Garcia
Ordinary Time by Juanita G. Canales
10:00 a.m. Mass - The Parish Family

Readings for Sunday August 30th

First: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Second: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 29th 6 p.m.

Lector Jeanette West
Cup Ministers Carol Sutton, Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales

Sunday 30th, 8 a.m.

Lector Marianela Chapa
Cup Ministers Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa

Sunday 30th, 10 a.m.

Lector Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez
Altar Servers Jason, Michael, and Angelica Valenzuela

Religious Education - Youth - News

**Registration for this year opens August 19:
Sun. Aug. 23 after 8 & 10 Masses Heritage Rm**

Sun. Aug. 30 after 8 & 10 Masses Heritage Rm
**Fee is \$15 per child. Assistance is available
for those needing it.**

**Teacher In-service: September 2, 2009
6:30 p.m. Heritage Rm.
Supper will be served**

**Teachers/Aides still needed:
9th, 10th, 11th/12th.**

**Please inquire with Mrs. Ramona Torres if
you are interested in this essential ministry to
building the faith.**

First Class: September 9, 2009

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 1,196.76

*Thank you for your sustained support
during these touch financial times.
May God reward your generosity.*

Parish Pictorial Directory

THIS WEEK

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:

The place where a man studies for the priesthood is called a: c. seminary
Texas is home to four seminaries; Holy Trinity in Dallas, Assumption in San Antonio, St. Charles Seminary in El Paso, and St. Mary's in Houston. Holy Trinity and St. Charles are collegiate only, while the other two are theologates.

This week's question:

The scholarly saint who lead a wild life but later became bishop and Doctor of the church is
a. St. Bartholomew b. St. Theodosius
c. St. Augustine d. St. Angela Merici

Answer coming next week

August Meeting Calendar

29 Baptismal Class 10-12 Heritage Rm
*To baptize, you must live within the parish boundary and should be 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.*

Around the Diocese . . .

- Aug 23 Sts. Cyril & Methodius Flatonia Picnic
Fried Chicken/sausage \$7 a plate
- Sept. 6 St. Mary's Nada Festival
BBQ & Sausage \$7.50 a plate
- Sept. 6 Sacred Heart Hallettsville Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew/Dressing \$7 a plate
- Sept. 6 St. John Bosco, Vanderbilt Picnic
BBQ Brisket & Sausage \$7.50 a plate
- Sept. 6 Shiner Picnic
Stew/Fried Chicken \$7.50 a plate
- Sept. 27 St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner –
Bloomington – Turkey & Trimmings \$7
- Oct. 4 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tivoli Festival

**St. Patrick's Parish Turkey Dinner –
Sunday, September 27th**

Please think about ways you might be able to help:

- Volunteer to serve inside/outside/cook/setup
- Turkey prep and cooking help is needed
- Donate Auction prizes
- Donate to the purchase of turkeys/trimmings
- Make items (crafts/baked goods) for country store
- Make cakes for the cake walk
- Work at a booth

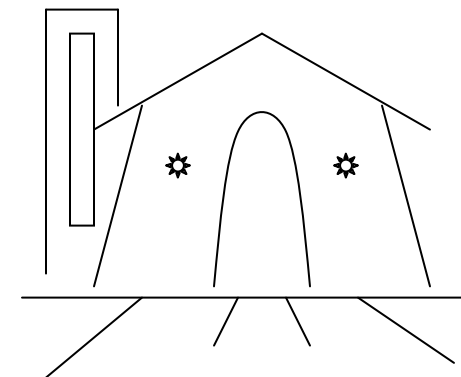
There will be a planning meeting for the Turkey Dinner on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Those helping with various parts of the dinner should be present. All are invited to attend.

50th Anniversary T-Shirt/Collared Shirt Sale

Soon T-Shirts and Collared Shirts will be available with a 50th anniversary design. Order forms and pricing will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the parish and religious education purchase of books and audio-visual equipment to keep teaching the faith. Below is a draft sample of the design.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the faith? Do you are someone you know need to complete their initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or the Holy Eucharist?

Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. Commonly referred to as R.C.I.A., the process involves learning and being initiated into the faith.

The first phase of the process is the inquiry phase which begins in September. The first inquiry night will be Tuesday September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish conference room.

For more information please call Father Ty at 897-1155.



New Funeral Planning Brochure

I have just finished a new brochure which contains valuable information for planning a funeral, some answers to frequently answered questions, and some biblical and reflective quotes to help with grieving. I pray it will be a tool to help in the time of grief. They are available in the cry room brochure rack.

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TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2009

FAITH HOPE love