

A reflection from the Pastor

"Everyone is looking for you," Simon and those disciples with Jesus in today's gospel. Can you imagine being the center of attention – healings, miracles, raising people from the dead – you would be too. Jesus' mission did not stop with each of those life changing events, rather it continued without stop to the cross – Jesus mentions in the gospel that he must go to other villages for this is why he came. In many ways, many of the world try to be the center of attention – and yet, like Paul in today's letter, we are called to point away from ourselves, and point to Christ. Paul says that if he has done his job well, then he has become the slave of all. This attitude is not easy to take on – only with much prayer, fasting, and denial of one's self can this be a reality. This will be our particular focus for the upcoming season of Lent. I invite you to begin in small ways to invite this way of being into your life. It doesn't just come around Lent – it should be incorporated into our lives all year round. For this have we been called, for this have we been chosen. May we have the courage to answer and make Jesus the center of our being and of our world.

May you and your families have a blessed week. +

UPDATING THE PARISH CENSUS

In order to update the census for the celebration of the 50th anniversary this next year, please take time to fill out a parish census form. There are extra copies in the cry room brochure rack. Take one for other family members that are not able to attend Mass. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and return them to the baskets located at the church entrances. Thank you.

Palms for Burning

Please bring last years palms (**By Feb. 15**) to the church by February and deposit them in the baskets at the entrances. As we walk with the Lord from ashes to the living font of Easter and Resurrection, we will make the ashes from these palms that have been with us throughout the year, through our ups and downs. As we receive them on our forehead as ashes, we remember how we are called to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

February 10 – February 15

Please note: no Mass this Wednesday.

Tuesday, 10th	6:10 p.m. Mass – <i>Paul Garcia + S. Scholastica</i>	by <i>Velma & Javier Cantu</i>
Thursday, 12th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez +</i>	by <i>Mrs. John Botello</i>
Friday, 13th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Ann Jurica +</i>	
Saturday, 14th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Maria Ortiz +</i>	by <i>Alejos Ortiz and family</i>
Sunday, 15th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Rudy Sanchez</i>	by <i>Fernando & Christina Navarro</i>
	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>	

Readings – Sunday February 15

First Reading – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday February 14th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanette West
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton
Gift bearers	Alfred and Veronica Garcia
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Lange

Sunday February 15th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Pete and Elena Guerra
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	A. Posada, H. Cardona, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma

Sunday February 15th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Rosemary and Priscilla Mendez
Altar Servers	Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Matthew Vela
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes

St. Valentine

Valentine, a priest in Rome (d. 270), assisted the martyrs in the persecution under Claudius II. He was apprehended, and ordered to be beaten with clubs, imprisoned, and beheaded on Feb. 14; because he would not renounce the faith. It is said that he was beheaded because he continued to marry young couples even though Claudius forbade it. Apparently Claudius thought that married soldiers weren't as good as single soldiers.

St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters will be having a St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale on **Saturday February 14 at 8:00 a.m. on the porch in front of the Heritage Room.** Prices to be determined.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed. : Regular Classes

Grades K-6 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Parents please remember the dress code.

Students will be asked to change if they are not in adherence.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The ending of the Mass prayer, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you" is

a. "but only say the word and I shall be healed"
This prayer is said just after the Lamb of God and before we receive Communion. It comes from what the centurion said when Jesus offered to go to the centurion's house to heal his servant. See Matthew 8:8. The wording for the Mass will more than likely change (more faithful to the original text) with the new texts coming out soon – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed (remember this is a study text).

This week's question:

Where does the Mass get it's name?

- from the scientific measurement of matter in objects
- from the gathering of people in one place
- from the last line of the celebration, meaning "Go, it is sent"
- from the bible

(Answer coming next week)

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1,931.31

Building Fund: \$ 639.19

Around the Diocese

February 8 St. Mary's Festival – Victoria
Community Center – Brisket/Sausage
Plates \$7 adult, \$4 child

Feb. 19 – April 2 Gospel of Mark class at the
Chancery 7- 9:15 p.m. with Rev.
Donald Hayden

Feb 17 – March 31 Intro to New Testament at the
Chancery 7 – 9:15 p.m. with Sr. Digna
Vela. Call 573-0828 for more info.

Disciples on the Journey Resource for Lent

This publication of the diocese is meant to help small groups discussion of the word and faith sharing during the season of Lent. It is written for adults, teens, and families. It is available in English and in Spanish. Please let me know if you would like a copy for Lent. They come in packets of 10. The sign up sheet is at the church entrance. Each packet is \$35.00 or \$3.50 per booklet.

February Calendar

10 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7 Heritage

17 R.C.I.A. Meeting – Marriage 7 Heritage

19 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7 Heritage

24 R.C.I.A. Meeting – Confirmation 7 Heritage

25 Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent Begins

28 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10 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.