

A reflection from the Pastor

"Come and you will see," Jesus in today's gospel to the first disciples. Imagine someone who did things you could not imagine, someone who spoke another language of suffering, death and resurrection, someone who cured the sick and cast out demons. Now imagine becoming a follower. You would have to change radically, let alone have people around you change what they thought of you.

That was the life of Jesus and the early disciples, and in many ways our life today. We are called to follow Jesus through his life and death and resurrection, by our life, death, and hopeful resurrection. Jesus requires a total surrender and denial of self and following him. This is the life to which we have been called. Let us pray in this week that we might not only have the imagination to think it, but that we might have the hands, feet, and heart to live it.

As is required by canon law, each priest must make a retreat each year. I will be on retreat this week of January 18. There will be no daily Masses until Friday morning of this week. Please consult the schedule. Please say a prayer for those priests on retreat this coming week. Should there be a pastoral emergency, I have asked Deacon Fred to be the contact. Please call him in emergencies, and he will contact a priest for the last rites or anointings. As is usual if there is a hospital need, please utilize the hospital chaplain, 503-9188. Deacon Fred's home number is 897-1955.

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 the form that will be included in the bulletin for the next few weeks. 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.

Pray for Christian Unity

Loving God, we thank you for making us one in Christ. Give us imagination and courage to build your Church together in unity and in love.

—World Council of Churches

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

January 23 – January 25

No daily masses until Friday this week.

Friday, 23th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Robert Beck + by Fernando & Christina Navarro
Saturday, 24th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 6:00 (vigil) Mass – CDA	Sacrament of Penance Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin
Sunday, 25th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Juan Tijerina + by Fidel and Pat Galicia
3rd Sunday OT 2nd Collection Latin America	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Pro Populo

Readings – Sunday January 25th

First Reading – Job 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

*Next Sunday's second collection is
for the Church in Latin America*

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday January 24th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Jeanette West, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers	Mary Galvan Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	J. Canales Jr., T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange

Sunday January 25th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Gift bearers	Fidel and Pat Galicia
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez

Sunday January 25th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Mark and Lisa DeLosSantos
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Rodriguez, Derek Folmar, Matthew Vela
Ushers	J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante, Lupe Rivera Jr.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please mark your calendars now for the 2009 parish pictorial directory; as we mark the 50th anniversary of the parish. I would like all of the families to take a picture, which is free, you get a free book, and you get a free 8 X10. In the next weeks, there will be sign up sheets and opportunities to help call to remind. The coordinators for the directory are Jason Guerra and Tracy Guajardo.

The picture dates are: Aug 25, 26, 27, 28 from 3:00 – 9:30 p.m. and Aug 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Sunday February 1, 2009
St. Patrick's Memorial Hall
Plates \$7 each
(1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans, cake)
Or Whole BBQ chicken - \$6
Serving begins at 9:00 a.m.

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.

*Please be on time and come straight into the hall,
no gathering outside.*

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Jesus' hometown was:

- a. Nazareth in Galilee

This week's question:

The first miracle of Jesus was:

- a. feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish
b. healing the blind man of Jericho
c. changing water into wine at wedding in Cana
d. calming the storm at sea

(Answer coming next week)

January Calendar

20	R.C.I.A. Meeting	7	Heritage
31	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.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1802.76

RESPECT LIFE

This Thursday, January 22, is a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Let us pray:

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life.

Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life.

May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin.

Encourage those who will be involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people. O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life.

Amen.

Around the Diocese

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

Congratulations

To Tracy Guajardo who was accepted into the order of catechumens today (*Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*), as she prepares to be baptized, receive her first Eucharist, and be Confirmed in the faith this Easter Vigil.

Also to Manuel Flores, Jason Guerra, Edward Perez, and Alfredo Vargas who were also welcomed as candidates for full communion in the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation this Easter.

Note: The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome held today is the first public and formal step on the road to their reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter.

Please continue to pray for them and all in the church who are taking this step of faith in their lives.

PLEASE JOIN OUR NEWLY WELCOMED MEMBERS IN THE HERITAGE ROOM FOR A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. MASS.

Christmas Lawn Ornaments

Thanks be to God for allowing Mary and Baby Jesus to be painted so quickly and return to St. Patrick's this Christmas. Many of you have asked who painted or how to obtain a set of lawn ornaments. The man who hand paints them is from Moulton, Texas. I am putting his address in the bulletin. He has a wonderful shop in Moulton and has almost every season of ornaments, and can do new ones from pictures. His address is:

Mr. George Kalisek
George's Art and Sign Shop
3593 CR 256
Moulton, Texas 77975
(361) 596-7016 or 596-7226

End of the Year Contribution Statements

Thank you again for all of your support this year ending. If you would like a list of your donations to St. Patrick's, please contact the parish office or sign the list in the church. I will then get you a list.

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Parish Census Form

Personal Information (Please print)

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Religion _____ Occupation _____

Spouse's Full Name (maiden) _____ Date of Birth _____

Religion _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Street/Post Office Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Alternate Phone _____

Sacramental Information

You

Spouse

Check all that apply Baptism _____

Penance _____

Confirmation _____

Eucharist _____

Marriage* _____

* according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Anniversary Date _____

Children in the Home

First Names :

Date of Birth

Baptism

Penance

Eucharist

Confirmation

Last if different

check if Sacrament has been received

If more space is need, attach another census form

Do you use church envelopes to tithe ? Yes / No If yes, what is your number ? _____

If no, would you like to receive them ? Yes / No

After completing this form, please return it to the parish office, via the mail, collection basket on any Sunday, or in person.

Office Use Only

Date turned in _____

Entered in PDS _____

Envelope process begun _____ *if applicable*

Registrar _____