

A reflection from the Pastor

"Remain in my love," Jesus in today's gospel. This continuation of chapter fifteen of Saint John's gospel follows Jesus' description of himself as the vine and ourselves his followers the branches. Jesus exhorts us to remain in his love. What is this love? If we think back to Jesus' ultimate act of love which we commemorated on Good Friday, and which we live each day we deny ourselves, Jesus willing suffered and died for us. No greater love has one than to lay down ones life for ones friends. Jesus invites us to begin our own process of getting out of the way and letting his love reign supreme. This is the task for all of us – single, married, ordained – we are all called in our own vocation to deny ourselves so that the vine may become even stronger. A single person who says they are single and so they don't have to respect anyone else is not living the law of love. A parent who says I will not direct my children's faith and morals because they are being children, must examine the law of love and begin anew to see within those children something beyond the law –the potential of faith and love and one day their own family and responsibility. This is why it is important to come back to the vine and find our strength. At times, we can become like weak branches that are just hanging on, but about to break off. We have to go back to the root of the vine, the Word of God, the Sacraments of Healing – Reconciliation, and forgiveness, and of course deny ourselves daily for the sake of standing in witness to His love.

We welcome Bishop Fellhauer for confirmation today, let us pray for those to be confirmed, that they too will remain in the Lord.

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Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 24, 2009

The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, commemorating the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *analepsis*, the taking up, and also as the *episozomene*, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar, has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 19 – May 24

Tuesday, 19th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Poor Souls in Purgatory*
by *Mary L. Moya*

Wednesday, 20 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Eugene Vrana*

Thursday, 21st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Paul Depine*

Friday, 22nd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Leonila Pena +*
by *Lupe Olguin*

Saturday, 23rd 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Carol Sutton*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Emil Soto +*
by *Theresa Soto, brothers & sisters*

Sunday, 24th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
Ascension of Lord 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Graduating Seniors*



First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13
Gospel Reading Mark 16:15-20

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 23rd, 6 p.m.

Lector Carol Sutton
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers J. Canales Sr., R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes

Sunday 24th, 8 a.m.

Lector Martina Aguayo
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia, D. Robles

Sunday 24th, 10 a.m.

Lector Ismael Perez
Altar Servers Derek Folmar, Katie Williams, A. Adkins
Ushers L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, J. Troncoso

Graduating Seniors

Next Sunday, those graduating are invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to our graduates. 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: \$ 1,782.99
Building Fund: \$ 712.74

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:

By what principle do we believe that both the Body and Blood of Jesus are contained in the Eucharistic Bread? b. concomitance

This principle of concomitance confirms the truth that Christ cannot be divided. When one receives the Body of Christ, they receive Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

This week's question:

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples and Mary prayed
a. in the upstairs room
b. at Mary's house
c. in the Temple
d. in the cave at Bethlehem

Answer coming next week

Religious Education

Classes have ended for the year.
Please continue to sign up for parish pictures.

May 17 Confirmation 2:00 p.m.

May Calendar

17	Confirmation	2	Church
19	Catholic Daughters Meeting	7	Heritage
21	Knights of Columbus Mtg	7:30	Heritage
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.

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.

Here is a quick summary of some of the more important dates in the formation of the Roman Missal:

- 1970 Roman Missal Promulgated by Pope Paul VI following the Second Vatican Council
- 1973 Typical Edition for United States was translated and approved for use
- 1975 Typical Edition was revised and updated
- 2000 Third Edition of the Roman Missal issued by Pope John Paul II (Latin)
- 2001 *Liturgiam Authenticam* instruction issued
- 2002 Third Edition of the Roman Missal printed
- 2002 General of the Instruction of the Roman Missal
- 2004 *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments instruction on certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Holy Eucharist
- 2007 Congregation for Divine Worship issued *Ratio Translationis* to aid with English translations
- 2008 Third Edition of the Roman Missal reprinted following mistakes, errors

In the following weeks, I am going to print in the bulletin the changes to the celebration of the Mass, so that we begin to learn and prepare for its institution in the future. If you would like to see a study edition of the people's texts, which are not to be used now but may be studied, you may visit the United States Bishop's website at <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/missalformation/peoplesparts.pdf>.

Around the Diocese...

- May 17 St. Michael, Cuero Festival
Roast Beef \$7
- 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 14 St. Rose – Schulenburg Picnic
Fried Chicken/Sausage Plates \$7

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

May Crowning – May 17, 2009
10:00 a.m. Mass

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, and the Mother of us all. In honor of this special dedicated, we will be having a May Crowning at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

The Guadalupanas will provide flowers for those children/adults wishing to come in procession to crown Mary. If you would like to bring a cut flower from your own home's yard you may do so (vases will be provided).



Mary, our mother,

Pray for us.

Come Holy Spirit
Pentecost Novena
Begins 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.