

A reflection from the Pastor

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep," Jesus in today's gospel. This is a beautiful image of our Lord. He distinguishes himself from the shepherd who is hired and does not work for the sheep but for himself. Jesus teaches that the good shepherd, himself, is willing to die for his sheep. And this is exactly what he did on the wood of the cross, so that we might continue to hear his voice calling us to pick up our cross and follow him.

Every life involves to a certain extent the 'getting out of the way' and laying down one's life for a goal, an ideal, a person. But if the reason behind our 'laying down' is not Christ, as Peter says in the first reading today, then it means very little. He says, there is no other means of salvation but through Jesus, and we are saved by his name alone. This is why it is so important to sort out the other voices in our world, so that we might hear the voice of the good shepherd who invites us to that pasture that will give us what we are looking for - eternal life.

As the first communicants make their way to receive Jesus today in Holy Communion, I pray they will hear the voice of the shepherd and always hear him calling them to him at the holy altar.

My thanks to all who made the barbecue a success. From the volunteers preparing, to those working behind the scenes, cooking, serving, helping in any way. Thank you. To those who could not be with us, we missed you. Please mark your calendars for next year, it is always the last Sunday in April.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

*Meat Donations*

M/M Emilio Ledezma and family

**What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz**

**Answer from last week:**

Jesus said, "This is my body, this is my blood"  
c. at the Last Supper

**This week's question:**

The act by which the ordinary substances of bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ is called:

- a. transfiguration
- b. transubstantiation
- c. consecration
- d. commingling

**Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions**

May 5 - May 10

Tuesday, 5th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Ann Jurica</i>
Wednesday, 6th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Frank &amp; Mary Bombersbach</i>
Thursday, 7th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Eugene Vrana</i>
Friday, 8th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Maria Ortiz + by Ramona S. Torres</i>
Saturday, 9th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary - <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Carl Brzozowske + by Mike &amp; Sandy Brzozowske</i>
Sunday, 10th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
<i>5th Sun. Easter</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:</i>	<i>Building Fund</i>
	10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>All Mother's</i>

**Readings for Sunday May 10th**



First Reading Acts 9:26-31  
Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24  
Gospel Reading John 3:18-24

**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 9th, 6 p.m.**

Lector Jeanette West  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers A. Garcia, B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, I. Martin

**Sunday 10th, 8 a.m.**

Lector Ted Cabral  
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa  
Ushers D. Robles, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez

**Sunday 10th, 10 a.m.**

Lector Lupe Olguin  
Altar Servers Analysa Gonzalez, Angelica Valenzuela, A. Adkins  
Ushers A. Escalante, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria

**Spring Barbecue Income/Expense Statement**

<b>Income</b>	
Auction	4252.55
Cake Walk	437.85
Cash Box	1250.00
Country Store	331.91
Drinks	68.50
Kid's Store	237.28
Kitchen	645.00
Meat Donations	1819.00
Other Donations	200.00
Plates	4652.00
Raffle Prize Donations	1950.00
Raffle Tickets	4233.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,077.09</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Auction	250.00
Cash Box	1250.00
Drinks	18.36
Food	741.26
Meat	1788.36
Raffle	2487.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,535.90</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>13,541.19</b>

**Prayer for Mother's**

Father in heaven,  
grant me the grace to appreciate the dignity  
which you have conferred on me.  
Let me realize that not even the Angels  
have been blessed with such a privilege—  
to share in your creative miracle  
and bring new Saints to heaven.  
Make me a good mother to all my children  
after the example of Mary,  
the Mother of your Son.  
Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary  
I ask your continued blessings on my family.  
Let us all be dedicated to your service on earth  
and attain the eternal happiness of your kingdom  
in heaven. Amen.

**Religious Education**

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

Confirmation parents, no

**Last Sunday's Collection:**

*General:*       \$ 2118.54

*Meat Donations:* \$ 50.00

**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. Beginning this week, please take a moment to sign up for your portrait setting. Dates and times:

Tues – Sat. August 25 – August 29

Tues – Friday: 3:00 – 9:20 p.m. appointments

Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. appointments

**May Calendar**

3	First Communion	10:00	Church
12	Catholic Daughters Meeting	7	Heritage
17	Confirmation	2	Church
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.*