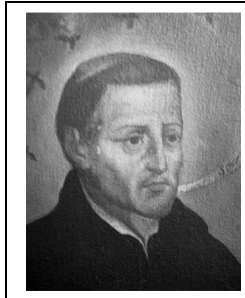


September Meeting Calendar of Events

- 8 R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session 7 Conference Rm
- 8 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7 Heritage Room
- 15 Pot Luck Supper/50th Ann.Begins 6:30 Hall
- 17 Making Cornbread for Turkey Dinner 9 Hall
Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage Room
- 19 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.
- 26 Turkey Dinner Preparation

Saint of the Week
Saint Peter Claver



Born in 1581 at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain. Farmer's son. Studied at the University of Barcelona. Jesuit from age 20. Priest. Influenced by Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in America. Ministered,

physically and spiritually, to slaves when they arrived in Cartagena, converting a reported 300,000, and working for humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. Organized charitable societies among the Spanish in America similar to those organized in Europe by Saint Vincent de Paul.

Peter said of the slaves, "We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."

Died September 8, 1654 at Cartagena, Spain of natural causes. St. Peter Claver is the patron saint of against slavery, African-Americans, African missions, and race relations.

St. Peter, 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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The Reverend Ty Joseph Bazar

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

"Ephphatha! That is be opened" Jesus in today's gospel. The deaf mute man heard this words and experienced Jesus opening his hears and he was healed. He could once again hear the world around him and speak plainly. This must have been quite an event for the man, because even when he was asked not to tell anyone, he just couldn't contain himself. He was opened, and now he had to let everyone know about the work of Jesus.

This being "opened" happens for us at our baptism. Each one of us, born with the original sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, are opened by our baptism into Christ. At that moment we are to become so on fire with him that we can't stop telling the world about what he has done for us. Each day, as adults we should renew our baptism with the sign of the cross and a commitment to revealing Jesus Christ by what we say (plainly) and do for others. Let us pray this week that we will once again be opened, turning away from sin and turning toward the one who heals and saves us: Jesus.

The year celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Patrick's begins on September 15th, the day St. Patrick's was founded here in Bloomington. In honor of this event, we will have a pot luck supper that Tuesday evening; please bring enough to feed your family/guests to share with others. In order to celebrate our 50th, I ask that each person attending bring two or more canned foods. This food drive will be our work of charity in gratitude for God's generous blessings on the parish. All food will be donated to V.C.A.M. in Victoria.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

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 remaining date for these collections are:

September 20

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

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

Tuesday, 8th 8:00 a.m. – *David Escalante, Sr. + Birth of Mary* by *Richard & Rose Reyes*

Wednesday, 9th 8:00 a.m. – *Anne Mundine + S. Peter Claver* by *Therese Hernandez*

Thursday, 10th 8:00 a.m. – *Joe Manuel Estrada II + Family* by *M/M Lupe Rivera Jr. &*

Friday, 11th 8:00 a.m. - *Frank DeLeon +* by *Mary Raby*

Saturday, 12th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Lupe Olguin*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Arnulfo Reyes Jr. +* by *Rick and Shirley Saenz*

Sunday, 13th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
24th Sunday Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Arnulfo Garcia* by *Juanita G. Canales*
2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – *The Parish Family Building Fund*

Readings for Sunday September 13th

First: Isaiah 50: 5-9a

Second: James 2:14-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 12th 6 p.m.

Lector Carol Sutton
Cup Ministers Paulette Brandl, Veronica Garcia
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers T. West, J. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange

Sunday 13th, 8 a.m.

Lector Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra

Sunday 13th, 10 a.m.

Lector Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez
Altar Servers Anayla Gonzalez, Michael Valenzuela
Ushers Lupe Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes

Religious Education - Youth - News

First Day of Class: September 9, 2009

Grades K – 6 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 - 7:15 p.m. – 8: 15 p.m.

REMEMBERING 9/11

Friday, September 11 is a national day of mourning and remembrance of the victims of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

Flags should be flown at half-staff.

O Almighty and merciful God, you cannot be understood by one who sows discord, you cannot be accepted by one who loves violence: look upon our painful human condition tried by cruel acts of terror and death, comfort your children and open our hearts to hope, so that our time may again know days of serenity and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- John Paul II

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 2173.78
2nd Col: Meat Donations: \$598.26

**50th Anniversary Year Event
Potluck Supper – Canned Food Drive
September 15th**

As you know, the fiftieth anniversary of St. Patrick's begins September 15, 2009. To kick off the year, we will have a potluck supper in the parish memorial hall that evening at 6:30 p.m. Those attending should bring enough food to feed their family, sharing with others. Also each person should bring at least two canned foods/non-perishable food items. Canned foods may also be dropped off in the church at the designated baskets beginning next week during the month of September. The collected food will go to the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

At what age is a bishop required to submit his letter of resignation to the pope for retirement?
b. 75

This week's question:

Who were the parents of Saint Mary, whose birthday we celebrate this week?

- a. Regina and Mark b. Joachim and Anne
- c. Elizabeth and Zechariah d. Abraham and Sarah

Answer coming next week

Diocese of Victoria - Pastoral Institute

The Pastoral Institute is offering "Pauline Writings and New Testament Letters" October 12-November 17, 2009. Cost is \$15 for each six-week class; \$35 for the Catholic Bible Personal Study Edition (optional). The class will be held at the Chancery in Victoria. For more information or to register call 573-0828 and ask for Barbara.

Around the Diocese . . .

- 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. 13 St. Joseph – Inez Picnic
Fried Chicken/Brisket/Sausage \$7/plate
- Sept. 20 O.L.G. Bay City Festival
Brisket Plates - \$6
This if Fr. Gerry Cernoch's parish
- Sept. 20 Moulton – Picnic
Fried Chicken and Stew \$7 per 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
 - o Please try to get at least one or two for the auction
- Donate to the purchase of turkeys/trimmings
- Make items for country store
 - o Homemade items and crafts, please no used items
- Make cakes for the cake walk
 - o Each family bring at least two
- Work at a booth

50th Anniversary T-Shirt/Collared Shirt Sale

T-Shirts and Collared Shirt orders are being taken. The order form is inserted in this week's bulletin. Proceeds will benefit the parish and religious education purchase of books and audio-visual equipment to keep teaching the faith. The cost of each T-shirt is \$8, and each collared shirt is \$15 (2X and u p are \$1 extra). Payment may be made at order or at pickup. You may return order forms in the collection or at the marked baskets in church.

**XXII Annual Conference
for Catechesis and Ministry
Saturday, September 26, 2009
At Holy Family Church in Victoria**

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the faith by hearing key speakers and small group presentations on a wide range of topics concerning catechesis. **To learn more visit www.victoriadiocese.org or call 573-0828.** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. that day with a keynote by Fr. Stan DeBoe at 9:30 a.m. Exhibits open at 10:30 a.m. with workshops in the morning at 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will conclude the day with Bishop Fellhauer presiding at Holy Family Church at 4:15 p.m.

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 next inquiry night will be Tuesday September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish conference room.

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

NEW PUBLICATIONS

There are several books available in the cry room brochure rack. Various titles which might help with certain situations, from Mary, the Vatican, to being a grandparent and plants that heal. I will be placing more books as they are depleted.

RETRouvaille- MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry in your marriage? Or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty. For more information and to register for the September 18-20 program, please call 979-543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.