

A reflection from the Pastor

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus in today's gospel. This teaching is in such sharp contrast to the way the world thinks. So often, we want to be first and be waited on hand and foot. But this is not the way of Jesus. To be the servant of all, means that we have to deny ourselves continually and be willing to take up our cross (es) daily. Let us make this effort this week and then we shall be first with God.

Thank you to all who made the opening of the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick's potluck supper a success this past Tuesday evening. There was good food, fellowship, and a nice sum of canned goods collected for the Victoria Christian

Note Mass Schedule Change for October 10th

I will be on vacation two Sundays during October. Due to the schedule of the guest priest, **the Saturday evening Mass on October 10th will be at 4:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated thirty minutes prior to the Mass. Thank you for noting this change. All other Masses will be on the regular schedule.

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. Mrs. Torres will be handling the distribution of orders.

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Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

Wednesday, 23 8:00 a.m. Mass – Pablo Ortiz +
S. Pio of Pietrelcina by Jamie G. Villarreal

Thursday, 24th 8:00 a.m. Mass – David Escalante, Sr. +
by Rosie Hernandez

Friday, 25th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Anne Mundine +
by Mary Ann Bernhard

Saturday, 26th 3:00 p.m. – Quinceañeros – Madeline Canales

5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin
6:00 (vigil) Mass – Catholic Daughters

Sunday, 27th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Arnulfo Reyes, Jr. +
26th Sunday in OT by Emeterio & Manuel Moya
Turkey Dinner 10:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo

Readings – Sunday September 27

First Reading – Numbers 11: 25-29

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 26th, 6 p.m.
Lector Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, I. Martin, A. Chamberlain

Sunday 27th, 8 a.m.
Lector Marianela Chapa
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers T. Cabral, Jr., H. DeLuna, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

Sunday 27th, 10 a.m.
Lector Maribel Gonzalez
Altar Servers Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Albert Adkins
Ushers M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

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.

St. Mary's Altar Society Retreat September 30, 2009

The St. Mary's Altar Society in Victoria is sponsoring a retreat, with Reverend Charles Sonnier as retreat master, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lunch will be served after the 12:05 Mass. There is no charge, but reservations may be made before Sept. 28 to Janell Kruppa 575-8166 or Geraldine Jurica 573-3949.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1906.92
Building Fund: \$ 449.17

Pray for our Religious Education Teachers and all Catechists on this Catechetical Sunday

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

A special promise between God and God's people is called a b. covenant

This week's question:

The first book of the old Testament is the Book of
a. Revelation b. Acts of the Apostles
c. Jeremiah d. Genesis

(Answer coming next week)

Calendar - September

26 Parish Prep for Turkey Dinner 8 Parish Hall
27 Turkey Dinner 11 Parish Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday September 23, 2009

K – 6 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
7 – 12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Attention Parents: September 30th, the 7th graders will attend a presentation on Quinceanera's. Parents of those students need to attend this session from 7:15 – 8:15pm

- Continue selling raffle tickets!
- Remember to sign up to work at Turkey Dinner.

Around the Diocese . . .

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. 20 Our Lady of the Gulf – Pt. Lavaca
Parish Festival – Seafood Platter \$8

Sept. 27 **St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner –
Bloomington – Turkey & Trimmings \$7**

Oct. 4 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tivoli Festival

Oct. 4 – Holy Cross – Bay City
Turkey Dinner - \$8 a plate

Oct. 4 – Nazareth Academy Fall Festival
Victoria Com. Cen. – Turkey plates

Oct. 11 - Holy Cross – East Bernard
Parish Bazaar – Beef/Chicken/Sausage

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE (only 7 days left)

Calendar of Events Needing Assistance: *Please mark these on your calendar and bring friends/family to help.*

September 26 - Preparations for Turkey Dinner 8:30 a.m. in the Hall

- We need as many people as possible to come and help:
 - o Bag bread
 - o Bag cakes
 - o Finish setup preparations

September 27 - Turkey Dinner

- Dishwashers needed in hour shifts (some are already signed up, please volunteer)
- Serving Line volunteers (some are already signed up but please offer assistance)
- Volunteers to Monitor trash outflow and bathroom cleanup
- Volunteers to assist with the auction (holding items)
- Volunteers to help with other needs

- REMEMBER this is our parish function. Every member of the parish is asked to assist.

RAFFLE TICKETS – please continue to sell your tickets and take more.
This is the easiest way to boost our revenue.

AUCTION ITEMS – please bring your items any WEDNESDAY EVENING before the Turkey Dinner from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
They may be taken to the Hall and placed on the stage. Thank you.

COUNTRY STORE ITEMS – these may also be brought and left (clearly marked) on the stage any WEDNESDAY EVENING before the Turkey Dinner from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 pm.
We need home-made craft items and homemade food items (breads, pies, desserts). Please contact Ramona S. Torres (897-1398) for more information or to volunteer to help.

THIS SUNDAY

There will be a second collection for the Turkey Dinner. Thank you.

CAKES FOR CAKE WALK – Please, each family bring two cakes each. Our guests look forward to getting a good cake to share with their family. You may bring these to the hall on Saturday, September 26.

Fall Turkey Dinner

S u n d a y September 27th 2009

Turkey, Gravy, Dressing, Corn,
Cole slaw, Cranberries, Cake Dessert
in the parish hall

All plates \$7 each

Serving begins at 11:00 a.m.

Plates to go at 9:00 a.m.

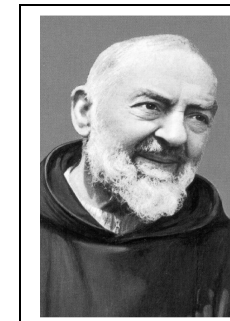
Auction at 11:30 a.m.

Kid Games, Country Store, Cake Walk, Toy
Walk

Raffle tickets available at dinner also

Saint of the Week

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, *Priest*



Born May 25, 1887 to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. Suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. Ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910.

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20 September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bilocate, levitate, and heal by touch. Founded the *House for the Relief of Suffering* in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1920's he started a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide.

Padre Pio died, September 23, 1968 of natural causes.

St. Padre Pio, *pray for us.*

WORKER PARKING NEXT WEEK



If you are working at the festival, **please park on the open field next to the hall.** Use the entrance off the side parking lot. This will leave room in the main parking lot for our guests and the “to go” line flow. Thank you. Fr. Ty

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.

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.