



A reflection from the Pastor

The Gospel today tells of Jesus, following his baptism, being driven into the desert for forty days and being tempted by the devil. The devil tempted Jesus with food, with power and glory, and with his own version of everlasting life – but Jesus refused each temptation. What an incredible example for each of us as we journey this Lent. The world often tells us to eat more and we'll be just fine, to seek our own power and glory and we'll be happier, and to live in every excess because we have a remedy for getting better and living longer. If our self-denial is just about that alone, 'self', then we have to go back and include those goals which are truly life giving. When we, like Jesus, refuse temptation, then we should hunger more for Jesus in his Word and in the Eucharist, we should seek to His power and glory in serving the least, and we should set our focus on the Resurrection from the dead and Easter glory by promoting a culture of life.

With regard to the menu for the Spring Festival, there is still not a definitive verdict. There is a good chance, after weighing several options, that 'carne guisada' may appear as the final menu item this Spring. In the meantime, please be praying and considering an auction item or raffle prize or donation which will also begin next week.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, March 6, 2010



There will be a training session for those who are interested in being altar servers (having made their first communion and higher) on Saturday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. It will last until around noon. Current servers may attend to assist and review.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

ALL GRADES

Regular Class Schedule

Grades K-6 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Tuesday, 23rd	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by Kenneth & Theresa Stolte</i>
Wednesday, 24	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + by M/M Romulo Mascorro</i>
Thursday, 25th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by James & Patricia Staples</i>
Friday, 26th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Isidoro Perez + Day of Abstinence by Knights of Columbus</i>
	6:00 -6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 27th	5:15-5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Mass - <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 28th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes + 2nd Sunday of Lent by Juan Rodriguez</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

Next weeks Readings

First Reading – Genesis 15:5-12

Second Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel – Luke 9:28b-36

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 27th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	H. Cardona, A. Escalante, I. Martin, A. Chamberlain

Sunday 28th, 8 a.m.

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

Sunday 28th, 10 a.m.

Lector	Gracie Perez
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante



Meeting Calendar - February

27 Baptism Prep. 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.*

Future Dates of Baptism:

April 4, May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1886.61

Thank you for your generosity.

** Remember each Sunday of Lent, the second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl.*

Diocesan Services Appeal 2010

By now you have received at your homes the pledge cards from the diocese regarding the 2010 Diocesan Services Appeal. The monies collected go toward the programs and services, salaries and operational expenses of the Chancery of the Bishop, which this year will total \$1,349,808. Each parish in the diocese has a goal for each year, which is calculated by averaging three years of parish collections (first). **This year the goal for St. Patrick's is \$21,170.** This is up \$2,434.93 from last year which was \$18,735.07. I encourage you to give. Any money given will offset the amount the parish owes at the end of the year. Last year, individual contributions totaled \$1,255.00. May God bless you in your generosity.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family took a picture, then you may receive one. They may be picked up from Mrs. Ramona Torres at the parish hall from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the parish hall.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

Last week's question:

How many days does Lent last?
b. forty days

This week's question:

To betray Jesus, the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas Iscariot
a. ten pieces of silver
b. thirty pieces silver
c. a hundred gold coins
d. nothing

Answer coming next week.

Lenten Reflection

Stations of the Cross – and the Bible

1. **Jesus is condemned to death** Mark 15:1-15
2. **Jesus takes up His cross** John 19:13-17
3. **Jesus falls the first time** John 1:29
4. **Jesus meets His mother** Lk 2:25-40; Jn 19:26-27
5. **Simon of Cyrene carries cross** Mark 8:34, 15:21
6. **Veronica wipes the face of Jesus** Matt. 25:40
7. **Jesus falls the second time** Isaiah 63:9
8. **Jesus meets women of Jerusalem** Lk 23:27-31
9. **Jesus falls the third time** Hebrews 4:15-16
10. **Jesus is stripped of His garments** John 19:23-24
11. **Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to cross** John 19:1
12. **Jesus dies on the cross** John 19:28-37, Matt 27:50
13. **Jesus' body is removed from the cross (Deposition or Lamentation)** John 19: 38-40
14. **Jesus is laid in the tomb** Mk 15:46-47, Mt. 27:57-61

Take some time to reread the passages and mediate on the stations this week.