

## A reflection from the Pastor

"Do not be afraid," Jesus speaking to Simon in today's gospel. Fear of the unknown is often what keeps us from loving God and loving one another as God has commanded. Yet, when we keep our focus on Jesus and his way, we realize that we really have nothing to fear, Jesus has our back, just as Simon in today's gospel. With Jesus, the impossible becomes possible and then some. Let us pray this week that our worst fear will become secure in Jesus.

Lent is just around the corner (February 17). Please begin your preparations for this holy season.

The results of the Spring Festival menu questionnaire were inconclusive, as not many votes came back. I will be making a decision in the next week after gathering more information,

## Palms for Burning

Please bring last years' palms to the church by February 14th and deposit them in the baskets at the entrances. As we walk with the Lord from ashes to the living font of Easter and Resurrection, we will make the ashes from these palms that have been with us throughout the year, through our ups and downs. As we receive them on our forehead as ashes, we remember how we are called to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is February 17th.

### END OF THE YEAR

#### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

If you would like to have a letter stating the contributions you made to the parish this year for tax purposes, please let me know by calling the office 897-1155 or emailing [saintpatricks@tisd.net](mailto:saintpatricks@tisd.net).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## This Wednesday

### ALL GRADES

## Regular Class Schedule

### First Communion Parents/Children

**Reminder:** Next Sunday, February 14

**Class with Fr. Ty 9:00 a.m. Heritage Room**

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Tuesday, 9th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Isidoro Perez + by Alex &amp; Maria Gonzales</i>
Wednesday, 10th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + S. Scholastica</i>
Thursday, 11th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>
Friday, 12th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Arnulfo Reyes, Jr. + by M/M Ernest Moya</i>
Saturday, 13th	5:15-5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Mass – <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 14th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
6th Sunday OT		
World	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Alfred Garcia + by Christina &amp; Fernando Navarro</i>

## Next weeks Readings

First Reading – Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel – Luke 6:17, 20-26

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Saturday 13th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Jeanne Lange, Veronica Garcia
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes

#### Sunday 14th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	A. Posada, H. Cardona, L. Rivera Jr., T. Cabral

#### Sunday 14th, 10 a.m.

Lector	Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	D. & K. Escalante, J. Canales Jr., D. Hybner

### Meeting Calendar - February

9	Catholic Daughters	7	Heritage Rm
18	Knights of Columbus	7:30	Heritage Rm
27	Baptism Prep. Class	10-12	Heritage Rm

### Collection Overview:

*Last Sunday:* \$ 1877.00

## SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

### CHICKEN BARBECUE

**\$ 7 a plate, \$6 a whole chicken**

**TODAY, February 7th**

**Prepared by the**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

PARISH MEMORIAL HALL

### Disciples on the Journey for Lent

The 2010 Disciples on the Journey books are now available. The books may be purchased at the new low price of \$2.50 each at the Chancery in Victoria. The Family and Teen sections are online at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org). Call the Office of Catechetical Ministry at 573-0828 or email [dj@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:dj@victoriadiocese.org) for more information.

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### 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:

What was in the ark of the covenant?

*Answer:* f. a, b, and c.

*The ark contained the rod of Aaron, the ten commandments tablets, and the manna God gave from heaven; all prefigurements of Christ's coming as king (rod), prophet (law), and priest (bread from heaven) and our own sharing in His threefold ministry in baptism.*

#### This week's question:

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from:

- the Holy Land
- Rome
- the palms from previous years' Palm Sunday
- the bishop's fireplace

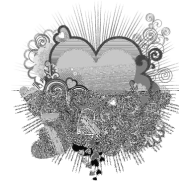
*Answer coming next week.*

### St. Mary's Church in Victoria Parish Festival – Sun. Feb. 14, 2010

Victoria Community Center  
Brisket/Sausage Plates \$7

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be hosting a bake sale after Masses on FEBRUARY 14, 2010.



Proceeds will go toward their general fund.