

## A reflection from the Pastor

The story of the prodigal Son in today's gospel is one for the ages. This Lenten season has hopefully been about training our minds and hearts to serve the Lord better, and this gospel puts the lump right in our throat. How many of us in the same situation would do the same as the Father? Would we take back one that turned their back on us and spent everything we had given (time, talent, treasure) on a life that was meaningless? Indeed, this is probably a reality that only can be reached by those that are one with the Father through Jesus, and indeed because we are sinners, may only be reached by the Father of all beatitude. But we have to try to be like our heavenly Father, if even just a tiny fraction of his selfless, unconditional love. Would we be like the older son, who stayed and yet was not happy to see the Father take back the prodigal son? We must learn to be happy when the sinner is saved; for a soul has been won back for God – no matter how much the human heart dislikes the sin that has occurred. And lastly, to ponder, would we return? Can we return? Do we need to return, like the prodigal son? Maybe it is some small way that we haven't quite reflected on that we need to stand in right relationship with our Heavenly Father. Take some time this week to sit with these questions – and then come to life again.

St. Patrick's  
Pot Luck Supp  
Wednesday, March 1



Although it's spring break, come out and celebrate the parish feast day, **this**

**Wednesday, March 17th.** Mass is at 6:00 p.m. in the Church with the pot luck supper to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. For supper, bring enough to feed your family, and thus share with one another. Door prizes will be awarded. And of course, wear something green, maybe even your 50th anniversary shirt.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## This Wednesday

**No Classes. Enjoy your Spring Break.**

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

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| Wednesday, 17<br><i>St. Patrick</i>  | 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu +<br/>by Bacilio &amp; Barbara Cantu</i>    |
| Friday, 19th<br><i>Solemnity of St. Joseph<br/>Husband of Mary<br/>Day of Abstinence</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mildred Mikulenka +<br/>by Gary &amp; Cynthia Parenica</i> |
|  | 6:00 -6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance   |
|  | 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  |
| Saturday, 20th<br><i>Robles</i>  | 5:15-5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  |
|  | 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Frances</i>                                      |
|  | 6:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Catholic Daughters</i>                                     |
| Sunday, 21st<br><i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>  | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>David &amp; Paula Escalante +<br/>by their sons</i>        |
|  | 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>  |

## Next week's Readings

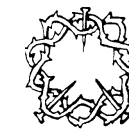
First Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading – Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel – John 8:1-11

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

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| <u>Saturday 20th, 6 p.m.</u> |  |
| Lector                       | Carol Sutton                                     |
| Altar Servers                | Gabriella & Madeline Canales                     |
| Ushers                       | D. Hybner, A. Garcia, I. Martin, A. Chamberlain  |
| Meat Donations               | L. Lange, T. West                                |
| <u>Sunday 21st, 8 a.m.</u>   |  |
| Lector                       | Veronica Ledezma                                 |
| Altar Servers                | April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma      |
| Ushers                       | D. Robles, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez    |
| Meat Donations               | T. Cabral, H. DeLuna                             |
| <u>Sunday 21st, 10 a.m.</u>  |  |
| Lector                       | Melinda Valenzuela                               |
| Altar Servers                | Katie Williams, Derek Folmar                     |
| Ushers                       | D. & K. Escalante, J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr. |
| Meat Donations               | J. Sanchez, C. Martin                            |



## March Calendar

- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Supper**  
Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Hall
- 18 KC Meeting 7:30 Heritage Rm
- 27 **Baptism Prep. Class 10-12 Heritage Rm**

Future Dates of Baptism:  
*April 4, May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1*

### Collection Overview:

*Last Sunday: \$ 1934.68*

*RiceBowl: \$ 247.81*

*Meat Donations: \$275.00*

### Financial Statement – February

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |                     |
| Building Fund                        | 664.87              |
| Sunday Collections                   | 7757.66             |
| Other Collections (Ash Wednesday)    | 261.38              |
| Designated Collections               | 844.73              |
| Candles                              | 181.21              |
| Other                                | 24.00               |
| Fraternal Organizations              | 200.00              |
| <u>Interest Income</u>               | <u>2.77</u>         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>\$9,936.62</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                     |
| Salaries                             | 750.00              |
| Payroll Taxes and Benefits           | 97.00               |
| Utilities                            | 2038.22             |
| Repair and Maintenance               | 1150.35             |
| Rectory Expense                      | 138.16              |
| Church Expenses                      | 658.55              |
| Auto                                 | 824.39              |
| R.E. Expenses                        | 80.97               |
| Bank Charge                          | 32.50               |
| Bishop's Capital Campaign            | 1361.92             |
| Miscellaneous (Needy)                | 16.33               |
| <u>Diocesan Services Appeal</u>      | <u>1000.00</u>      |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>\$8148.39</b>    |
| <b>Overall Total</b>                 | <b>+ \$1,788.23</b> |
| <b>Bank Balance (as of 2/28/10):</b> | <b>\$37,132.88</b>  |

### What's Your Catholic IQ?

#### Last week's question:

After Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced his side with a lance and  
b. water and blood flowed out

#### This week's question:

Before Jesus was betrayed and arrested, he prayed in Gethsemane, a garden  
a. at the foot of the Mount of Olives  
b. in Calvaray  
c. in Bethlehem  
d. in Nazareth *Answer coming next week.*

### PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

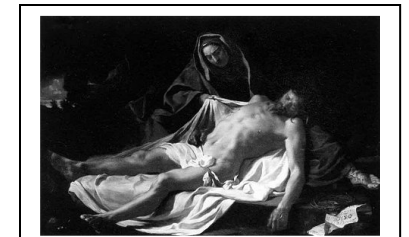
The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family took a picture, then you may receive one. They may be picked up from Mrs. Ramona Torres at the parish hall from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the parish hall.

### Lenten Reflection Were you There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
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Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?



Take a few minutes and reflect on your awareness of what Jesus endured on Calvary for your salvation.



## Making a Good Examination of Conscience Before Easter

- [1] **I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**
- Do I give God time every day in prayer? Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
  - Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
  - Have I ever received Communion in a state of mortal sin?
- [2] **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
  - Have I wished evil upon another person?
  - Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?
- [3] **Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**
- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
  - Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
  - Do I do needless work on Sunday?
- [4] **Honor your Father and your Mother.**
- Do I honor and obey my parents?
  - Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
  - Have I given my family good religious example?
  - Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?
- [5] **You shall not kill.**
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
  - Have I physically harmed anyone?
  - have I abused alcohol or drugs?
  - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin?
  - Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- [6] **You shall not commit adultery.**
- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
  - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
  - Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
  - Have I sought to control my thoughts?
  - Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?
  - Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words and actions?
  - Am I careful to dress modestly?
- [7] **You shall not steal.**
- Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
  - Do I waste time at work, school or at home?
  - Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- [8] **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
  - Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- [9] **You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.**
- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
  - Do I seek to control my imagination?
- [10] **You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.**
- Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
  - Am I greedy or selfish?