

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. The person in today's gospel had three things against her, not only was she a woman in a male dominated world, she was also a widow (she had lost her connection to her husband), and she was poor. While everything seemed to be against her – her God was not, He remained the most important gift – and so she gave even in her poverty.

That is a great lesson for each of us. No matter how well off or how poor we may be, if what comes from the heart is not right with God – then we may very well miss out on his grace and his love.

And so it might be wise to say a few words about tithing (that is giving a portion of what we earn to God).

And so: How do I figure out what I should be giving?

1. Pray about it. You must consider the well being of your family and situation in life. That also means, if you are not giving to good things, you must consider letting those go – drugs, alcohol, frivolous spending.
2. It has often been said that one day's wages is a fair amount to contribute to support the local parish.
3. Tithing: the 10% tithe is a good overall minimum guide.
Example: If you make \$200 a week then 10% would be \$20.00 a week.
4. There are many good apostolates (works of charity) in the Church which also need help. Remember to consider these too. The second collections which are pronounced by the Church to help around the world are a great start.
5. Ultimately, make it a prayer filled response to God and he will bless you. If you are able to give more because you have received more, then do so.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38

On an administrative note: The new confessional is up and ready. Please remember when you enter to close the door and choose either face to face or behind the curtain. After you leave, please leave the door slightly open for the next penitent. I have placed a paper on the entrance bulletin board on "How to Make a Good Confession."

Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

Benefit Barbecue for Jose Troncoso

This Sunday (today) at the St. Patrick hall
11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

BBQ and all the trimmings - \$6 a plate.

DJ by Felix the Cool Cat.

Delivery for 10 or more orders. More info call Naomi at 655-6274 or the hall 897-1398.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

November 18 - November 19

Please note, there will not be daily Mass this week. Let us make a Spiritual Communion and pray for one another. The parish office will also be closed. In an emergency or to receive the Last Rites, please phone Deacon Fred 8 9 7-1 9 5 5 or his cellular phone 6 7 6 – 2 9 5 3 . If you are need of a priest phone Fr. Gabriel at St. Mary's 5 7 3 – 4 3 2 8.

Saturday, 18th *Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time*
6:00 (vigil) Mass - *Pro Populo*

Sunday, 19th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
Bible Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Acción de Gracias*
10:00 a.m. Mass - *Knights of Columbus*



First Reading Daniel 12: 1-3
Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel Reading Mark 13: 24-32

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday, 6 P.M. Lisa Canales/ Jeanne Lange
Sunday, 8 A.M. Elida Cortina/Bacilio Gonzalez
10 A.M. Martha Matura/Isabel Rodriguez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday, 6 P.M. Tommy and Jeannette West
Sunday, 8 A.M. Lupe and Frances Rivera
10 A.M. Ismael and Gracie Perez

Gift Bearers

Saturday, 6 P.M. M/M Joe Canales, Sr.
Sunday, 8 A.M. Henry/Minnie Chacon
10 A.M. Rosemary/Priscilla Mendez

Ushers

Saturday, 6 P.M. R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes, B. Cantu
Sunday, 8 A.M. J. Cantu, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, S. Torres
10 A.M. L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Escalante

Altar Servers

Saturday, 6 P.M. Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Olivia Garza
Sunday, 8 A.M. Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 A.M. Jerry Adkins, Albert Adkins, Elizabeth Rodriguez

Christmas dinner

Please begin to make plans for the parish Christmas dinner to be held this year on **December 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. All families are encouraged to attend.



We will have:

- Lighting of the Outdoor Nativity Scene
- Dinner (covered dish)
- Singing of carols
- And a live performance from our youth.

Balance Sheet for October

Balance September 30, 2006	\$22,726.45
Income: Collections	9118.49
Second Collections	739.73
Other Income	165.98
Parish Activities (turkey dinner)	305.00
Dividends & Rentals	594.00
Designated Funds (R.E.)	695.00
Total Income	11,618.20
Expenses: Salary	750.00
Assistant Clergy (Deacon Retreat)	104.00
Church Festival	203.59
Benefits	585.66
Utilities	4391.81
Maintenance/Repairs	72.46
Church expenses	920.77
Rectory expenses	151.76
Auto (insurance)	1087.22
Religious Education expenses	69.36
Loan	2,890.23
Total Expenses	11,251.86
Balance October 31, 2006	\$23,092.79

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1943.50
Building fund: \$717.00
All Saints: \$344.00

Parish Activities Calendar

CDA Tamale Sale **This week. Contact a member.**
Catholic Daughters **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 pm HR**
Knights of Columbus **Thursday, Nov. 16, 7pm HR**

Remembering All Souls

In order to remember our beloved dead, please sign the names of those who have died and whom you would like to pray for. This book will be located on the stand at the door of the baptistery – our gateway to life in Christ.

Religious Education Classes
This Wednesday – Grades 1-6
at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations

To **Jennifer Salge and Chad Barnett** who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this Saturday. Jennifer is the daughter of Bill and Sue Salge and the granddaughter of Nelda Matchett and the late Tommie Matchett, Sr.



Free Publications

I have placed a couple of boxes at the Church entrance with materials you might find useful in prayer and in the days to come. Please help yourself.

Lawn Maintenance Crew



Ted Cabral, Constantino Martin,
 Andy Reyes, Randy Reyes, Joey Dueñez,
 Albert Rodriguez

Church Picnic Calendar

Nov. 12 – Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria Community Center
 Turkey/dressing

Parish office is closed this week. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:15 - 5:45 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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Quinceañeras

Young ladies approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are members 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.