

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. John the Baptizer went preaching "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths." We can only imagine how the people received him - let alone the Lord. And yet the message remained true: "prepare the way." The majority of our lives is spent trying to find the way to many things. The world projects that one should find the way to power, riches, and fame. But ultimately at the head of these is happiness. We live so that we might prepare the way to meet the one who gave us life, God. Jesus is the way to all happiness, he is the way to all truth. Preparing the way in our own day means putting aside all those obstacles that get in the way of truly knowing him. What are those obstacles? Well they may be the little addictions, anxieties, or rejections of life that keep us from focusing on him and have us focus on ourselves.

This season of God's grace invites us to prepare the way of the Lord like John - he didn't focus on himself, rather he pointed to Jesus and his message. Let us try to do that also. Make an effort his week to mention Jesus in your speech and in your actions. Then you will truly find the way to happiness.

Lectors:

Please remember that the new lector workbooks in English and Spanish are in the Sacristy bookshelf. Please take some time to come by and read over the readings before you proclaim. If you need any help, let me know.

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Ty

*God of power and mercy,
You blessed the Americas
at Tepeyac with the
presence of the
Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.
May her prayers help
all men and women
to accept each other as brothers and
sisters. Through your justice present in
our hearts may your peace reign in the
world.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for*

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 12 – December 17

Tuesday, 12th	5:30 a.m. Las Mananitas
<i>O.L. Guadalupe</i>	6:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupanas</i>
Wednesday, 13th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Lillie Oliver</i>
<i>Lucy</i>	7:00 p.m. Penance/Reconciliation
Thursday, 14th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Lydia Mechura</i>
<i>St. John of the Cross</i>	
Friday, 15th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Marie Zissa Hernandez</i>
Saturday, 16th	6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Andres Garcia</i>
Sunday, 17th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
<i>First Sunday</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Advent</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Knights of Columbus</i>

<i>Readings for</i>	First Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-18a
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	Second Reading	Philippians 4:4-7
	Gospel Reading	Luke 3:10-18

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Lisa Canales, Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Tommy and Jeanette West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Lupe and Frances Rivera
10 a.m.	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Mary Galvan Family
Sunday 8 a.m.	Joey/Elia Duenez
10 a.m.	Ramona Torres, Anthony Torres

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Lange, J. Canales, Sr.
Sunday 8 a.m.	L. Rivera Jr., J. Cantu, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma
10 a.m.	J. Canales Jr., Lupe Rivera Jr., A. Rodriguez, A. Escalante

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	A. Gonzalez, J. Adkins, A. Adkins

Advent 2006

Second Week of Advent

- **Tuesday, December 12 - Las Mañanitas 5:30 a.m.**
La Misa – Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00
a.m./church
Reception to follow Heritage Room

Third Week of Advent

- *Wed., December 13 – Sacrament of Penance 7:00 p.m./church*
- **Sunday, December 17 – Parish Christmas Dinner 5:30 p.m./Parish Hall**
- Lighting of outdoor Nativity, Singing Carols, Live Performance. All families are invited to attend. Please bring covered side dish (turkey and dressing will be provided) to share with others. This year we will be collecting canned foods/ non-perishable items to distribute to those in need in Bloomington. Bring your canned foods/non-perishable to the dinner.

Fourth Week of Advent

- **Wed., December 20 – Sacrament of Penance**

Activities Calendar

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| R.E. Sponsored Breakfast
after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Menudo, sweets, coffee | Dec. 10 | Parish Hall |
| Pre-Baptismal Instruction
The next scheduled baptism date is January 7. | Dec. 30, 10-12 | HR |

Religious Education Classes

This Wednesday – Grades 7-12 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a thirty minute presentation to the students on safety followed by class and a social.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1646.06
Second/Building Fund: \$ 546.12

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil: Sunday, December 24 5:00 p.m.
Midnight: Sunday, December 24 **Midnight**
Day: Monday, December 25 9:00 a.m.

Mass Christmas Day will be bilingual, English/Spanish.

On the Lighter Side

Six year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." Why? "Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Lawn Maintenance Crew

Lyndon Lange, Leland Lange, Marshall Lange, Emilio Ledezma, Manuel Estrada

Parish office is closed on Mondays. 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.