

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. Today we begin Advent, the season in which we prepare to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas and when he comes again in glory. It is a special time of opening ourselves to a preparedness that means seeking to serve the lowliest among us.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us not to grow weary, especially from the anxieties of daily life. And so it is good for us to take some time to think about what consumes us and what makes us weary. One can go through their entire day and not even know they have just angered ten people. Our attitudes in this time of preparation for His second coming must be sharpened and we must stand erect and vigilant to overcome even the smallest of anxieties.

We pray in the Holy Mass: "Deliver us Lord, from all evil and protect us from all anxiety..." He can and will do it, if we surrender ourselves to his will. Pray this week for the grace to overcome your anxieties. In place of them put a holy fear of the Lord - a deep abiding knowledge of his love and care for you. That's the vigilance we need.

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.

A big thank you to the men who assisted in creating the new prayer space in the church: Constantino Martin, Isaac Martin, Ted Cabral, and Ray Fagg. We still have some finishing work, but it should be ready by Christmas.

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Ty

**Knights of Columbus Council 10571
Chicken Barbecue Today**

Plate - \$6.00

(1/2 chicken with trimmings - potato salad, beans, cake)
or Whole BBQ Chicken - \$6.00

Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Hall - 897-1398 on that day for more information

Safe Environment - Parish Information Night

In response to the directives of our Bishop, David E. Fellhauer, and in compliance with diocesan policy, we will be offering a night in which the parish is invited (whether you have kids or not) to hear more about the protection of youth.

Friday, December 8 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 5 - December 10

Tuesday, 5th	4:50 p.m. Adoration Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:05 p.m. Mass - F.J. Eleanor & Madalen Stadter
Wednesday, 6th	8:00 a.m. Mass - Frank Jelinek
Thursday, 7th <i>Immaculate Conception Anticipated</i>	7:00 p.m. Mass - Rose Bujnoch
Friday, 8th <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - Roque Peña, Sr.
Saturday, 9th	6:00 (vigil) Mass - Arturo Madrigal
Sunday, 10th <i>First Sunday Advent</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass - Pro Populo 10:00 a.m. Mass - Lillie Oliver

<i>Readings for</i>	First Reading	Baruch 5:1-9
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	Second Reading	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
	Gospel Reading	Luke 3:1-6

Advent Prayer for Hope

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Jeanne Lange / Jeanette West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Martina Aguayo / Elida Cortina
10 a.m.	Martha Matura / Lupe Olguin

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Carol Sutton / Paulette Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	Juanita Canales / Juanita Madrigal
10 a.m.	Ismael and Gracie Perez

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Hybner Family
Sunday 8 a.m.	Pete/Elena Guerra
10 a.m.	Robert/ Sonia Garcia

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, A. Escalante, I. Martin
Sunday 8 a.m.	M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. DeLuna
10 a.m.	M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D & K Escalante

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	N. Rameriz, D. Folmar, E. Rodriguez

Advent 2006

First Week of Advent

- **Sunday, December 3 - Blessing of the Advent Wreath**
- Wednesday, December 6 – Feast of Saint Nicholas, *bishop*
 - *Father Ty will retell the story of Saint Nicholas and hand out treats to the children.*
 - *7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.*
- **December 7 – Immaculate Conception, anticipated 7:00 p.m.**
- Friday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception, *Holy Day*
 - 8:00 a.m./church

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*

Religious Education Classes This Wednesday – Grades 1-6

at 7:00 p.m.

- ❖ **This week: The Story of Saint Nicholas and treats for the Kids.**



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2,050.64

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.

Activities Calendar

KC Chicken Barbecue	Dec. 3,	9-?	Hall
Guadalupanas Mtg.	Dec. 5	7:00	HR
Safe Environment-Parish Mtg	Dec. 8	7:00	HR
Pre-Baptismal Instruction	Dec. 30, 10-12		HR

The next scheduled baptism date is January 7.

Church Cleaners for December

David and Kathy Escalante

Lawn Maintenance Crew

Raymond Brandl, Tom West, Patrick Canales,
Rodney Neubauer, Robert Liserio, Trinidad Gomez

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.