

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. Merry Christmas.

Today's liturgy celebrates the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The gospel speaks about their trip to the temple for the feast of Passover when Jesus was twelve. When leaving for home, Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was with them, but he had stayed behind. He was listening and asking questions of the teachers. When they found him, Jesus asked them, "did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Often translated, 'about my Father's business,' Jesus' response was not one of disrespect, but of witness to why he came. As the gospel tells us, even though he knew who he was, he went back with Mary and Joseph and listened to them, growing in wisdom, age, and favor.

If we are to model our families after the holy family, then as children we too must be about our Father's business, coming to his house and listening and asking. And if we are called to be parents then we must allow our children to grow in wisdom, age, and favor by showing them the beauty of God.

Let us pray in this week for strength and peace among all families.

As you will notice on the liturgy/mass schedule, there will be no liturgies the days of January 8-11. I will be attending the priest retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Priests are required by canon law to make a yearly retreat. Please keep me and the other priests from the diocese in your prayers. If there should be a need for the last rites or anointing of the sick, please contact Deacon Fred at 897- 1955 or his cellular phone 676-2953, who will contact Reverend Gabriel Oduro-Tawiah from St. Mary's in Victoria, who has graciously agreed to be on stand by while I am on retreat.

There are still "home blessing" sheets in the entry way to the church. Take some time to bless your home for the new year.

Finally, thank you to all who sent cards, food, and sweets to me for Christmas. You were most generous and caring and I thank you. May you and your families have a prosperous and blessed 2007!

Fr. Ty

Parish Calendars

The parish calendars have arrived.

Please take one per household.

Our thanks to Artero Memorial Chapels for sponsoring the calendars this year.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

January 1 – January 12

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| Monday, 1st | 8:00 a.m. – Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Tuesday, 2nd | 4:50 p.m. – Adoration Blessed Sacrament |
| <i>Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i> | 6:00 p.m. – Angelus |
| | 6:05 p.m. – Mass – <i>Martha Kahlich</i> |
| Wednesday, 3rd | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Adolph Koncaba</i> |
| Thursday, 4th | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Albina Picha</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> | |
| Friday, 5th | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Vocations</i> |
| <i>John Neumann, bishop</i> | |
| Saturday, 6th | 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. – Penance/Reconciliation |
| | 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Alma Brandl</i> |
| Sunday, 7th | 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario |
| <i>Epiphany of Lord</i> | 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez & Rita Reyes +</i> |
| | 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Monday 8th – Thursday 11th | No liturgies- Fr. Ty on retreat |
| Friday, 12th | 8:00 a.m. – Mass – <i>Alma Brandl</i> |

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

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| Saturday 6 p.m. | Jeanne Lange, Paulette Brandl |
| Sunday 8 a.m. | Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma |
| 10 a.m. | Lupe Olguin, Isabel Rodriguez |

Ministers of the Precious Blood

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| Saturday 6 p.m. | Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton |
| Sunday 8 a.m. | Lupe and Frances Rivera |
| 10 a.m. | Ismael Perez and Gracie Perez |

Gift Bearers

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| Saturday 6 p.m. | Norma/Sulema Posada |
| Sunday 8 a.m. | Henry/Minnie Chacon |
| 10 a.m. | Frank/Maribel Gonzalez |

Ushers

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| Saturday 6 p.m. | A. Garcia, B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, A. Escalante |
| Sunday 8 a.m. | A. Posada, H. DeLuna, L. Rivera Jr., J. Cantu |
| 10 a.m. | J. Canales, Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes |

Altar Servers

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

Christmas Flower Memorials

Names in italics represent memorials

M/M Arnuflo Reyes *My family* / Mrs. Juanita Madrigal *Arturo Madrigal* / Randy Kurtz *Donna, Richard, Janie Kurtz*

No Religious Education Classes this Wednesday

Classes will resume on January 10
Grades 1-6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall
Have a great Christmas Break!

Activities Calendar

Parish Calendar Pickup This weekend in church
Please, one calendar per household.

January 9 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Heritage

January 18 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Heritage

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 2032.54

Christmas: \$ 1203.30

Rosary Leaders

Saturday is traditionally the day of Mary in the Church. I would like to begin praying the rosary as a parish family from 5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. (allowing the last ten minutes for private preparation/greeting before Mass). If you would like to lead the rosary on Saturday evening, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church. I will print your name in a weekly rotation.

Yard Maintenance

Raymond Brandl, Thomas West, Edward Garcia, Rodney Neubauer, Robert Liserio, Trinidad Gomez

Greeters

Yes, I am going to begin a formation program for greeters. My goal is to have someone at each door before each Mass to say 'welcome' and be available to answer questions. If you feel called to this service, please let me know. I will keep you posted.

Church Cleaners for January



Ismael & Gracie Perez, Elida Cortina, Delfino and Lupe Rodriguez, Maggie Mejia

Parish office is closed on Monday. 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.