

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. This Sunday we hear the first part of what is known as Jesus' "Bread of Life Discourse" from St. John's Gospel. In reality it is a prelude to what Jesus will institute in the Eucharist, in which he offered His own Body and Blood for the salvation of the world.

The situation presented is probably one very familiar to you – lots of people and you must feed them. A common example is family. As it grows – older or in numbers, they must be fed – and one has to ask: "Where am I going to get enough food?" Many families ask that question every day in our world.

In the gospel, this was our Lord and God asking the same thing. And yet he relied on those near him – his disciples and the boy with five loaves and two fish. He first gave thanks to God for what he had and then he gave it to feed five thousand, plus some left over. That is a testament to the power of our God.

I invite you this week to bring before God, that which seems unable to be enough – whether it's basic human needs, or gas for your commute to work, or a state of mind, or maybe a relationship that has gone sour. Present what you have to the Lord, give Him thanks for that gift, and let him multiply the rest. You will find that there will be even some left over and your day will be brighter in Him.

On an administrative note, I met with the Parish Finance Council, Religious Education instructors, and Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion. They were all productive meetings. I am highly optimistic about the well being of the parish. As I being to administer in the parish, you may see things done a little differently. First, I ask that you offer suggestions. Second, as I pray for your well being, pray also that we will remember our common mission – to know and serve the Lord. Third, change is good – patience is the virtue. Let us remember that dictum.

Thank you to all who helped with my installation. I am now officially your pastor.

- Fr. Ty

Mass Schedule and Intentions
August 1 - August 6

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| Tuesday: | 8:00 a.m. | Tommie Matchett, Sr. |
| Wednesday: | 8:00 a.m. | Beatrice Zambrano Posada |
| Thursday: | 8:00 a.m. | Susanna Torres |
| Friday: | 8:00 a.m. | Gabriel Canchola |
| Sunday: | 6:00 (vigil) | CDA |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Acción de Gracias |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Special Intention |

*** ATTENTION ALL WHO WORK WITH YOUTH**

✓ All teachers and those involved with the youth of the parish need to attend a Safe Environment Training Session which is good for three years. After the third year, those still working with youth need to renew their training.

✓ The next training session in Victoria is:
August 6, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

In the Chancery
1505 E. Mesquite Lane
(just behind the Cathedral off Laurent)

✓ If you are unsure of your status, please phone Fr. Ty or Ramona Torres for a list of names.

✓ Please make every effort to attend and be sure to register your name and parish so you get credit. Thank you for keeping our kids safe.

Those needing **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** training for the first time must complete a criminal background check and attend the session in Victoria. The fee for the background check is \$8 and may be completed online. This is for all who are involved with the children at the sessions. The next one is August 28th at the Chancery in Victoria. To register phone 573-0828.



**Kubota Tractor
For Sale**

Due to the lack of need and expense of the Kubota, it will be available to make offers on, beginning Tuesday.

Minimum offer: \$7500.00

Description: Diesel Kubota BX 2230 / 4 WD

Odometer: 58 hours riding time

If you would like to see it in person, please call Fr. Ty. Offers will be taken through Friday, August 11th and may be made at the parish office or by phone.

Religious Education Program/Registration

The time is soon approaching to register the children for religious education classes. This education is so important to them and to the church – for they need to be formed well in the ways of the faith to face the world.

I want to consider having separate dates for the children to come. This proposal needs discussion and that is where the parents come in. If you have questions call me at the parish office. This will alleviate overcrowding and truly allow the children to learn. I propose the following schedule:

Groups will meet every other Wednesday evening @ 7:00 p.m.
1-7 grades and 8-12 grades

Once each quarter, I would like the children/families to come together and build their faith by having an activity together. We'll see how it goes and maybe have more.

The dates for registration are:

August 23 and August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Heritage Room. And Tues – Friday at parish office.

Registration will be closed September 4, 2006.

The fee for classes is \$15 per child. Again, don't let the fee be a hindrance to your child's faith. Start saving now. If you need assistance with the fee, please let me know. Your child's education in the faith is my primary concern. The fee pays for books and supplies.

Students registering for sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist need to bring copies of their baptismal certificate (unless they were baptized at St. Patrick).

Continue to pray for the teachers and students as we begin this year of learning more about the faith.

Adult Faith Education

We should all continue to grow in faith education. I will be offering adult sessions (for example on the bible) each half of the year (Fall and Spring). Get ready, this September – October will be a course on the Gospel according to St. Luke. More later.

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.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Note: If you lector or are an E.M.H.C. and missed the meeting, stop by the sacristy after Mass and pick up the handouts. We will have another meeting soon.

Lectors

Saturday, 6 P.M. Lisa Canales/Paulette Brandl
Sunday, 8 A.M. Martina Aguayo/Elida Cortina
10 A.M. Lupe Olguin/Isabel Rodriguez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday, 6 P.M. Tommy & Jeanette West
Sunday, 8 A.M. Santos & Mary Alvarado
10 A.M. Ismael & Gracie Perez

Ushers

Saturday, 6 P.M. Robert Cisneros, Sean Torres,
Randy Reyes, Bacilio Cantu
Sunday, 8 A.M. Lupe Rivera, Jr., Adolph Escalante,
Magdeleno Garcia, Domingo Robles
10 A.M. Daniel Hybner, Albert Rodriguez,
Constantino Martin, John Sanchez

Offertory Gift Bearers

Volunteers this week

Altar Servers

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

Lawn Maintenance

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

Please Note – Candles/Holy Water



These have been moved to the cabinet on the altar server side workroom, so that we might keep all candles together.

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Quinceñeras

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.