

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. Some time ago I was speaking with a friend and he asked if I knew someone. My immediate response was well, maybe a little, but I responded by saying, no I really don't know him. I have thought a lot about that in the past months – how well do we really know people? Do we know them because they look nice on the outside, or maybe because of their wealthy lifestyle, or maybe because of what they can do for us? People in Jesus' day looked to the scribes and Pharisees because they knew the law – they looked good from the outside, they had a good life and good things, and they did things for them – but as we hear in the gospel it is not always about the externals that matters – their hearts were far from the Lord. For when we focus on them, we miss the person and we fail to know them as God has created them.

And that brings us to think about our relationship with our God. How well do we know him? Is it a one hour a week relationship or is it minute by minute – growing in love with our God and his Son our Lord Jesus Christ? Take some time each day this week to praise God for his life in you. If you find yourself focusing on others by what you see on the outside, take a moment and look them in the eyes and view their soul and care for them.

Please note the financial statement in this edition. While there is a little wiggle room, we mustn't get too comfortable – we need to do really well at the Turkey Dinner! Have a blessed week. - Fr. Ty

Meetings for September

Tuesday Sept. 5 - 7:00 p.m. Guadalupanas

Thursday Sept. 12 – 7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters

Thursday, Sept. 21 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Adult Scripture Course - A Journey with Saint Luke

I will be presenting this class for all adults. We will be focusing on the theme of 'journey' as we look at the gospel. All are invited to attend. Please bring a bible and something to take notes. I will also have bibles available!

Dates: Tuesday Evenings
September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Place: Parish Hall

Readings for next Sunday

*Try to read over them and pray with them
at least once this week.*

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a
Second Reading James 2:1-5
Gospel Reading Mark 7: 31-37

Mass Schedule and Intentions

September 5 - September 10

Tuesday: 6:05 p.m. Vincente Garcia
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Tommie Matchett, Sr.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. Beatrice Posada
Saturday: 6:00 (vigil) Alma Brandl
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Guadalupanas
10:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Please Note: Shift in Mass Schedule

Beginning September 5th, the Tuesday liturgy schedule will be changing. It will be the following:

4:50 p.m. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:50 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. – Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
5:50 p.m. – Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. – Praying of the Angelus
6:05 p.m. – Mass

Think about spending some time with our Lord. Bring the family.

Attention!

**Religious Education Catechists/Aids
In-service/Evening Reflection**

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Time: 6:30 p.m. (Dinner) 7 – 8:00 p.m. reflection

Place: Heritage Room

Note: Dinner will be served.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday, 6 P.M. Paulette Brandl/Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 A.M. Veronica Ledezma/Ted Cabral
10 A.M. Maribel Gonzales/Melinda Valenzuela

Ministers of the Precious Blood

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

Gift Bearers

Saturday, 6 P.M. Patrick/Lisa Canales/Matthew Canales
Sunday, 8 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Estrada, Sr.
10 A.M. Robert/Sonia Garcia

Ushers

Saturday, 6 P.M. B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, A. Escalante, I. Martin
Sunday, 8 A.M. M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra
10 A.M. J. Sanchez, D. Escalante, K. Escalante, J. Canales, Jr.

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, J. Adkins, A. Adkins



TURKEY DINNER UPDATE

Dinner is September 24th
21 days and counting

Country Store Items Needed:

We are still in need of items for the country store; canned goods, homemade items, baked items, arts and crafts. New or clean unused items. Contact Fr. Ty for more information.

Raffle Tickets:

The tickets have been printed and should be in the mail. Please sale as many as you can! If you would like to make monetary donations to the raffle, you may still do so in the envelopes provided or at the parish office. More tickets may be picked up at the church entrance or at the parish office.

Donations still needed:

Turkeys – the Knights will be in front of the Church before after each Mass for the next three weeks to take meat donations. Please be generous.

Auction Items Needed – Please register on the sheet provided in the church or bring them by the parish office Tuesday through Saturday or contact Fred and Patty Soto. We need good items to have a successful auction. Forms for receipt of donation are located at the entrance of the church.

Posters – there are posters at the entrance if you want to display at local businesses or your homes.

September 17 – Blood Drive



South Texas Blood & Tissue Center
will be present
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Think about giving the

Remembering September 11, 2001 – A Prayer for Healing

Come, Holy Spirit of Love and Peace, We long for your healing touch.

On September 11, 2001, Our country was scarred
By hatred and revenge...
We long for your healing touch.

Hearts were broken and lives were lost, And fear and anger prevailed...
We long for your healing touch.

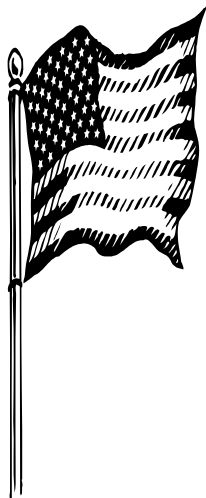
Awaken in us, Holy Spirit, A deep and respectful remembrance...
That you are a God of love, not hatred, That you are a God of forgiveness, not revenge,
That you are a God of peace, not war.

Remembering these things, we ask you to Bless our country and all those defending
Its ideals of freedom and liberty And bring them safely home.

May your gifts of peace, love, and forgiveness Transform our hatred, anger, and fear,
So that peace on earth will be possible once again.

Come, Holy Spirit of Love and Peace,
We long for your healing touch.

Amen.



Balance Sheet for August

Income:

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| Collections | 8,293.16 |
| Other Income | 377.25 |
| Parish Activities (turkey dinner) | 3,826.00 |
| Designated Collections | 189.56 |
| Designated Funds (Tractor, R.E.) | 8,374.50 |

Total Income 21,060.47

Expenses:

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| Salaries | 750.00 |
| Benefits | 567.66 |
| Utilities | 4,566.98 |
| Maintenance/Repairs | 2,505.37 |
| Church expenses | 981.20 |
| Rectory expenses | 271.30 |
| Auto | 476.22 |
| R.E. expenses | 388.91 |
| Loan | 2,890.23 |

Total Expenses 13,397.87

Balance August 31, 2006 7,662.60



Parish Collection Information Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$1749.18

Katrina Collection: \$189.56

Lawn Maintenance Crew

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

Church Picnic Calendar

Sept. 3 – Cuero

O.L.G. grounds
BBQ – all trimmings

Sept. 3 – Hallettsville

KC Hall
Fried Chicken/Stew

Sept. 10 – Inez at the

Inez Community Ctr.
BBQ Brisket/Sausage

Sept. 17 – O.L.G. Port Lavaca

Shrimp Dinner

Sept. 17 – O.L.G. – Bay City

BBQ Brisket/trimmings

Sept. 17 – Moulton at KC Hall

Fried Chicken/Stew