

A reflection from the Pastor

"Today you will be with me in paradise," Jesus speaking to the criminal hanging on the cross near him. Even at the hour of his death, our Lord kept focused on what he came for, SALVATION. He was about saving souls, and the criminal who repented received the words that every soul longs to hear: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Today we celebrate Jesus, Christ the King. This title was not given out of Jesus' power to rule the material world, but to save souls. His Kingship, unlike an earthly ruler, did not come with family honor or wealth; he was born in a manger and poverty. His crown was not of jewels but of thorns, so much did he love us. And his throne was not of gold and jewels, but a cross on which he was nailed. They even mocked him and called him the 'King of the Jews.' Little did they know that Jesus' Kingship as the Christ, came in the power of the resurrection to overcome sin and death. And because he did it, he now sits at the right hand of the Father waiting to judge the living and the dead in his second coming.

We in our own lives, need to make Christ the king of our lives. As the days of Advent approach (beginning next Sunday), I invite you to see how you live in imitation of Christ the King. Let him rule your life, and he will give you an honor that cannot be matched: Eternal Life.

I pray you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday.

May you have a blessed week. Fr. Ty

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND USHERS

Parish Collections

Beginning December 2, when the parish has two collections we will take these at two separate times: 1st Collection taken at the Offertory. 2nd collection after I am seated after Holy Communion. Thank you.

F.Y.I. Christmas Holy Land Olive Wood Sales

The sales went well. Our first year, we had nearly \$700 in sales. Thank you to all who bought and thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the sale. Let us continue to pray for the Christians living the Holy Land.

Around the Diocese

Dec 6 St. Mary's Altar Society Bazaar

10-4 at St. Mary's Activity Center. Lunch available at 11:00 a.m. Christmas décor, and much more.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

November 27 - December 2

Tuesday, 27th	6:00 p.m.	Angelus
	6:10 p.m.	Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez+ by M/M Paul Padilla</i>
Wednesday, 28th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Julio and Josefa Alvarez by Mary L. Moya</i>
Thursday, 29th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Frank & Elle May Fossati</i>
Friday, 30th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Eugene Vrana</i>
<i>St. Andrew</i>		
Saturday, 1st	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i>
	6:00 (vigil)	Mass – <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 2nd	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario
<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes</i>
<i>2nd Col: Bldg. Fund</i>		<i>by Juan Rodriguez</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

Looking Ahead Liturgically: Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an Obligatory Holy Day. As you know, the Saturday evening Mass anticipates Sunday each week. This does not count toward your obligation for the Holy Day. **The Mass times for the Holy Day are: Friday – December 7 at 6:10 p.m. Saturday – December 8 at 9:00 am.**

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Ted Cabral, Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Lupe Olguin, Gracie Perez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Sunday 8 a.m.	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
10 a.m.	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Patrick and Lisa Canales, Matthew Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Pete and Elena Guerra
10 a.m.	Melinda Valenzuela and Family

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	J. Canales Sr., T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange
Sunday 8 a.m.	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez
10 a.m.	J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Matthew Vela
Sunday 8 a.m.	Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
10 a.m.	Natasha Rameriz, Derek Folmar, Elizabeth Rodriguez

Parish Meeting Calendar – November

27 Adult Bible Class 7 Heritage

December:

2 First Communion Class w/Fr. Ty 9 Heritage

Religious Education This Week

Regular Classes: 1-6 @ 6:00 p.m., 7-12 @ 7:15

Confirmation Students: Be working on your Sponsor and Saint Name Paper



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1,984.92

2nd: Campaign for Human Dev.: \$ 395.44

Thank you for giving to the Lord.

What's your Catholic IQ - Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The word Advent means: a. the coming

This week's question:

An Hispanic Christmas custom of acting out Joseph and Mary looking for an inn is called:

- a. Hide and Seek
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Las Posadas
 - d. Tiny Tim's Christmas
- (answer next week)

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

**Sunday, December 2,
2007**

Plates to go

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Fall Scripture Class

Understanding the Bible

The fall scripture series began with our comprehensive look at the bible.

The course is designed to help understand each of the books of the Bible.

Dates: Tuesdays, November 27 – December 4 in the Heritage Room. 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

All adults are invited to attend. Religious Education teachers are strongly encouraged to attend. If you don't have a bible, one will be furnished.

Next Class: This Tuesday, November 27

Annual Christmas Parish Dinner

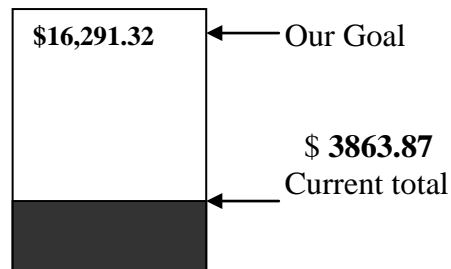
Sun. December 16, 2007 - 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall

All are welcome. It is a time for us as a parish to celebrate the joy of Jesus' birthday. The Knights will supply the meat and each family should bring a side dish. We will also be collecting food for the hungry. Each family please bring canned or non-perishable food. CHILDREN'S PAGEANT/CAROLS/DOOR PRIZES.

**Diocesan Services Appeal (D.S.A.)
Update**

This annual appeal goes to help the bishop run the diocese. I know we can do it; **there is power in numbers.**

Thank you to those who have already given. To those who have not, you still have time. We now have a total of \$3823.87.



Number of Families contributing so far: 43

Total Number of Parish Families: 330

Percentage of families that have given: 13%

If every family can help, as I suggested \$50 or if you can give more, we would more than reach our goal. Please feel free to give what you can. We would also not have to have the January raffle which requires selling \$50 tickets.

Thank you again for your support. Encourage one another.