

A reflection from the Pastor

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We hear these words in today's gospel just two days before Christmas. God in his generosity, sent his Son to be with us. What a great gift, the greatest gift the world has ever seen and will see. It is so important that we share our faith by word and example. Take some time to reread the story of Jesus' birth with your family and spend some time reflecting on how God is "with you" in these days.

My sincere gratitude to all who made the parish Christmas dinner a huge success. A good time was had by all; great food and fellowship. The children's pageant was excellent and entertaining. We also collected canned foods which were taken to V.C.A.M. in Victoria to be distributed to the hungry. Thank you parish family!

To all who have been so kind to bring me goodies, thank you. I have really enjoyed them!

Sincerely, may you and your families have a blessed week and a merry Christmas.+

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 24 – December 30

Monday, 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Rosa Andrade</i> by <i>Juanita Madrigal</i> 12:00 p.m. Mass at Midnight – <i>Ann Jurica</i>
Tuesday, 25th <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Bilingual</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Mildred Hroch</i> by <i>Barbara Hybner</i>
Wednesday, 26th <i>St. Stephen</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Emma Lange</i> by <i>Carol Sutton</i>
Thursday, 27th <i>St. John the Apostle</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Lillie Bomersbach</i>
Friday, 28th <i>Holy Innocents</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Frank & Elle May Fossati</i>
Saturday, 29th	12:00 Quinceañera - Mendez 3:00 Quinceañera - Valdez 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Bebe Canchola</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Mildred Hroch</i> by <i>Barbara Hybner</i>
Sunday, 30th <i>Holy Family</i> <i>Jesus, Mary, Joseph</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary & Salvador Cantu & Tomasa Garcia +</i> by <i>Family</i>

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead*

Saturday 29th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Cup Ministers	Jeanne Lange, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Hybner Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Matthew Vela
Ushers	C. Sutton, J. Canales, Sr., T. West, R. Cisneros

Sunday 29th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Martina Aguayo, Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
Gift bearers	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma and family
Altar Servers	K. Monroy, R. Monroy, J. Castellano
Ushers	A. Posada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna, T. Cabral

Sunday 30th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Gloria Cantu, Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Jose and Noemi Troncoso and family
Altar Servers	J. Adkins, A. Adkins, A. Gonzalez
Ushers	T. Troncoso, S. Torres, H. Lagoria, C. Martin

Liturgical Assignments for Christmas

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Volunteers
Ushers	Volunteers
Altar Servers	Jason, Michael, Angelica Valenzuela

Christmas eve Midnight mass

Lectors	Jeanette West, Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers	Lange Family
Ushers	Volunteers
Altar Servers	Volunteers

Christmas day - 10:00 a.m.
(bilingual)

Lectors	Lisa Canales, Ted Cabral (spanish)
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Steve and Jean Mercado
Ushers	Volunteers

Parish Meeting Calendar – December

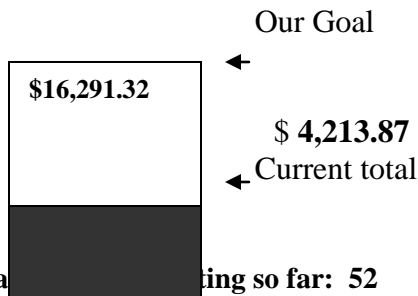
29 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage

Around the Diocese...

Retrouvaille Weekend – Is a help for renewing marriages. February 29-March 2 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For more info visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Gerd or Linda Conner at 979 543-3493 to register.

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 \$4,213.87 toward our goal.



Total Number of Parish Families: 330
Percentage of families that have given: 15 %

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.

Religious Education

No Classes this week for Christmas Break

**Classes resume January 9 with Mass
in the church at
7:00 p.m. ALL GRADES**

May the birth of Christ bring you much joy!

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The custom of having a Nativity Scene at Christmas began

a. with St. Francis of Assisi

This week's question:

The words the shepherds heard the angels sing to announce Jesus' birth were?

- a. Glory to God in the Highest
- b. This is the Lamb of God
- c. Hosanna in the Highest
- d. We three kings of orient are

(Answer coming next week)

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1356.82

Christmas Flower Memorials

Mrs. Marie Boedeker *Daniel & Emily Roznovsky, George & Annie Boedeker, Emmett Boedeker, Connie Salinas Felix & Maria Salinas, Fidel & Petra Galicia, Juanita Madrigal Arturo Madrigal*

Hospital / Emergency Calls

As of member of the Victoria Deanery (churches in this area) St. Patrick's pays a hospital chaplain to meet the needs of hospital patients. If you find that you are in the hospital and in need of a priest in an emergency please contact:

Priest Beeper 503 – 9188

If no response, call:

**Chaplain at: 579-6895 (home)
920-0137**

Post this near your telephone. Please also take the time to let me know here at the parish so that I may include you on the prayer list and make a visit when possible.

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