

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. Love your enemies. This is the message of Jesus to his disciples, then and present day. That means us. If we want to follow Jesus then we must be willing to live the law of love even for those whom we consider enemies. This has become even more poignant at this time of war, in which so many of our men and women are fighting the enemy. We speak of terror and terrorists as the enemy. If the gospel is truth, then we must even love them. How is this possible? It means that we must take off the blinders and stop judging - in other words: love the person, hate the sin. In order to do this we really have to work on our relationship with the Lord and ask for the grace to put aside our judgments. If you find this a particularly heavy burden, you might consider letting this Lent be a time of really carrying that cross as we walk with the Lord to Calvary and beyond.

Please take a look at the checking balance statement for January. If you have not figured out by now, I enjoy looking for ways to save us money. I do not like spending on frivolous things. That being said, I am now acquiring bids to replace our antiquated air conditioning and heating system, which is really our biggest expenditure (in bold). After 47 years it is on its last go round. I am not happy about how inefficient it is and how much we spend on that rather than other things spiritual. I am appealing to you to help in this endeavor. As with all things, you will know as it is happening. I am looking for a new system by mid-late spring so we can save this summer. Thanks for all you do.

As many of you also know by now the ice machine in the parish hall is no longer working. We have exhausted all attempts at reviving it. I have made the decision, to indefinitely cease having an ice machine in the hall. For events of the parish, we will purchase ice. Those renting the hall will also be required to purchase ice. Although an initial inconvenience, this will save us much in electric bills and on the machine itself. I say 'indefinite' because I will leave it open to a period to see how it goes.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

Mark your calendars - Spring Barbecue
is Sunday, April 29, 2007

Preparations are being made, and I will be asking that we work on meat donations, raffle items, etc. in the next weeks. If you would like to help with a particular area please let me know. Thank you.

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 20 – February 25

Tuesday, 20th	8:00 a.m. Mass – Antonio Magallan
Wednesday, 21st	8:00 a.m. Mass - David & Olivia Musquiz + Ash Wednesday 6:05 p.m. Mass - Mildred Hroch + 2nd Col. – Churches in Eastern/Central Europe (both Masses)
Thursday 22nd	8:00 a.m. Mass - Floyd & Evelyn Hathaway
Friday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – Ludwicka Krause Chair of Peter 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 24th	Hall Rental – Bobby Garcia Benefit 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Penance 5:35 – 5:50 p.m. Rosary – L. Olguin/Leader 6:00 (vigil) Mass – Marie Zissa Hernandez +
Sunday, 25th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
▪ 1st Sunday Lent	8:00 a.m. Mass – Donato Rodriguez & Rita Reyes+
▪ 2nd Collection	Black/Indian 10:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo
▪ Black Bag	

Readings for Sunday
February 25

First Reading - Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Gloria Cantu, Ted Cabral
10 a.m.	Gracie and Ismael Perez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Sunday 8 a.m.	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
10 a.m.	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Hybner Family
Sunday 8 a.m.	Henry/Minnie Chacon
10 a.m.	Mary Helen/Connie Garcia

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	T. West, J. Canales, Sr., R. Cisneros, M. Lange
Sunday 8 a.m.	E. Ledezma, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles
10 a.m.	J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela

Balance Sheet for January	
Profit Loss – checking only	
Income:	
Collections	9078.98
Other Income	178.60
Parish Activities (dsa raffle)	-375.00
Dividends & Rentals (Heritage Rm)	100.00
Designated Collections	295.47
Total Income	9,280.36
Expenses:	
Salary	750.00
Church Festival (dsa raffle)	1239.65
Benefits	576.66
Utilities	2034.28
Maintenance/Repairs	178.64
Church expenses	2041.19
Rectory expenses	164.33
Auto	546.35
Loan	2,890.23
Total Expenses	10,421.33
Overall total:	-1,140.97
Checking Balance 2/11/2007:	21,142.00

Religious Education Classes this Wednesday

Grades 1-6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

8:00 p.m. – Distribution of Ashes in the Hall

2007 Youth Spectacular - Sunday, March 4, 2007

All high school age young people are encouraged to attend at Holy Family Activity Center in Victoria. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. with Bishop Fellhauer. Event ends at 8:00 p.m. Registration is \$17 per person or group rate of 8 or more \$15 per person. Please contact Ramona Torres for more information or Debbie Vanelli at 573-0828

Diocese of Victoria Building Fundraising Campaign

I just wanted to make you aware of this. The campaign is raffling a Ladies Rolex valued at \$12,000. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 6 for \$50. If you want to by one contact the office by March 23rd.

Parish Activities Calendar	
Feb. 21	Ash Wednesday Masses w/distribution 8:00 a.m. and 6:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	Adult Education Class – the Creed with Fr. Ty 7:00 p.m. -8:15 p.m. Heritage Room
Feb. 24	Baptism Prep. Class 10-12 Heritage Room
Feb. 24	Benefit Barbecue – Bobby Garcia Hall Benefit Dance – Bobby Garcia Hall

Pray for Vocations

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1703.95

Parish office is closed on Monday. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00 - 5:30 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.