

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. The season of Lent has begun and we should be well into our own desert, if we want to follow Jesus. We hear how he went without food for forty days and forty nights and after it was over he was very hungry. The temptations which he endured without giving in, were another devastation out in that desert.

Really our lives are much the same; we go through much of our life trying to get rid of what we don't need, and looking for what we really hunger. The only real difference is that we give in. Jesus used all of that energy for his work - for others. And so we have our Lenten message. If we do the work - God will raise us up beyond not only ourselves, but the world.

I encourage you to bring your family for the stations of the cross each Friday evening. If possible, come during the day and pray them, the side door is open near the rectory. The stations are printed in both languages beginning on page 244 of the missalette.

My thanks to all who helped with our raffle and congratulations to all our winners. Let's regroup for the Spring Barbecue.

Thank you to so many for the sympathy on the passing of my grandmother, Irene Obsta. Your prayers have been a comfort to me.

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

Diocese of Victoria Building Fundraising Campaign

I 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.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 27 - March 4

Tuesday, 27th	4:50 p.m.	Adoration
	5:50 p.m.	Benediction
	6:00 p.m.	Angelus
	6:00 p.m.	Mass - Isabel Perez +
Wednesday, 28th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - Irene Obsta +
Thursday 1st	8:00 a.m.	Mass - Floyd & Evelyn Hathaway
Friday, 2nd	8:00 a.m.	Mass - Ludwicka Krause
First Friday	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Day of Abstinence-No Meat		
Saturday, 3rd	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Penance
	5:35 - 5:50 p.m.	Rosary
	6:00 (vigil)	Mass - Mrs. Cantu
Sunday, 4th	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario
▪ 2nd Sunday Lent	8:00 a.m.	Mass - Pro Populo
▪ Black Bag	10:00 a.m.	Mass - Mary Deville Brooks +

**Readings for Sunday
March 4**

First Reading - Genesis 15:5-12
Second Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Lisa Canales, Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Martina Aguayo, Elida Cortina
10 a.m.	Isabel Rodriguez, Maribel Gonzalez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Paulette Brandl, Veronica Garcia
Sunday 8 a.m.	Lupe and Frances Rivera
10 a.m.	Ismael and Gracie Perez

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Marie Boedeker
Sunday 8 a.m.	Pete/Elena Guerra
10 a.m.	Robert/Sonia Garcia

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Reyes, Sr.
Sunday 8 a.m.	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez
10 a.m.	J. Sanchez, D & K Escalante, J. Canales Jr.

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	N. Rameriz, D. Folmar, E. Rodriguez

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

Thought for the week:

Friday's reading from Ezekiel 18:28.

" But if the wicked, turning from the wickedness he has committed, does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

God is waiting for each one of us to allow him to heal us and bring us closer to him. The sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation is a great new beginning. Try to go soon, so that he might preserve your life.

Review of Activities:

Mass: Tues. - 6:05 p.m.; Wed.- Fri. 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday of Lent - 7:00 p.m. in the church

Opportunities for Almsgiving:

- Operation Rice Bowl - today the bowls are given out
- The black bag each Sunday for the poor

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:

- Each Saturday: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Prayer: The red book of intentions will be located at the entrance of the church. If you have an intention, please write it in the book so that the parish community can pray for you.

Adult Education: The Creed

Fr. Ty will offer these classes on what we profess as Catholics and what we prepare to renew at Easter. All are invited to attend. The catechists of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend. The dates are: March 1, 8, 20(Tues.), 29 in the Heritage Rm. 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

YOUTH CORNER

Religious Education Classes this Wednesday

Grades 7-12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

Youth Spectacular - Sunday, March 4, 2007

For high school age young people at Holy Family Activity Center in Victoria. 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please contact Ramona Torres for more information or Debbie Vanelli at 573-0828.

Congratulations! D.S.A. Raffle Winners

TV - Ventura's, \$50 Home Depot - Gracie Perez, \$50 Olive Garden- Gracie Perez, \$50 HEB- Roy Canchola Sr., \$50 Red Lobster- Joey & Elia Duenez, \$100 Penney's - Carol Sutton, \$50 Siesta- Manual Gonzales, \$50 Golden Corral- Alfred Garcia, \$50 Gonzales-Constantino Martin, \$100 Dillard's-Carrie Garcia, \$50 VeraCruz- Wayne & Debbie Mercado, \$50 Tejas - Scott & Stacy Bazar, \$50 Maggie's-Brian Grahmann, \$100 Lowes- Leo Mendez, \$50 Home Depot-Cathy Nelson, \$50 Red Lobster- Kim McGill, \$50 Siesta- Frances Saucedo, \$100 Wal-Mart -Buddy Torres, \$50 Johnny Carino's- Santos Molina, \$50 Texas Roadhouse-Alisia Gutierrez, \$50 Montana Mikes - Noemi Troncoso, \$100 Target - Soila Reyes, \$50 Target-Frances Marie Gutierrez, \$50 Chili's - Buddy Torres, \$50 Hobby Lobby-Mike & Vicky Rivera, \$150 Wal-Mart - Susanna Villarreal

Cleaning the Church in March
Maggie Mejia and Concepcion Soto



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2846.59

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.