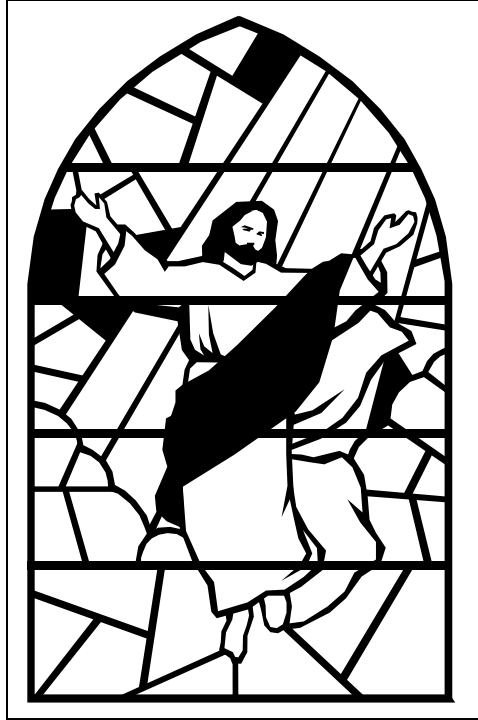


St. Patrick's Catholic Church



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Acts of the Apostles 1:8-11

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

Today's feast of the Ascension is a reminder to us all that we should not become attached to the things of this world. For one day, when the Lord comes in his glory, he will raise us up to the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus' Ascension is a reminder of the work we have to do in proclaiming the Gospel message. Following his being taken up, the gospel recounts that the disciples did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, continually praising God. That is what should fill us, the joy of the Lord, on this great feast.

While the world tries to weigh us down with its false hopes and joys, it is the Lord's Ascension that reminds us, that by focusing on Him, we will rise with a joy that cannot be matched.

This week, as we prepare for the Great Feast of Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit, the prayer I have included here in the bulletin. Also, like the disciples, we are called to pay the Lord homage daily, give him thanks, and continually praise him.

I have included an excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI. I will from time to time try to bring some theological ideas to help us in our understanding of the truths of our faith.

Over the next several months, the religious education program will be revised. Please stay tuned to dates and times for the planning of curriculum and the implementation of a dynamic series of classes to charge our young people. Let us remember, it all begins in the home, so parents please do your part to pray together, read the bible, and study about the faith. I hope to get a book out for each home to work on as a family throughout the year. Regular Mass attendance is a must.

May you have a blessed and holy week. Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 22 – May 27

Tuesday, 22nd	4:50 p.m. Exposition – Adoration 5:50 p.m. Benediction 6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:05 p.m. Mass – <i>David & Olivia Musquiz + by M/M Ismael Perez</i>
Wednesday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Irene Obsta + by the R.E. Teachers</i>
Thursday, 24th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Scott Hahn</i>
Friday, 25th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Domingo Castoncio by R.E. Teachers</i>
Saturday, 26th	3:00 p.m. Nuptials – <i>Cavasos/Garza</i> 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Paul Depine</i>
Sunday, 27th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	
<i>Pentecost Novena ends</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Felipe Solorio, Sr. by Solorio Family</i>

Readings for May 27 – Pentecost Sunday

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:13-14

Office Hours:

Parish office is closed on Monday. Thank you. The parish office is open Tuesday through Friday as per the pastor's schedule, until 5:00 p.m. Any other time by appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. *and by 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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Quinceñeras

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.

Yard Maintenance Crew

Raymond Brandl, Tom West, Edward Garcia, Rodney Neubauer, Robert Liserio, Trinidad Gomez
Mowers, we are now cutting the yard with the deck all the way up on the John Deere. Thanks.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2779.20

Building Fund: \$ 654.08

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Lisa Canales, Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Melinda Valenzuela, Lupe Olguin

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Santos & Mary Alvarado
10 a.m.	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Raymond/Paulette Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	Fidel/Pat Galicia
10 a.m.	Mark/Lisa DeLosSantos

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Lange
Sunday 8 a.m.	A. Posada, H. Cardona, L. Rivera Jr., J. Cantu
10 a.m.	A. Rodriguez, A. Escalante, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso

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

Ascension of the Lord – May 20, 2007

Parish Activities Calendar - May

26 Pre-Baptismal Instruction – Heritage Rm
10:00- 12:00 a.m.

29 Class on Liturgy by Fr. Ty Heritage Rm
7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

This class is being taught as one through the consortium of classes for religious education teachers this summer, organized by the Cathedral.

Upcoming classes include:

June 12 Baptism/Confirmation 7 Holy Family

June 19 Eucharist 7 Holy Family

June 26 Teaching Authority 7 Holy Family

June 27 Reconciliation/Anointing 7 OLV

Congratulations

To those confirmed in the Spirit last Saturday evening, with His Excellency, Bishop David E. Fellhauer presiding:

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| Juan Aguayo | Ruben Garza Jr. |
| Walter Chatelain | Dianna Lujan |
| Lupe Roel De Leon III | Dezarey Martin |
| Juan Esquivel | Mario Morales |
| Cristina Garza | Delfina Rodriguez |
| Michael Garza | Robert Sanchez |
| Olivia Garza | Veronica Torres |

Thank you to Deacon Fred for all of his hard work and instruction. Thanks to the singing group of Freddie Hernandez and Lori Davis and their band. Also to all who assisted with the reception which included about 75 individuals.



Congratulations

To all our graduates and to your families. All of these years of hard work and endurance will now continue in your journey of life and further understanding and service of the Lord. Good luck

YOUTH / R.E. CORNER

Thank you to all who made the Religious Education Teachers Appreciation dinner this past Wednesday a success, especially Mrs. Torres for the chicken spaghetti, even enjoyed by the Knights. Thank you teachers for all of your hard work this past year.

Around the Diocese...

May 27 – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville Picnic
Fried Chicken and stew – \$6.50

SHINER PICNIC – May 27, 2007 – Legion Park
Fried Chicken/Sausage/Stew \$6.50 a plate/\$3 for children
Free music and dancing from 11-6, 9p.m.-1 the Emotions

June 3 – CDA Games party – Port Lavaca
St. Jude’s Hall 2-5. reservations 552-6844, Georgia.

FLATONIA SACRED HEART PICNIC – June 3, 2007. Fried Chicken/Stew 6.50 a plate
Free Music from 11 – 9 p.m. – Incredible Music Makers, Shiner Hobo Band, The Velvets

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESE –
The diocese turns twenty-five this May 29th. A special Mass will be held at **Our Lady of Victory Cathedral on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.**
There will be an open house and light reception following in the Chancery building.

PASTORAL INSTITUTE –
This summer classes are being held for catechists and those who want to learn more about your faith. The short-term classes this summer coming up are on the bulletin board in the church. Take a look and see if you might attend one.
Contact the chancery 573-0828 for registration forms or Sr. Digna Vela for more information.

VOCATION CAMP – June 18-21, 2007. Young men, ages 15-21 are invited to this camp hosted by the Vocation Office. It is intended for those considering the priesthood. Priests and seminarians will lead the retreatants in prayer, daily Mass, discussions, and other fun activities. For more info contact, Rev. Dan Morales, 361 552-6140 or olgulf@aol.com. Cost for the camp is \$50.

Knights of Columbus – Chicken Barbecue

Each plate \$6.00 – 1/2 chicken with trimmings; potato salad, beans, cake



or
a whole chicken for \$6.00

June 3, 2007
Starting at 9:00 a.m. at the parish hall
Plates to go only

Spiritual Opportunities – Outside the Diocese

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE – to learn more about the dignity of women. The conference is September 21-22, 2007 at St. George Maronite Center in San Antonio. Mass with Archbishop Gomez, inspirational speakers, healing service and much more will be offered. Contact the Pilgrim Center of Hope: 210-521-3377 for more information. There are also pamphlets near the bulletin board.

Hurricane Season Begins June 1

Please be aware of routes for leaving Bloomington in case of an emergency.

Also, be aware of your neighbors and those who may not have a ride. If you are without a ride or know someone, you can call 2 -1 -1 to organize a ride.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in them, the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit, and we shall be recreated, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Account Summary – April 1 – 30, 2007

Income	
Collections	11,269.93
Other Church Income (candles/flowers)	405.32
BBQ (Meat/Raffle)	3582.00
Designated Collections	394.67
Designated Funds (RE)	20.00
Total Income	15,672.01
Expenses	
Salaries	750.00
Church Festival/DSA Raffle	5235.00
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	576.66
Garbage Utilities	2216.57
Repair and Maintenance	1202.00
Misc. Expenses	1327.57
Rectory Expense	143.18
Auto	448.06
Loan	2890.23
Total Expenses	14,801.43
Overall Total	870.58
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT	42,475.50
AS OF 5/17/07	

Excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI on the question of whether Jesus was a Jew, Christian, or both?:

I come now to the main thing which our authors share. Jesus was a Jew, not a Christian; he had no intention of founding a new religion; he understood himself to be sent only to the Jews and not to the pagans; "Jesus is much closer to the religious Jews of today than to Christian priests"; Christianity was "born only in the second half of the second century."

How can the last claim be reconciled with the report from Acts 11:26, according to which, no more than seven years after Christ's death, around 37 A.D., "at Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians"? Pliny the Younger (hardly a suspicious source!), between 111 and 113 speaks repeatedly of "Christians," and describes their life, their worship, and their faith in Christ "as in a God."

Before the name "Christian" became standard usage, the disciples were conscious of their own identity and expressed it in terms like "the believers in Christ," "those of the way," or "those who invoke the name of the Lord Jesus."

"Jesus did not intend to found a new religion. He was and remained a Jew." Quite true. In fact neither does the Church, strictly speaking, consider Christianity a "new" religion. She considers herself together with Israel -- there was a time when it was mistakenly said "in the place of Israel" -- the heir of the monotheistic religion of the Old Testament, worshippers of the same God of "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (After the Second Vatican Council, the dialogue with Judaism was not carried on by the curial office that dealt with dialogue with other religions but by the one that concerned itself with unity among Christians!)

The New Testament is not an absolute beginning, it is the "fulfillment" (the fundamental category) of the old. Besides, no religion was started because someone intended to "start" it. Did Moses intend to found the religion of Israel, or Buddha Buddhism? Religions are born and only afterward become aware of themselves among those who have gathered up the teaching of the master and have made it a rule of life. To say that Christ was not a Christian is as evident and as misleading a statement as saying that Hegel was not a Hegelian, nor Buddha a Buddhist. Nobody can be a follower of himself.