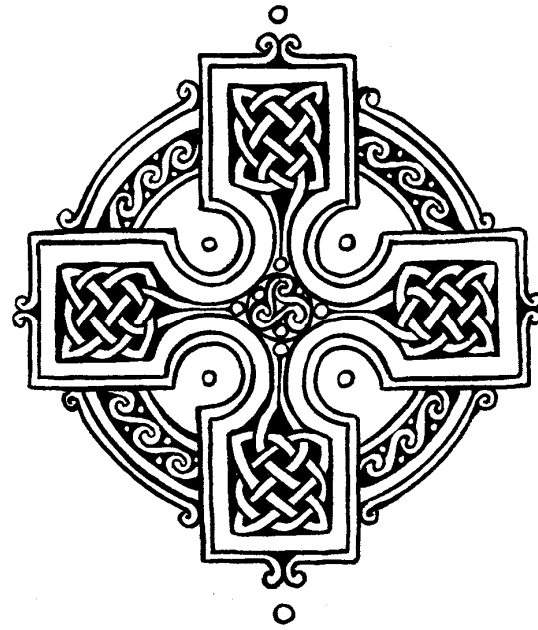


# St. Patrick's Catholic Church



**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: 5:15 - 5:45 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.

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

Today's gospel presents us with the scene of Martha and Mary and Jesus. Mary was busy listening to Jesus and his message. Martha was busy preparing everything for the meal. Martha in her haste sees Mary at the feet (not working) and asks Jesus to tell her to help. But Jesus tells Martha not to get over anxious, Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

As we sit with this scene, we can not help but feel sorry for Martha. Indeed, most of our adult, if not Christian life, is spent laboring and preparing. But Jesus is saying that is still part of the work - but the choice of Mary is essential to life - listening to what the Lord has to say. And so, as it is in all of life, we must strike the proper balance. Too little sleep, makes us unproductive and cranky, too much sleep makes us want even more.

Try this week to see what is in need of balance in your journey of faith. How can you make more time to listen to the Lord. Make that time. As you will notice in the bulletin today, I have outlined the major ways we will be called to serve the parish in my second year as pastor. Take the time to sit at the feet of the Lord and see what he might be inviting you to do. You may at first react out of your talents, but he may want to stretch you to work out of his love. Give it time and keep posted to the bulletin.

On this same theme, you will notice that I have published hours for the church grounds. They will be open from sunrise to sunset unless there is a scheduled activity. Over the past year I have had to endure the constant unrest of people being around the house at all hours. Recently, in the last six months, the numbers of peoples walking/jogging/talking has increased from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to Midnight by a couple of dozen at times. I have also had several instances of abuse of the property and non-obeying of my requests. That is uncalled for. We are not a public property. This is private property of the Church, and my residence. It should be respected by all, just as one would want their own residence respected. And so I decided, that because it is my residence, I have to make rules that will allow me to relax and hear the voice of the Lord. Please pass the times on to those you know.

May you have a blessed week.      Fr. Ty

**Yard Maintenance Crew**

Raymond Brandl, Tom West, Edward Garcia, Rodney Neubauer, Robert Liserio, Trinidad Gomez

**Last Sunday's Collection:**

*General:*      \$ 1609.25

**Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions**  
 July 24 - July 29

**Note: Mass this week is in the Heritage Room**

Tuesday, 24th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Souls in Purgatory</i> by Ernest and Mary Moya
Wednesday, 25th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Paul Lerma + James, apostle</i> by Ernest and Mary Moya
Thursday, 26th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Irene Obsta + Joachim and Ann</i>
Friday, 27th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Domingo Castoncio</i>
Saturday, 28th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary - leader: Carol Sutton
	6:00 (vigil)	Mass - <i>Josefa &amp; Julio Alvarez + Ernest and Mary Moya</i>
Sunday, 29th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>
17th Sunday in OT	10:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>In Thanksgiving</i>

**Readings for Next Sunday - July 29, 2007**

First Reading - Genesis 18: 20-32  
 Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14  
 Gospel - Luke 11: 1-12

**Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead**

**Lectors**

Saturday 6 p.m.	8 a.m.	Jeanne Lange, Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Ted Cabral, Gloria Cantu Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez

**Ministers of the Precious Blood**

Saturday 6 p.m.	8 a.m.	Veronica Garcia, Paulette Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Santos and Mary Alvarado Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

**Gift Bearers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	8 a.m.	Alex/Rosie Chamberlain
Sunday 8 a.m.	10 a.m.	M/M Henry Estrada, Sr. Danny/Frances Garcia

**Ushers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	8 a.m.	A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	10 a.m.	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez S. Torres, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

**Altar Servers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	8 a.m.	Gabiella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers J. Adkins, A. Adkins, A. Gonzalez

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 22, 2007

**Parish Activities Calendar - July**  
**28 Baptismal Instruction** – Heritage Rm  
10:00- 11:30 a.m.

**Fall Scripture Class**  
*Understanding the Bible*  
The fall scripture series will be a comprehensive look at the bible. The classes will cover the expanse of both Testaments and we will then decide which book we will look at more specifically toward the end for the spring. Mark your calendars, **Tuesdays, October 16 – November 28 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.

**Around the Diocese...**  
**August 3-4 Port O'Connor Fishing Tournament**  
This is a fundraiser for Nazareth Academy.  
**August 12 St. Michael – Weimar Harvest Feast**  
Fried Chicken and stew \$6.50  
**August 15 Praha Picnic** – Stew/Fried Chicken \$6.50  
**August 19 St. Andrew Hillje** – Summer Festival  
6.50 a plate – BBQ and Sausage 11:00 a.m.

*Pray for Vocations*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
This rite of Roman Catholic Church aims at welcoming those adults who are seeking to become full members of the Church. If you know someone who is an adult and has not been baptized, or confirmed, or received the Holy Eucharist, please tell them to call and inquire more about the process. The inquiry phase will be beginning in August. Meetings will take place each Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Please contact Fr. Ty for more information.

**Pastoral Initiatives – Opportunities to Serve (*see insert*)**

My dear brothers and sisters,

It is here. The following are some of the ways that I am calling for us to respond to our faith community. Being here a year, I have seen so many good ways that we respond. Now I am calling us to expand our ministry in Christ and truly do His work. So I encourage you to pray about these ministries. Talk about them, talk to me about them. And then out of that prayer, let our work begin. Initially, you may think you are not capable, but the Lord chooses the weak and makes them strong. If you feel called, then it can work and even if you don't possess all the necessary attributes, the Holy Spirit will assist you. The ministry to the homebound is utmost and essential. Hospitality is so crucial and necessary. As people respond, we will meet, organize and appoint chairs, etc. Pray, listen, and then respond in love.

Fr. Ty

- Lector       Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion       Altar Server
- Religious Education Teacher       Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)
- Homebound/Bereavement       Nursing Home       Hospitality
- Vocations       Archives/History       Marriage Sponsor Couple