

A reflection from the Pastor

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep," today's gospel=good news.

This Sunday, traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to reflect on hearing Jesus' call to himself. Indeed, there are so many voices in the world today. Many will try to tell us that they are the way; voices like drugs, alcohol, addictions; but they are only deceptions that make us into slaves of themselves. True, to follow Jesus means to become a slave for all, but the reward is everlasting life.

Just this past week I had someone new in my office. He was asking a lot of questions. And he finally asked me, is this a Roman Catholic Church, and are you a priest? I suppose the big white church and sign out front and my collar were not enough, so I said yes. But the reason he asked was because I was inviting him to consider that the Church is that of Jesus Christ, the modern title of defining the Catholic Church by Rome is one that is not used in official language. Official documents of the Church, like *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, promulgated in 1964 by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, is replete with this reality – we are the Catholic Church in Jesus Christ who draws us and is the light of nations.

Yes, it is another technical point, but it is a reminder that sometimes what we think and say, is not something we have taken time to dissect and make a part of who we are. St. Peter in the Acts of the Apostles today, stands up and raises his voice at the eleven, and says lets get this straight whom we belong to. Was he reacting out of the fact that they were doing their own thing? Possibly. But in every age, people have made their response to God's call. In our age, Christ is the light of our faith. He is the one calling us through himself to the Father.

Try this week, to take some time and meditate on what we believe – particularly the part of the creed that refers to Jesus the Christ. If you need to, define the words on a piece of paper, or pull up the Catechism on line. It is only in this way that we will begin to know who Jesus is and whom we are following: The Good Shepherd.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

**TODAY
COFFEE AND DONUTS
AFTER THE
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses**

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 15 – April 20

Tuesday, 15th	6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>La Virgen de San Juan</i> by <i>Juan Rodriguez</i>
Wednesday, 16th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Richardo P. Martinez +</i> by <i>Theresa Canchola and family</i>
Thursday, 17th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary L. Moya Birthday</i> by <i>Ernest and Mary Moya</i>
Friday, 18th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Janie Reyes Birthday</i> by <i>Family</i>
Saturday, 19th	3:00 p.m. Quinceañera - Esquivel 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Carl Brzozowske +</i> by <i>Hillyer Family</i>
Sunday, 20th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario <i>5th Sunday Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Marcos Ramon Torres +</i> by <i>Ramona Torres and Family</i>



First Reading Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel Reading John 14:1-12

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 19th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanette West, Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers	Mary Galvan Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, volunteers
Ushers	R. Cisneros, M. Lange, S. Torres, R. Reyes

Sunday 19th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Emilio/Veronica Ledezma
Altar Servers	Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
Ushers	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, A. Posada

Sunday 20th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Ramona Torres and family
Altar Servers	A. Adkins, A. Gonzalez, M. Valenzuela
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

April 22 Tuesday. St. Mary's Altar Society Games
Party. 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Admission \$6 per person/includes refreshments. Reservations call 575-2050.

April 27 Sunday. St. Patrick's Spring Barbecue.

May 4 Holy Family Victoria Festival
Bar-b-q \$6.50/plate \$4.00 children Victoria Comm Cen

Parish Meeting Schedule – April

- 13 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
 - 15 Guadalupanas Mtg 6:30 Heritage
 - 17 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage
 - 19 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage
- * Please note the change in dates due to the Spring Barbecue Preparations.**

Congratulations

to **Arnold G. Torres, Bailey Brooke Perez, Alexa Perez, Marissa Benavides** who were baptized last week. We welcome them into the Church. Let us help them to grow in faith

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Our baptism make us:

c. members of the Church

Another name for the Church is the Body of Christ. When we are baptized we are incorporated (from the Latin word corpus, corpore meaning body) into Christ. Jesus is the head and we are the members.

This week's question:

The newly baptized are given a candle lighted:

- a. from the Easter candle
- b. with special matches
- c. with two sticks rubbed together

(Answer coming next week)

Prayer for Vocations

Today, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1,343.36
Building Fund: \$545.00
Meat Donations: \$875.55

Religious Education

This week – Wednesday

Regular Classes

Other News

- April 9 Confirmation Interviews – Round 1
- April 16 Confirmation Interviews – Round 2
- April 23 First Communion Parent Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Set up hall for Barbecue Dinner
- May 3 **First Penance 10:00 a.m. * Note Change**
- May 4 First Holy Communion: 10:00 a.m. Mass
- May 18 **Confirmation: 3:00 p.m. Mass**

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.

Spring Barbecue Meat Donations

Thank you for your generosity

<i>Raymond and Paulette Brandl</i>	<i>Benito Rodriguez Jr.</i>
<i>Felix and Joyce Covington</i>	<i>Jose Castro</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cisneros</i>	<i>Isaac Martin</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mercado</i>	<i>Daniel Sepulveda</i>
<i>Helen Brzozowska</i>	<i>Felipe Avitia</i>
<i>Joey Stastny</i>	<i>Henry Pena</i>
<i>Johnny Bombersbach</i>	<i>Gregorio Rodriguez</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Danny Garcia</i>	<i>Maria E. Andrade</i>
<i>Marie J. Boedeker</i>	<i>Laura De Los Santos</i>
<i>Henry Estrada</i>	<i>Felipe Tobias</i>
<i>Eduardo Martinez</i>	<i>Robert and Gloria Galvan</i>
<i>Juanita Canales</i>	<i>Olga L. Alvarado</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Rivera</i>	<i>Maria Corona</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Canchola</i>	<i>Alex Chamberlain</i>
<i>Humberto V. Cantu</i>	<i>Alfred and Veronica Garcia</i>
<i>Manuel Estrada</i>	<i>M/M Ismael Perez</i>
<i>Conchita Torres</i>	<i>M/M Adolf Lopez</i>
<i>Florentino Rivera</i>	<i>Julia Cantu</i>
<i>Domingo G. Robles</i>	<i>M/M Felix Salinas</i>
<i>Blanca Conos</i>	<i>M/M David Escalante</i>
<i>Juan Diaz</i>	<i>M/M Lyndon Lange</i>
<i>Leland Lange</i>	

Sacrament of Penance

The sacrament is celebrated Saturdays 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. It may also be requested by special appointment. Please phone the office.

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 parish coordinator, Ramona Torres 897-1398 six months in advance to arrange the celebration.

2008 Spring Barbecue News Sunday, April 27

Only two more weeks...

Things Needed:

Raffle: You may still make a donation if you so desire. Please buy the tickets and help sell them. More are available in the church entrance.

Thank you to all who came and help make and stuff the tickets: Carol Sutton, Marie Boedeker, Ismael Perez, Adelaido Posada, Linda Robles, Ramona Torres. We had a good time and finished in a little over two hours.

Auction Items: Please find nice items to put in the auction. This is a really big boost to the barbecue. Items may be dropped off, the week of the barbecue.

Meat Donations: The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations each of the next weekends before and after each Mass.

Country Store Items: **Baked goods (with ingredients lists), NEW items** for sale in the country store are greatly appreciated

Cakes: Please remember that to have a successful cake walk, we need **each family to bring at least two cakes each**. They may be brought the Saturday before or the day of.

Drinks: If **each family could bring a six pack of bottle drinks** for the Kids games, that would be great for the prizes.

Please remember to volunteer to work that day- as parish family we can make it run smoothly.

Pope Benedict XVI

Apostolic Journey to the United States
April 15-20, 2008

Christ our Hope

Prayer for the Holy Father

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Pope Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity, those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Pray also for Bishop Fellhauer who will travel to Washington to visit the Holy Father.

This is the Holy Father's first visit to the United States. He will arrive on Tuesday, April 15 and stay at the Vatican Embassy. On His 80th birthday, April 16th, he will visit the White House and President and Mrs. Bush. He will also meet with the U.S. Bishops. Thursday, April 17, he will celebrate Mass at Nationals Stadium and give an address at The Catholic University of America. Friday the 18th, the Pope will address the United Nations and attend an ecumenical meeting. Saturday the 19th, he will have Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Sunday, April 20 he will visit Ground Zero and have Mass at Yankee Stadium. He will return to Vatican City on April 21.