

A reflection from the Pastor

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" The disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Have you ever been so passionate about something that your heart was on fire/burning? A child who begins to develop cognitive abilities, burns within to get awake the next day to try more words; it may have been a young man or woman first in love, there is no one else in the world; or how about someone who has had a radical conversion to Christ, like St. Paul, all he can do is win souls, no matter what the price.

These days of Easter are all about letting that flame which was struck at your baptism, grow and be consumed. CHRIST, RISEN. Each day that we live, we choose whether to let Christ's word dwell richly within us. Simultaneously we choose whether to share that word with others. The disciples on the road to Emmaus were not eyewitnesses of what happened to Jesus on Calvary, nor were they familiar with the resurrection; but their hearts burned while Jesus spoke to them on their way.

For me this indicates two things for our spiritual thought. First, Christ meets us on the road. Wherever we are, he walks with you and me. This means that we don't have to look to far; we need only open our eyes with his Word and His Body and Blood – the Mass. Second, even though we may not always see, our hearts should burn for love of Jesus.

Try this week to carry on your person a passage of scripture, or even a bible and open it where you are journeying. Let Christ, who journeys with you, burn within you as you let his Word dwell richly within.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

St. Patrick, pray for us.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 8 – April 13

Tuesday, 8th	6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Mildred Hroch</i> + <i>by John Hroch</i>
Wednesday, 9th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Albert Robles</i> + <i>by Linda Robles</i>
Thursday, 10th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Jose Avitia</i> + <i>by Maria Gonzalez & Alex Gonzalez</i>
Friday, 11th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Maria Ramos Martin</i> + <i>St. Stanislaus by Paul and Terri Castilla</i>
Saturday, 12th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Piedad Canales</i> + <i>by Mrs. Juanita Canales</i>
Sunday, 13th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario <i>4th Sunday Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Coffee and Donuts</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Joe Manuel Estrada II</i> + <i>by M/M Joe Estrada and family</i>



First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 12th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Marie Boedeker
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl, J. Canales, Jr., T. West

Sunday 13th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Ted Cabral, Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
Gift bearers	M/M Henry Estrada, Sr.
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers	A. Escalante, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles

Sunday 13th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Bebe Canchola Family
Altar Servers	Natasha Rameriz, Derek Folmar, Elizabeth Rodriguez
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes

Lifelong Choices that can help prevent cancer

From Reta... A Catholic Healthcare Trust

1. Avoid tobacco in all forms.
2. Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity per day
3. Eat at least five servings of fruit and vegetables a day.
4. Stay at a healthy weight.
5. Wear sunscreen and reduce exposure to the sun.
6. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink.
7. Get recommended screening tests for your age and sex
8. Learn your family history.

10 Good Reasons to go to Mass

1. God asks us to make one day holy.
2. Jesus gives us the gift of himself.
3. We need to be part of a community.
4. God has a special message for us.
5. We need to talk to God.
6. People need our prayers.
7. We need to stand up for what we believe.
8. We need to acknowledge that we make mistakes.
9. We need ritual in our lives.
10. We need to experience something bigger than ourselves.

Parish Meeting Schedule – April

- 6 First Communion Class w/Fr. 9 Heritage
8 Catholic Daughter Mtg 7 Heritage
13 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
15 Guadalupanas Mtg 6:30 Heritage
17 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage
26 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage

Parents and Godparents desiring to baptize their children in the faith should attend this class in preparation. It may be attended by the members before the birth of the child.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1,854.35

Easter Flower Memorials

**Emmett Boedeker, Daniel-Emilie Roznovsky,
George-Annie Boedeker**
by Marie Boedeker

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The water for baptism:

c. is ordinary water blessed by a special prayer
The water used has received a special blessing, either just before the ceremony or at the Easter Vigil. In this blessing, the priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit upon the water so that the baptized can be born of water and the Spirit. Jesus told us no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. See John 3:5.

This week's question:

Our baptism make us:

- a. people who are mean to each other
- b. people who don't need each other
- c. members of the Church
- d. none of these

Religious Education Classes

**This week – Wednesday
Regular Classes**

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.

March Financial Report

Beginning Balance (3/01/2008) \$28,530.02

Income

Building Fund	656.95
Sunday Collections	8477.39
Candles	236.05
Flowers	105.00
Catholic Relief Services	363.45
Rice Bowl	731.43
Good Friday	308.31
Religious Education	62.00
Total Income	\$10,940.58

Expenses

Salaries	750.00
Health Insurance	1006.60
Pension	97.00
Garbage	78.32
Gas & Electric	2458.33
Satellite TV	54.22
Telephone	117.51
Water	83.50

Expenses Continued

Hall Cleaning	106.75
Repair and Maintenance	782.22
Church Expenses	24.00
Misc. Expenses	1283.50
Collections to Diocese	2002.00
Subscriptions	604.00
Rectory Expense	112.78
Auto	412.72
Loan Interest Expense	111.15
Loan Principal	2779.08
Religious Education Expenses	370.50
DSA	1000.00
Total Expenses	14,254.18

Bank Balance (3/31/2008) 25,216.42

Money Market CD 20,000.00

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 Sunday, April 27

Things Needed:

Raffle Items: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Church or call Fr. Ty or Gracie Perez or Janie Reyes so that we can get the tickets printed next week.

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.