

A reflection from the Pastor

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. We hear this account of Jesus Transfiguration this Second Sunday of Lent.

By now the ashes have cooled and gone from our foreheads, we have probably calmed down and realized it is Lent, and hopefully we have immersed ourselves in the practices of the seasons; fasting, prayer, penance, and works of charity. The account of the Transfiguration comes at a time in which we are hopefully progressing toward our own changes in terms of spiritual growth.

Jesus' transfiguration took place to show his nature as God and to lead the disciples into a deeper belief, before Jesus' death and resurrection. When we allow the light of God's grace to touch us, we too reveal, even if it be in small glimpses, the glory which is to come.

Pray this week that you might go deeper into the work of Lent and take some time to think about how God is changing you and transfiguring you into the image of his glory.

My sincere thanks to all who made the second Sunday coffee and social a success.

On a diocesan note, the bishop has appointed me a member of the Presbyteral Council or Priest's Council, which assists him in governing the diocese. The council meets four times a year and is a three year term.

May you have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

Election 2008

In the statement *Forming Consciences for Citizenship*, the U.S. bishops remind us that, "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 5). The decisions we make as citizens about who leads us and what policies are enacted have important moral and ethical dimensions. The values of our faith should be our guide to public life.

The most important place to share and reflect on this message is in our families. While it's always a challenge to use a statement like *Faithful Citizenship*—so obviously written to an adult audience—within a family context, it's worth the challenge! Civic responsibility starts with the adults in the family. For more information, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 19 – February 24

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| Tuesday, 19th | 4:50 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 5:00 p.m. Penance 5:50 p.m. Benediction 6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Jesse L. Olguin + by Lupe Olguin</i> |
| Wednesday, 20th | 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez + by M/M Jesse Flores</i> |
| Thursday, 21st | 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Eugene Vrana</i> |
| Friday, 22nd | 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Mary A. Lerma + Day of Abstinence by M/M Domingo & Venancia Moya Feast: Chair of Peter and M/M Ernest Moya</i> 6:00 p.m. Penance 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, 23rd | 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary - <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass - <i>Catholic Daughters</i> |
| Sunday, 24th | 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario <i>Third Sunday Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Felix Calanche, Vincente and Amalie Muela</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i> |

Readings for Sunday 24th

Book of Exodus 17:3-7

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel according to Saint John 4:5-42

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 23rd, 6 p.m.

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| Lectors | Jeanette West, Lisa Canales |
| Cup Ministers | Jeanne Lange, Carol Sutton |
| Gift bearers | Patrick and Lisa Canales and Family |
| Altar Servers | Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Matthew Vela |
| Ushers | N. Posada, B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, A. Escalante |

Sunday 23rd, 8 a.m.

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| Lectors | Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma |
| Cup Ministers | Santos and Mary Alvarado |
| Gift bearers | Deacon Fred and Patty Soto |
| Altar Servers | Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos |
| Ushers | A. Posada, H. DeLuna, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma |

Sunday 24th, 10 a.m.

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| Lectors | Lupe Olguin, Gracie Perez |
| Cup Ministers | Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante |
| Gift bearers | Marie Boedeker |
| Altar Servers | N. Rameriz, D. Folmar, E. Rodriguez |
| Ushers | T. Canales Jr., I. Diversa Jr., D. Hubner, A. Padriaguez |

Parish Meeting Calendar

February

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| 18 | Lenten Lecture Series | 7 | Heritage |
| 19 | Safe Environment Mtg. | 6:30 | Heritage |
| 21 | Knights of Columbus Mtg | 7 | Heritage |
| 25 | Lenten Lecture Series | 7 | Heritage |
| 23 | Baptismal Instruction | 10-12 | Heritage |

March

- 9 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
Daylight Savings Time begins
(Spring Forward one hour)

Hospital / Emergency Calls

As a 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.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2498.91

Ash Wednesday (Church in Europe): \$104.00

Diocesan 25th History Book

If you ordered a book, they are in. Please pick it up after Mass or at the parish office Tuesday through Friday. If you did not order one but would like one, there are some available. The cost of each book is \$32.

Religious Education This Week

This Wednesday - February 20

Grades 1-6 6:00 p.m.

Grade 5 – Sacrament of Penance
Report first to class

Grades 7-12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Grade 7 – Sacrament of Penance
Report first to class

Lenten Lecture Series

The Deadly Sins – Overcoming through
Understanding Virtue

Five Mondays of Lent, Father Ty will be presenting this Lecture Series in the Heritage Room focusing on the sins of pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed, and sloth and how to overcome them with humility, kindness, abstinence, chastity, patience, liberality, and diligence. All are invited. Refreshments will be served. Dates: February 18, 25, March 3, 10.

This Monday: ENVY AND GREED
7:00 p.m. in Heritage

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Simon of Cyrene was the man who
b. helped Jesus carry his cross (see Mark 15:21)

This week's question:

Peter denied Jesus how many times?:

- a. three times b. four times
c. ten times d. seventy times seven times

(Answer coming next week)

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