

A reflection from the Pastor

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” St. John speaking of Jesus in today’s gospel. Often when we look at something we either take a quick glance and think we have the whole picture, or we stare to the point of losing our focus and become almost daydreamers. John looked at Jesus coming toward him, and beheld him. As the gospel recounts, John said Jesus was the “Lamb of God.” Those gathered might have taken another look and asked what John was looking at. But for John, the baptismal experience of Jesus (as we read last week) was life transforming. John could now see Jesus in the ways of the Spirit and Truth – and he saw him as the Savior. John at the end of the gospel will confess that Jesus is the Son of God – a further affirmation of what he beheld.

And so I ask, what do we behold in terms of our faith? Do we see each other as objects or as members of Christ’s body the Church – Spirit filled by baptism? It’s just a question. When I see someone begging for money or food, I might immediately think they are freeloaders – the eyes of faith would have me meet their needs, not only of body but soul. The same is true of a husband and wife – does your beholding one another allow you to grow closer to the Father through Jesus? If not, take some time to behold the God who joined you as one! We all need to slow down and take time to behold the God who loves us. Take a moment and meditate before a crucifix this week. Behold Jesus and let Jesus behold you on your cross or pain. Then be moved to action for Him.

May you have a blessed week.+

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

January 22 - 27

Tuesday, 22nd	6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>David & Olivia Musquiz</i> by <i>M/M Ismael Perez</i>
Wednesday, 23rd	7:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Kathryn Koliba +</i> by <i>Mildred Janis</i>
Thursday, 24th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez +</i> by <i>Raul and Yolanda Aguillon</i>
Friday, 25th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Special Intention</i> by <i>M/M Ismael Perez</i>
Saturday, 26th	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, 27th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
<i>Third Sunday in OT</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes +</i>
<i>Catholic Schools</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Week Begins</i>	
<i>Second Collection: Church in Latin America</i>	

**Next Weeks Second Collection
will give support and will help
spread the message of the gospel**

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 26th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Paulette Brandl
Gift bearers	Augustina/Alisia Gutierrez
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, C. Sutton, J. Canales, Sr.

Sunday 27th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Gloria Cantu, Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers	Joey/Elia Duenez and Family
Altar Servers	K. Monroy, R. Monroy, J. Castellano
Ushers	M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra

Sunday 27th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin, Gracie Perez
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Hybner Family
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	T. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante, T. Canales, Tr.

Knights of Columbus

Chicken Barbecue

Super Bowl Sunday

February 2, 2008 – Starting at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick’s Parish Hall - 897-1398

\$6.00 a plate

**(1/2 chicken with trimmings – potato salad,
beans, cake) or**

Whole chicken - \$6.00

Parish Meeting Calendar – January

26 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage

Diocesan 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.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1692.17

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.

Religious Education

This Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Regular Classes

Grades 1-6 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Grades 7-12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Around the Diocese...

ST. MARY'S, VICTORIA – Annual Festival

Sun. Feb. 10. Victoria Community Center

Brisket/Sausage \$7 adult, \$4 child

A SPECIAL NEEDS one day retreat will be held

MARCH 29, 2008 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Anyone in the Victoria area with a disability or special need is welcomed to attend. Applications will be available soon throughout the diocese. Please contact Vicki Pyatt, Director, at (361)572-9301 or Pam Kovar, Co-director, at (361)781-0338 for more information.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

When Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the Temple as a baby, the two people who witnessed it were named:

b. Simeon and Anna

This week's question:

Most of the Old Testament was originally written in:

a. English b. Polish c. French d. Hebrew

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Family Donations for 2007 Income Tax

If you would like a report of the donations given by your family for income tax purposes, please contact the parish office and I will prepare a copy for you. Due to the number of families and paper/ mailing expense, I would rather print these on a need basis. Thank you.

- **Pray for Vocations**

- **Talk about the possibility of becoming a
Priest, Sister, or Brother**

- **Ask someone today, if they will
surrender**

everything for the Lord

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