

## A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" Jesus in today's gospel.

There is no doubt that Jesus offered and offers a freedom from this world – a freedom for eternal peace and happiness. He was speaking about being burdened by the law [which the scribes and Pharisees were all about]. Yet, Jesus' yoke is not solely of the law, but of obedience to his word, through which one will find rest.

How often we burden ourselves with things that really count for very little in the plan of salvation. How many times, we let the words of Television, Radio, Newspaper, Magazines, consume our thoughts and reason – and make us jump to illogical conclusions. In other words they can act as a yoke, a means of holding us back from the Truth, that does not lead to authentic freedom. Try this week to replace some of those "busy" things with the Word of God. Set aside ten minutes a day to read the words of Jesus in the New Testament.

In that way we take on the yoke of obedience and listen to His voice. It is so easy to listen to all the other voices, even our own. Take some time this week to focus on His voice and His Truth.

Vacation bible school is soon approaching, please register your children if you have not done so. And if you can help please call Mrs. Perez or me. Thank you to those who have made financial contributions.

## 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.

## Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

July 8 – July 13

Tuesday, 8th	6:10 p.m. Mass – <i>Jose F. Garcia + Maria De La Luz Garcia + by Juanita G. Canales</i>
Wednesday, 9th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Robert Moya (birthday) by M/M Ernest Moya</i>
Thursday, 10th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Larry Maxwell + by Ruth Maxwell</i>
Friday, 11th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory S. Benedict, Abbot</i>
Saturday, 12th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Edward &amp; Angie Machac + by Jeanette West</i>
Sunday, 13th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
15th Sunday in OT	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Maria Ramos Martin + by M/M Steve Mercado</i>

## Readings – Sunday July 13

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading – Romans 8:18-23

Gospel – Matthew 13: 1-23

## Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

### Saturday 5th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Jeanette West, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Lawrence and Pauline Kelly
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Matthew Vela
Ushers	D. Hybner, A. Reyes Sr., A. Garcia, B. Hernandez

### Sunday 6th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Ted Cabral, Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers	Juanita G. Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Gift bearers	Fidel & Pat Galicia
Altar Servers	K. Monroy, R. Monroy, J. Castellanos
Ushers	E. Ledezma, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles

### Sunday 6th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Altar Servers	A. Gonzalez, A. Valenzuela, J. Valenzuela
Ushers	J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

### Parish July Calendar

- 17 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 Heritage Rm
- 26 Pre-Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage Rm
- Please phone the office to register
  - Registration deadline: July 18
  - Parents and Godparents must attend the sessions if they have not attended within five years.
  - Classes may be taken before the birth of the child

### Body, mind, and soul...

Think before you drink. A 12 ounce soft drink, lemonade or sports drink can contain anywhere from 150 to 200 calories. Liquid calories tend not to satisfy your appetite. People usually eat the same amount of food regardless of the calories they drink. Quench your thirst with a glass of plain water and a slice of lemon. If you miss the carbonation, try flavored seltzer water with a dash of fruit juice. Source: America Dietetic Association.

### Last Sunday's Collection:

**General:** \$ 1983.76

**Peter's Pence:** \$ 384.70

### What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

#### Answer from last week:

Peter denied Jesus: a. three times

#### This week's question:

In Christian art, icons are

- a. mazes
- b. modern pictures of the crucifixion
- c. sacred representations of Jesus, Mary or the saints
- d. always mosaics

*(Answer coming next week)*

### PASTORAL INSTITUTE

Summer Classes are continuing. Please consult the website, [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) to find times and dates.

Religious education teachers are strongly encouraged to attend as per their schedule to better help teach our youth.

### YOUTH CORNER

#### Children: Remember to Pray & Read the Bible

If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible school please phone Gracie Perez, 897-2053 or office.

Vacation Bible School -July 14 – 17, 2008

Grades 1-5 \* 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

'A Journey with Saint Paul'

- Bible lessons each day.
- Activities for the children.
- Food for the children.

### PARISH FALL TURKEY DINNER



It's hard to believe, but it's just around the corner: (83 days). The turkey's are already getting nervous! To help the raffle, I would like to start selling the tickets in August this year. This means we will have to get the ticket list completed this month. If you would like to help with a raffle prize, please sign up on the entry table. Also, be looking for those auction prizes! Thank you.

### Around the Diocese

**August 1-2 Holy Family KC Council 9088**

**Fishing Tournament –**

Port O'Connor Comm. Center. Call Bryan Ellis for more info at 578-0877

**August 15 PRAHA Picnic – Stew/Fried Chicken**

Adults 7 – children 4

**August 17 HILLJE – St. Andrew Festival**

Barbque/Sausage \$7/plate

**September 28 St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner**

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