

## A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

Today we celebrate two apostles, Peter and Paul and their life in Christ. As we hear in today's gospel Jesus is trying to get the pulse on who people say that he is. Peter, quick to respond says: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was Peter's great confession of faith in the Messiah, Jesus the Anointed One of God. This confession of course preceded his own denials of Jesus, but would bring him to his eventual death in the circus of Nero by crucifixion, inverted. Paul, as we hear in today's second reading is speaking about his approaching death in his second letter to Timothy. Paul was also called to profess his belief in Christ by the shedding of his blood. These two apostles show us in a profound way that in order to follow the Lord, we have to be willing to get out of the way and let Him be 'all in all'. As we approach the throne of God's grace; let us pray that we might practice the exercise of the keys, and be reconciled to God and one another.

My apologies on the Mass schedule this week. I have to continue to move back in and there are several projects still to be wrapped up. It is most likely regular schedule will resume after Vacation Bible School. Thanks for your patience.

### 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 4 – July 6

Friday, 4th <i>Independence Day</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Leonila Peña +</i> <i>by Janie Reyes</i>
Saturday, 5th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 ( <i>vigil</i> ) Mass – <i>Pete Canales Jr. +</i> <i>by Juanita G. Canales</i>
Sunday, 6th <i>14th Sunday in OT</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>  10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mildred Hroch +</i> <i>by John Hroch</i>

### Readings – Sunday July 6

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading – Romans 8:9, 11-13

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

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

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

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

Lectors	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Joey and Elia Duenez and family
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers	B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna

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

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of

**Leonila Pena**

who died this past Sunday, June 22  
and

**Edward Kocian**

who died this past Friday, June 27

*May they rest in eternal peace*

### INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4

In the United States, Independence Day (commonly known as the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Let us celebrate, safely and respectfully. Remember, 'freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought'.

### Last Sunday's Collection:

**General: \$ 2360.78**

*Thank you for your gift to the Lord.*

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

#### Answer from last week:

The difference between a cross and a crucifix is that:  
b. a crucifix always has an image of Jesus' body on it

#### This week's question:

Peter denied Jesus

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

*(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

'A Journey with Saint Paul'

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

### Candles and Holy Water

As some of you are aware, the parish has made candles (the glass is unblessed), and Holy Water containers (what the donation goes for not the Holy Water) available for purchase. Please be aware that this will continue but will take place in the mother's room closet. This will help to eliminate unnecessary foot traffic at the altar and sacristy. Thank you.

### Around the Diocese

**July 4**

**St. John, St. John picnic  
(near Schulenburg)**

Stew/Fried Chicken Adults 7 – children 4.50

**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**

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

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