

A reflection from the Pastor

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over, from today's Passion account.

And so begins the drama of Holy Week. We relive our Lord's Sacred Passion by hearing that one close to him, Judas Iscariot, was willing to hand Jesus over for thirty pieces of silver. We too often hand Jesus "over" by our sins which are worth a lot less than thirty pieces of silver. As we have prepared during this season of Lent for the great Feast of Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we have hopefully stripped away those habits of sin and opportunities to hand over Jesus again. If not, there is still time during this Passiontide and Holy Week. Let the readings of the Church's liturgies sink in again, as if for the first time. Let them renew us, so that we might too rise up and say like the centurion and those gathered with him: Truly, this was the Son of God!

Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

My thanks is extended to all who prepared, donated, and served the second Sunday coffee and donuts. It is a great time for us to come together and share our faith and share a cup of coffee and a donut.

Thank you to all who made the parish feast day celebration this past Friday a huge success. As many of you know, our patronage is under St. Patrick, bishop of Ireland.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council 10751 and Catholic Daughter Court 2494 Scholarship Applications are available at the entrance of the church. Four scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to four graduating seniors – two from the council and two from the court.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

If you or your family took a rice bowl home, please bring the collected monies and deposit it in the second collection for Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

Holy Week, March 17 – March 23

- Monday, 17th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Mildred Hroch + by John Hroch*
- Tuesday, 18th 10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass at Cathedral
- Wednesday, 19th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Kathryn Koliba + by Leonard and Carolyn Linke*
- Thursday, 20th 7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of Lord's Supper
Carl Brzozowska + by Hillyer Family
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Adoration – Heritage Room
- Friday, 21st 9:00 a.m. Living Stations (Placedo)
Day of Obligatory Fast & Abstinence
Collection: 3:00 p.m. Service of Passion
Holy Land
- Saturday, 22nd 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil – *Mary A. Lerma + by Priscilla Flores and Family*
- Sunday, 23rd
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Jesus & Jesusa Estrada +*
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*



First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

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(L = Lector, C= Cup Minister, S = Altar Servers)
All others will be volunteers

- Holy Thursday March 20 L Carol Sutton
C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Ledezma
- Good Friday March 21 3:00 p.m. L Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez
S J., M., and A. Valenzuela
- Easter Vigil March 20 7:30 p.m. L P. Brandl (#1, Epistle),
J. West (#3), J. Lange (#5)
C C. Sutton, V. Garcia
S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Vela
- Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. L Martina Aguayo, Gloria Cantu
C Santos and Mary Alvarado
S Maurizio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
- 10:00 a.m. L Melinda Valenzuela, Maribel Gonzalez
C Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
S J., M., A. Valenzuela, A. Gonzalez

**SPRING BARBECUE
PLANNING MEETING**

The Spring Barbecue is Sunday April 27. We will have a planning meeting:

Tuesday, March 25
6:30 p.m. in Heritage Room

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The meeting will last about forty-five minutes.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers,

Jose T. Avitia

died March 4, 2008

and

Maria Martin

died March 11, 2008

who were called to their eternal rest.

May they rest in peace +

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation toward the Easter flowers, you may do so by



placing your donation (properly marked) in the offering basket. Envelopes will also be available at the church entrance.

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1,272.00

Second/Building Fund: \$ 476.95

*Pray for our U.S. Military,
at home and abroad.*

Parish Meeting Schedule - March

- 25 Spring BBQ Planning Mtg 6:30 Heritage
- 27 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage
- 29 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.

Knights of Columbus

Due to Holy Week, there will not be a meeting this week. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday March 27 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Religious Education Classes

This week – Wednesday

Regular Classes

(Grades 4 / 11-12 Penance)

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

On Palm Sunday the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with the words:

b. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

This week's question:

The man who offered his new tomb for Jesus to be buried in was:

- a. Peter
- b. Thomas
- c. Judas Iscariot
- d. Joseph of Arimathea

(Answer coming next week)

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.



The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding Jesus and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

Matthew 21:8-9

Welcome to the parish. We hope you enjoy your visit and are spiritually nourished.

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.

Holy Week – March 16 – 23

During Holy Week we walk with Jesus, we suffer with him, and finally, we rise again, new creatures. We don't just watch in these days, we participate in them so that we might strive to be more like Christ.

Monday of Holy Week

- Gospel reading at Mass on this day: The Anointing at Bethany. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anoints Jesus, a sign of his suffering and death and his identity as the Messiah and Chosen One – the Christ.
- As Jesus prepares for the sacrifice ahead, we too are invited to prepare more deeply.

Tuesday of Holy Week

In our diocese, the Chrism Mass takes place, which is normally on the morning of Holy Thursday.

Wednesday of Holy Week

The gospel recounts Jesus' instructions on the need of the disciples to prepare a place for the Last Supper. Today is a good time to center and prepare our own "inner" rooms for the next days.

The Chrism Mass

This a diocesan wide celebration, in which all the priests gather with the bishop to renew their priestly dedication. The three different oils to be used in the sacraments are bless/consecrated by the bishop and given to the pastors: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens are blessed. The Sacred Chrism is consecrated; it is used in baptisms, confirmations, and Holy Orders.

Sacred Triduum

The three days that changed the world – the liturgies from Holy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Sunday. We share in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and we meet and follow.

Holy Thursday

The single evening Mass recalls Jesus institution of the Eucharist and includes the Mandatum ceremony of the washing of feet. This comes from John 13:34 in which Jesus encourages the disciples to wash one another's feet out of love. The celebration ends with a procession to reserve the Eucharist for adoration for a suitable time.

Good Friday

The service of the Lord's Passion recalls how Jesus died for us on the cross. Mass is not celebrated on this day, but at 3:00 a service of the Passion and Communion is held. The readings are drawn from Isaiah, Hebrews, and John's Gospel Passion account. The cross is venerated by all. In our parish, the stations of the cross is walked in the morning from Placedo to St. Patrick's as a sign of our willingness to enter more fully into the passion of our Lord. Spending time in prayer between the hours of noon and three o'clock is a good way of joining yourself to Jesus' suffering. It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat in the church.

Holy Week Schedule of Liturgies

Monday

8:00 a.m. Mass

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10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass – Cathedral – Victoria

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. The Mass

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (*Heritage Room*)

Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross, walking from Placedo to St. Patrick's
(*a small meal following in the hall*)

3:00 p.m. Service of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. Vigil – Night Watch of the Resurrection

- Service of Light – New Christ Candle
- Liturgy of the Word – Story of Salvation History
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. La Misa

10:00 a.m. The Mass

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.

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**P A L M S U N D A Y
March 16, 2008**
