

A reflection from the Pastor

I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind," Jesus in today's gospel concerning the man born blind.

Vision is a most precious gift. When our eyesight is challenged, we suffer because we cannot see the created realities. For one born blind, like the man in today's gospel, there is nothing to compare vision to. He had never experienced a beautiful sunset or landscape, let alone his own face. The work of Jesus allowed him to see his God in the face of Jesus. What an awesome privilege. And out of that 'seeing,' true seeing, the man born blind, reflected the vision of Christ by his living faith.

In our own lives, seeing is a great metaphor for the soul. We are told that the eyes are windows to the soul Matthew 6:22-23. If we take in bad things, then our soul becomes dark with sin. If we take in the things of God through the sight of Jesus, then our soul becomes flooded with the presence of God. And so follows our practice of Lent. During this season, let us train our sight to be fixed on the Lord. When our vision seems of this world, then let us look upon our God.

Each Tuesday of Lent, the Lord is able to be seen in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar from 4:50 to 5:50 p.m. It is a wonderful chance for us to take some time and look at our God and let him look at us; to regain our sight.

Reading the Word of God also floods the soul with light and vision. We learn about ourselves and our path in this world becomes illuminated.

Try this week to realize the 'blindness' in your own journey of faith. What are those things that truly keep you from seeing the Lord. Focus on him. I remember several men in the seminary who had trouble focusing, so they tacked pictures in the places most necessary, above their computer, on their mirror, etc. Do what needs to be done, because the Lord wants us to focus on him. And like the man born blind, we will come to a vision which cannot be matched.

Finally, Msgr. Larry Steuben (our second pastor) wanted me to convey his greetings to you. He came by on Friday for a brief visit. He always enjoyed Bloomington and is glad that the parish is well and wishes you the best.

May you have a blessed week.+

Fr. Ty

**NEXT SUNDAY
COFFEE AND DONUTS
AFTER THE 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
MASSES**

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

March 4 - 9

Tuesday, 4th	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>Kathryn Koliba + by Joys Baird</i>
Wednesday, 5th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Frank Jelinek + by Elenora Jelinek</i>
Thursday, 6th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez + by Valdez Family</i>
Friday, 7th <i>Day of Abstinence Rivera</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Roman Rivera by Lupe and Frances Rivera</i> 6:00 p.m. Penance 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 8th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary - <i>leader: Bebe Canchola</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass - <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory by Mary L. Moya</i>
Sunday, 9th <i>Fifth Sunday Lent 2nd Col: Bldg. Fund Coffee/Donuts</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Rev. Ricardo Garcia + by Lupe and Frances Rivera</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings for Sunday March 2nd

Book of the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14
Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 8th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Cup Ministers	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers	M/M Joe Canales Sr.
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange, S. Torres

Sunday 9th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Martina Aguayo, Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
Gift bearers	Juan and Martina Aguayo and family
Altar Servers	K. Monroy, R. Monroy, J. Castellano
Ushers	P. Guerra, M. Estrada, A. Posada, H. Cardona

Sunday 9th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Danny and Frances Garcia
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	M. Gonzalez, T. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

Parish Meeting Calendar – March

- 2 First Communion Class w/Fr. Ty 9 Heritage
3 Lenten Lecture Series 7 Heritage
9 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
Daylight Savings Time begins
(Spring Forward one hour)
11 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7 Heritage
14 St. Patrick's Day Celebration 7:30 Hall

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

To betray Jesus, the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas Iscariot: **b. thirty pieces of silver**
You can read about it in Matthew 26:14-16. Judas later regretted betraying Jesus and tried to give the money back, but the chief priests wouldn't take it (Mt. 27:3-8).

This week's question:

The apostle who swore that he'd never deny Jesus even if everyone else did was

- a. Peter b. Paul c. James d. John

(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.

Religious Education

This Wednesday, March 5

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...

POSITION OPENING: Superintendent of Catholic Schools. As you may know, the Diocese is seeking to fill this position. Basic qualifications include: 1. Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church 2. Master's degree or equivalent in education administration 3. A minimum of five years involvement in Catholic Schools as teacher or administrator; diocesan education office experience is a plus. For a more detailed application, please contact Mike Brown at 773-0828 or e-mail mbrown@victoriadiocese.org.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2298.04
Rice Bowl: \$276.08

Remember to Vote

Texas Primary, Tuesday March 4

Lenten Lecture Series

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: March 3, 10.

This Monday: PRIDE 7:00 p.m. in Heritage

Quinceañera's

Effective March 1 – Ramona Torres is going to coordinate quinceañera's. If you are planning a quinceañera, please obtain a brochure from Mrs. Torres or at the parish office. Please contact Mrs. Torres to schedule and arrange the celebration during religious education hours on Wednesday evenings. Thank you.

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