

A reflection from the Pastor

Christ is Risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.
He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

All of us can say this with certainty. The forty days of Lent have now passed, and now we celebrate the joy of Easter.

"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead," from today's gospel account.

In terms of the resurrection, we have to let our faith take over. We like John, must see and believe with the eyes of faith. What does it mean for us to rise from the dead? We know what it means to die. Everything in this life ends. We are buried, and if we are lucky our loved ones visit our graves. For one who has not heard or experienced Christ, it could be seen as the end. But Jesus promises us that he will raise our mortal bodies in the resurrection on the last day! That is a great hope. Something for us to look forward to. The resurrection then, is all about making us stronger in our resolve to reach eternal life. We stand as witnesses, not shrunk down and held back in sin, but rather upright in our relationship with God the Father, through Jesus' resurrection.

There is great cause for rejoicing. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

Again, thank you to all who made the St. Patrick's celebration last Friday a wonderful evening. The evening began with prayer, in which we remembered each of our former pastors and all those faithful who had served here in the past. The meal was delicious with all of the great dishes and fish; so much so, there was the idea to share recipes in a St. Patrick's cookbook, something suggested last year. It might just happen for the 50th anniversary. To cap off the evening, I brought out the old bingo machine and we fired it up and placed twelve games of bingo, giving out Celtic Rosaries as prizes. Lastly, the children who attended each received a pot 'o' gold which contained candy.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

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.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

March 25- March 30

Tuesday, 25th 6:10 p.m. Mass - *Maria Ramos Martin +
by Frances and Richard
Mendez*

Wednesday, 26th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Lillie Oliver +
by Elenora Jelinek*

Thursday, 27th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Jose Avitia +
by M/M Robert Montoya*

Friday, 28th 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Hector Villarreal
by Elva Villarreal*

Saturday, 29th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Bebe Canchola*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Catholic Daughters*

Sunday, 30th
Divine Mercy 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
8:00 a.m. Mass – *Rev. Richard Toal
by Lupe and Frances Rivera*

10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*



First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading John 20:19-21

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 29th, 6 p.m.

Lectors *Jeanne Lange, Paulette Brandl*
Cup Ministers *Carol Sutton, Jeanette West*
Gift bearers *Tommy and Jeanette West*
Altar Servers *Gabriella & Madeline Canales*
Ushers *A. Garcia, N. Posada, B. Hernandez, H. Cardona*

Sunday 29th, 8 a.m.

Lectors *Gloria Cantu, Martina Aguayo*
Cup Ministers *Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal*
Gift bearers *Joey and Elia Duenez and family*
Altar Servers *Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos*
Ushers *M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra*

Sunday 30th, 10 a.m.

Lectors *Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela*
Cup Ministers *Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez*
Gift bearers *Rosemary/Priscilla Mendez*
Altar Servers *A. Gonzalez, A. Adkins, J. Valenzuela*
Ushers *J. Troncoso, S. Torres, H. Longoria, C. Martin*

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.

Diocesan Services Appeal 2008

By now you have received by mail the pledge cards from the diocese for this new year. Please think about making a sacrificial gift to help the bishop run the diocesan offices. Our goal this year increased 1.5 % from last year (which last year had a 2% increase). **Our parish goal this year is \$18,735.02.** Thank you.

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: \$ 1,378.00

Second/Rice Bowl: \$ 245.12

*Pray for our sick and homebound,
and those in need.*

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

The meeting has been rescheduled for this Thursday March 27 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Religious Education Classes

This week – Wednesday
Regular Classes

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The man who offered his new tomb for Jesus to be buried in was: **d. Joseph of Arimathea**

Joseph was a distinguished member of the Jewish council. He did not vote against Jesus as did others. It took great courage for him to go and ask Pilate for Jesus' body.

This week's question:

The saint who was the first person at the tomb on Easter morning was

- a. St. Peter b. St. Thomas
c. St. Francis d. St. Mary Magdalene

(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

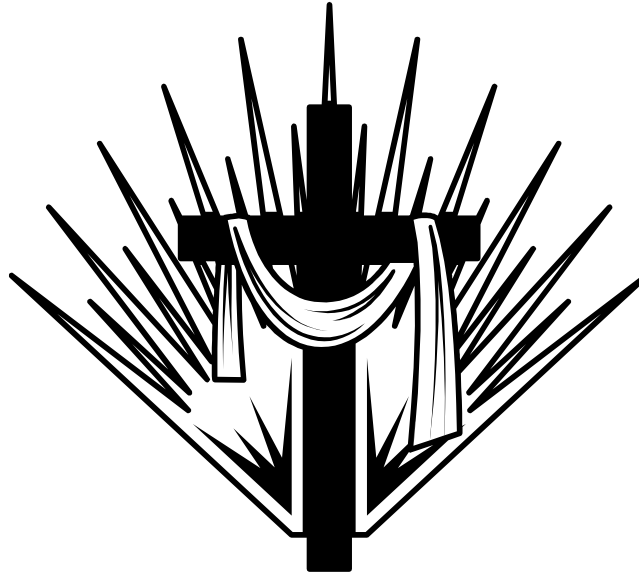
If no response, call:

**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.

**Jesus is Risen from the Dead.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**He is Truly Risen Indeed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”

John 20:1-3, 8-9

Sacrament of Penance

The sacrament is celebrated Saturdays 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. It may also be requested by special appointment. Please phone the office.

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.

Easter Flower Memorials

Samantha Servantes, April Servantes, Lino Olivers, Ismael Garcia
by Thomas and Stella Mejia

Marcos Ramon Torres, M/M Ramon Sanchez, M/M Juan Ramos,
M/M Demetrio Torres Sr.
by Ramona S. Torres and Anthony

Leobardo Liserio Jr., Brivida Liserio, Elodia Liserio,
Leobardo Liserio Jr.
by M/M Hipolito Mendez and boys

Hortencia Marquez, Amalia Castañena
by M/M Hermilo DeLuna

Victoria T. Rameriz, Olivia Molina
by Racheal B. Torres

M/M Silvestre Perez & M/M Melchor Cantu
by M/M Bacilio Cantu

M/M Sabas Coronado, M/M Frank Cisneros,
M/M Juanita Rubio
by M/M Robert Cisneros

Emmett Boedeker, Daniel-Emilie Boedeker, George-Annie Boedeker
by Marie Boedeker

Ed & Angie Machac
by M/M Tommy West

M/M Raymond Brandl Sr., M/M Edward Machac
by M/M Raymond Brandl Jr.

Carmen C. Aguillon
by Mary Jane Posada

Jesse L. Olguin
Domingo Estrada, Juanita Avery Estrada
by M/M Enrique Estrada Sr.

Andres, Josephina, Baldomero, Rick, Josie, Hector
by M/M Juan Gonzales

Arnulfo Reyes Sr., Feliz Luna, Jimmy Luna, Oscar Reyes,
Delfino Luna, Michele Canales, Paul Canales
by M/M Arnulfo Reyes Jr.

Beatrice Posada, Maria Perez
by M/M Jose Manuel Estrada

Easter Flower Memorials

Hipolilto Gutierrez, Andres Gutierrez, Baisido, Pantoleona,
Samuel, Felizitas, Emilio, Esperanza Esparza
by M/M Daniel Sepulveda

Paz Trevino, Consuelo Aleman, Alfredo Cabral, Jesusa Cabral
by M/M Teodoro Cabral

Trino Cantu, Grandparents & Ignacio
by M/M Rudy Galvan

Juan and Sophie G. Tijerina
by Fidel Garcia

Ms. Bland Chamberlain, Joe Chamberlain
by M/M Alex Chamberlain

Guadalupe G. Gonzalez
by Mrs. Guadalupe Gonzalez

Deceased Family Members Soto, Trevino, Nunez, Lamas
by Deacon Fred and Patti Soto

Fidencio Andrade
by Mrs. Juanita Madrigal

Susie and Porfirio Urbano, Ray Reyes
by Janie Reyes

Rameriz Family, De La Garza Family, Aaron Baca, Maria Martin
by M/M Ralph Rameriz

Deceased, M/M Dominguez, M/M Olguin
by M/M Albert Rodriguez

Living & Deceased Members of the Marquez and Perez Families
by M/M Ismael Perez

Flower Offerings:

M/M Delfino Rodriguez

M/M Gregorio Rodriguez

M/M Roque Hernandez

M/M Alfred Garcia

M/M Jose Troncoso

M/M Bacilio Gonzalez

M/M Eduardo Martinez

M/M Emilio Ledezma

M/M Leon Rameriz

M/M Robert Reyes, Zenaida Cantu

Mr. Erwin Lange