

A reflection from the Pastor

Thomas answered and said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" today's gospel.

These Easter Days are ones of restoring our belief. If you mention to someone that someone has died, they will believe you, whether it's true or not. If you mention that someone has risen from the dead, they might look at you for one second and then say, no way.

The reality of Jesus' resurrection is what gives our faith its foundation. The more we stand with the idea of His resurrection and what it means: Jesus, sinless dying for sinners, the innocent dying for the guilty, was willing to suffer death for our sake. The resurrection was his victory over suffering, and most importantly death.

How then do we stand with the resurrection? We like Thomas, have to be willing to come to an understanding of faith without necessarily seeing everything before our eyes. Take for instance a mother who has lost a child to death. Every day, she feels the horror of not having the child in her presence. It is a real suffering. And yet the resurrection, asks us to let that suffering, as painful as it is, become a moment of saying: "I know my child will rise again, on the last day." It is the convincing and conviction of faith that allows us to keep on going. Faith is not about responding only when things are going my way and I think God is on my side – rather, faith is about responding at all times, because God is always on my side, even when human error or sin creeps in.

This week, take some time to renew your faith in Jesus the Christ. Contemplate his Divine Mercy, which we reflect on today, this Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus shows us his mercy, which means he shows us greater treatment than we deserve, because of what he has suffered and risen above by atoning for our sins on the cross. Our response in faith, means showing mercy, greater than normal treatment of our brothers and sisters, even when it hurts.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

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

April 1 – April 6

- Tuesday, 1st 6:10 p.m. Mass - *Venancia Moya + by M/M Ernest Moya*
- Wednesday, 2nd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Kathryn Koliba + by M/M Denis Koliba*
- Thursday, 3rd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Jose Avitia + by Janie Reyes*
- Friday, 4th 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Jerry Brosh*
First Friday
- Saturday, 5th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Carol Sutton*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Mildred Hroch + by John Hroch*
- Sunday, 6th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
3rd Sunday Easter 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Maria Ramos Martin + 2nd Col: Bldg. Fund by M/M Efrain Guerra Sr.*
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*



First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-23
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 5th, 6 p.m.

- Lectors Jeanette West, Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers Paulette Brandl, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers Hybner Family
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers A. Escalante, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, C. Sutton

Sunday 6th, 8 a.m.

- Lectors Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers Fidel and Pat Galicia
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers M. Estrada, A. Posada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna

Sunday 6th, 10 a.m.

- Lectors Lupe Olguin, Gloria Cantu
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers Mary Helen Garcia, Connie Garcia
Altar Servers Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

SPRING BARBECUE
Sunday, April 27th, 2008

Sign up sheets are in the church for



- meat donations
- raffle prizes/money donations
- miscellaneous

Thank you to Joyce and Felix Covington and Covington Farms, M/M Raymond Brandl, M/M Lyndon Lange, Leland Lange for the donation of the sausage for this year's barbecue.

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.

Parish Meeting Schedule – April

- 6 First Communion Class w/Fr. 9 Heritage
 - 8 Catholic Daughter Mtg 7 Heritage
 - 13 Second Sunday Coffee and Donuts
 - 17 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage
 - 26 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.

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 2,792.89
Second/Rice Bowl: \$ 731.43

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land: **\$308.31**

*Pray for those who are sick or shut-in.
St. Catherine of Siena, St. Therese of Lisieux, St.
Theresa of Avila, Our Lady of Lourdes, Michael
and Raphael Archangels, John of God
pray for them.*

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The saint who was the first person at the tomb on Easter morning was **d. St. Mary Magdalene**
In Luke 8.2, we learn that Jesus cast out seven demons that had possessed Mary Magdalene. She became a faithful follower of Jesus. She stood at the cross (John 19:25), was the first to visit the tomb (John 20:1-2), and was the first to see the resurrected Jesus (John 20:11-18)

This week's question:

- The water for baptism:
- a. must come from a spring
 - b. comes from Vatican City where the Pope lives
 - c. is ordinary water blessed by a special prayer
 - d. has vitamins added to it

(Answer coming next week)

Religious Education Classes

**This week – Wednesday
Regular Classes**

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

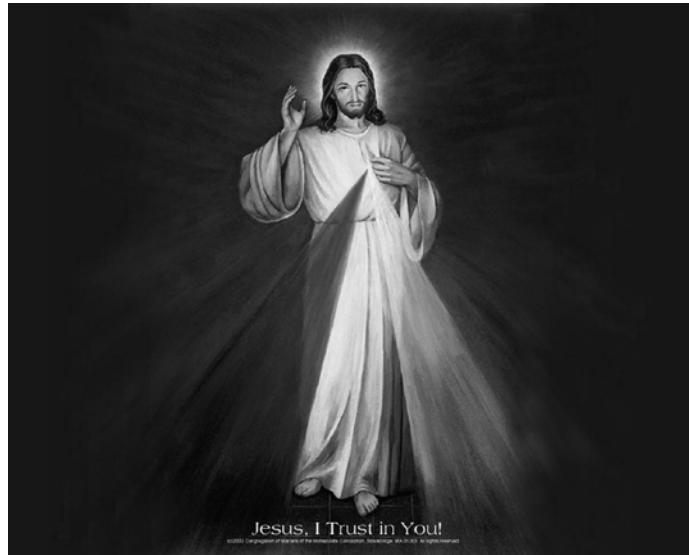
If no response, call:

**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!**



" I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity...tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (965) Jesus

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

Families Canales and Garcia
by Juanita Canales

Leandro & Juanita DeLeon, Richardo & Fred
DeLeon, O.B. Espinosa, Dolores Chacon
by M/M Henry Chacon

M/M Porfirio Urbano, Mr. Pioquinto Mercado Jr.,
M/M Pioquinto Mercado Sr.
by M/M Henry Mercado

Robert Canchola Jr., Chastity Canchola,
Gabriel Canchola, Joe Villarreal
by M/M Roy Canchola and Son

Trino Cantu, Julia S. Cantu, Miximo Cantu,
Elvira and Juan Resendez
by Mrs. Julia Cantu

by Elenora Jelinek

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

To be said daily at 3:00 p.m. – The Mercy Hour
or anytime on the rosary beads

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail
Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and
Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with *(three times)*:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have
mercy on us and on the whole world.

February Financial Report

Beginning Balance (2/01/2008) \$24,093.53

Income

Building Fund	989.45
Sunday Collections	8838.25
Holy Days	208.86
Candles	311.45
Hall Rental	600.00
Latin America	15.00
Central/East Europe	104.00
Rice Bowl	513.68
DSA	50.00
Interest Income	2.62
Total Income	\$11,633.31

Expenses

Salaries	750.00
Health Insurance	503.30
Pension	97.00
Garbage	77.26
Gas & Electric	172.08
Satellite TV	54.22
Telephone	72.55
Water	72.30
Hall Cleaning	119.00
Repair and Maintenance	43.80
Church Expenses	1329.76
Misc. Expenses	41.00
Subscriptions	108.28
Rectory Expense	440.89
Auto	425.15
Loan Interest Expense	126.70
Loan Principal	2763.53
Total Expenses	7196.82

Bank Balance (2/29/2008) **28,530.02**

Money Market CD **20,000.00**