

A reflection from the Pastor

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" Jesus speaking to Martha at the death of her brother Lazarus.

These words of Jesus exchanged at the death of Lazarus are probably words we have exchanged with others at the death of a loved one. It is our faith. Jesus promises us that if our faith is strong, even if we die, we will live. To non-believers this seems all the more insane – but to those who believe in the resurrection, it is a hope that cannot be matched by the world.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent as we approach the week we call Holy, try to take some time to focus on what the death of our Lord means to you. How does it give you life? And even more so, how does his promise to Martha, restore your confidence in what we look forward to – eternal life.

Indeed, the next two weeks will be busy ones, but try to make time to let the drama of the passion story play out in your minds and hearts. Make those sacrifices that are necessary to re-enter into the story which is our lives in Christ. The more you give yourself to His Passion, the more you will experience those moments of Resurrection!

May you have a blessed week.+

Fr. Ty

TODAY
SECOND SUNDAY
COFFEE AND DONUTS
AFTER THE 8:00 – parish hall
and 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room

All are invited for fellowship and food.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

March 11 - 16

Tuesday, 11th	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>Agapita Garcia</i> <i>by Lupe & Frances Rivera</i>
Wednesday, 12th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Lillie and Joseph Valek +</i> <i>by Elenora Jelinek</i>
Thursday, 13th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez +</i> <i>by Frank & Mildred</i> <i>Targac</i>
Friday, 14th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Special Intention</i> <i>Day of Abstinence</i> <i>by Elenora Jelinek</i> 6:00 p.m. Penance 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 15th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Bebe Canchola</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Carl Brzozowske +</i> <i>by Johnny & Theresa</i> <i>Bomersbach</i>
Sunday, 16th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes+</i> <i>2nd Col: Rice Bowl</i> <i>by Juan Rodriguez</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings for Palm Sunday March 16th

Matthew 21: 1-11
Book of the prophet Isaiah 50: 4-7

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors: Please take a missalette to go over your part before Mass.
N = Narrator/Narrador, S = Speaker L = Lector for Passion Parts

Saturday 15th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Lisa Canales (N), Carol Sutton (S)
Cup Ministers	Jeanette West, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Raymond and Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Reyes, Sr.

Sunday 16th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Veronica Ledezma (N), T. Cabral (L)
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Pete and Elena Guerra
Altar Servers	M. Ledezma, E. Andrade
Ushers	H. DeLuna, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante

Sunday 16th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Ismael Perez (N), Gracie Perez (S)
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Jose and Noemi Troncoso and family
Altar Servers	N. Rameriz, D. Folmar, E. Rodriguez
Ushers	J. Canales Jr. L. Rivera Jr. A. Rodriquez A. Reves

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

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

a. Peter

Peter was insistent that he'd never deny Jesus, yet he denied him three times.

This week's question:

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

- a. "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth"
- b. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
- c. "Lord, I am not worthy"
- d. "My Lord and my God"

(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.

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: \$ 2068.15

Catholic Relief Services: \$358.45

Lenten Lecture Series -The Seven Deadly Sins

Father Ty will be presenting the last in the series which focused 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. Date: March 10.

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.

Religious Education

This Wednesday, March 12

No Classes – Spring Break

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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

Tuesday

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

Liturgical Assignments for Holy Week

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

Holy Thursday L Carol Sutton
March 20 C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Ledezma

Good Friday L Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez
March 21 S J., M., and A. Valenzuela
3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil L P. Brandl (#1, Epistle),
March 20 J. West (#3), J. Lange (#5)
7:30 p.m. C C. Sutton, V. Garcia
S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Vela

Easter Sunday L Martina Aguayo, Gloria Cantu
8:00 a.m. 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

Parish Meeting Calendar – March

- 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 6:30 Hall**
- 26 Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage**

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Friday March 14, 2008

- ✓ Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Celebration **6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**
- ✓ **Menu:** Fried Fish (supplied by parish)
 - Bring your favorite side dishes/desserts (meatless) as it is a day of abstinence from meat
- ✓ There will be games and other events to celebrate our parish feast day!

IN OTHER NEWS:

Number of Priests on the Rise

VATICAN CITY, FEB. 29, 2008 - The number of priests steadily increased between 2000 and 2006, according to the newest pontifical yearbook. Benedict XVI received today from his secretary of state the 2008 edition of the *Annuario Pontificio*. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone was accompanied by Archbishop Fernando Filoni, "sostituto" for General Affairs, and the officials responsible for compiling and printing the volume. A communiqué regarding the presentation highlights some of the salient facts contained in the new yearbook. In 2007, eight new episcopal sees were created, as well as one apostolic prefecture, two metropolitan sees and one apostolic vicariate; 169 new bishops were also appointed. From year-end 2005 to year-end 2006, the latest date for which numbers are available,, the number of Catholics in the world increased from 1.115 billion to 1.131 billion, a growth of 1.4%. Over the same period, the number of bishops grew to 4,898 from 4,841, an increase of 1.2%. The number of religious and diocesan priests passed from 406,411 in 2005 to 407,262 in 2006 (a growth of 0.21%). The number of priests has grown steadily from 2000 to 2006. However, the distribution of priests differs from continent to continent. Their numbers have fallen in Europe and America, and increased in Africa and Asia. Students of philosophy and theology in diocesan and religious seminaries number 115,480, an increase of 0.9% from year-end 2005 to year-end 2006.

Papal Intention: for Persecuted Christians

VATICAN CITY, FEB. 29, 2008- Benedict XVI's apostolic prayer intention for March will focus on persecuted Christians. The Apostleship of Prayer announced the apostolic intention chosen by the Pope: "That Christians, who are persecuted in many parts of the world and in various manners because of the Gospel, may continue, sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit, to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God." The Holy Father also chooses a general intention for each month. In March he will pray: "That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between persons and people may be understood and that the Church, through her testimony, may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity."

Holy See Rejects Feminist "Baptism" Affirms That Church Must Follow Christ's Mandate

VATICAN CITY, FEB. 29, 2008 - The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith clarified that two formulae for baptism that remove the masculine names for God are invalid and undermine faith in the Trinity. The congregation's statement, made public today, responded to two questions concerning the validity of baptism conferred without referring to God the Father and Son. The first question is: "Is a baptism valid if conferred with the words 'I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sanctifier,' or 'I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Liberator, and of the Sustainer'?" The second question is: "Must people baptized with those formulae be baptized 'in forma absoluta'?" The responses are: "To the first question, negative; to the second question, affirmative." Benedict XVI, during a recent audience with Cardinal William Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, approved these responses, which were adopted at the ordinary session of the congregation. The Pope ordered their publication.