

A reflection from the Pastor

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each distinct personages, but one God. This is a mystery of faith. Over the centuries, scholars and theologians have debated the mystery, both according to reason and faith. We know that we must allow both faith and reason to come together in harmony to contemplate the mystery.

For most of us, we find this mystery played out in the numerous times we sign ourselves with the Cross-- the mark of our redemption, throughout our day. Rooted in the Trinity, we sign ourselves when rising in the morning, when leaving the house, when eating our meals, when praying our daily prayers, when we undertake a tough challenge or obstacle, when we pass in front of a church, and before we go to sleep, to name but a few. In each of these ways we participate in the saving work of the Trinity, allowing God's holy will to take effect in our lives.

Saint Patrick communicated the Truth of the Trinity to the people of Ireland by using the shamrock – one plant, yet there distinct lobes or leaflets.

Today, we welcome the bishop as he arrives to confirm sixteen of our young adults. May the Trinity which began their baptism, continue to sustain them.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 24 - 25

There will be no daily Masses this week. Thank you.

Saturday, 24th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Lupe Olguin*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Mary A. Lerma +*
by Mary L. Moya

Sunday, 25th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
The Most Holy 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
Body and Blood 10:00 a.m. Mass – *2008 Graduating Seniors*
of Christ



First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3
Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17
Gospel Reading John 6:51-58

Church Painting

The Church interior and exterior and all parish buildings will be painted beginning May 20th. In order to avoid any accidents or incidents, the Mass schedule will be amended during the last weeks of May and June as this project is completed. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for more information.

Diocese of Victoria
Pastoral Institute Classes

Liturgy: June 2-3, 6-9 p.m. St. Mary's Victoria

Sacraments: June 7, 9-3:30 p.m. O.L. Sorrows

Church: June 11 & 18 6:30 -9:30 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul, Plum

I Believe/We Believe: June 14 9-3:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows

Go to www.victoriadiocese.org to register online
Or call 573-0828, ext. 24 to register.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 24th, 6 p.m.

Lectors Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers Jeanette West, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers Patrick and Lisa Canales, and family
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales, volunteers
Ushers S. Torres, R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner

Sunday 25th, 8 a.m.

Lectors Marianela Chapa, Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
Gift bearers Fidel and Pat Galicia
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, M. Garcia, D. Robles

Sunday 25th, 10 a.m.

Lectors Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez
Gift bearers Marie Boedeker
Altar Servers Natasha Rameriz, Derek Folmar, Elizabeth Rodriguez
Ushers M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D & K Escalante

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

May 18 ST. MICHAEL – CUERO FESTIVAL
Roast Beef/Gravy \$7

May 25 SACRED HEART – HALLETTSVILLE Spring Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew Adults 7 Children 4

June 1 SACRED HEART – FLATONIA Spring Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew \$7 Adults, <12 \$4

June 8 Our Lady of the Gulf CDA
Games Party – 2-5 p.m. St. Jude's Hall
Call 552-6844 for reservations

June 21 Our Lady of Sorrows – JAMAICA
Golf Tournament – Sat. June 21
Riverside, Victoria call 578-8747 to register

May Calendar of Parish Events

18 Confirmation	3 Church
<i>We will welcome Bishop Fellhauer</i>	
21 R. E. Teacher Appreciation	6:30 Hall
31 Baptism Instruction Class	10 Heritage

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The sacrament of initiation that strengthens and completes the grace of Baptism is:

d. Confirmation

This week's question:

The seal of the confessional means

- a. a priest can never reveal a person's sins
- b. a priest must make the sign of the cross when you confess your sins
- c. you must make the sign of the cross when you confess your sins

Confirmation This Sunday, May 18, 2008
3:00 p.m.

Today, Sunday, we welcome Bishop David Fellhauer to the parish to confirm those who have been preparing this year to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Schedule of Events:

- 2:00 p.m. May 18 Arrive in Heritage Room with Sponsor to process to Church
- 3:00 p.m. Mass (counts as Sunday Mass)
After Mass - Pictures with the Bishop
Light Reception in Heritage Room

Mother's Day
Memorials
continued

Isabel L. Perez, Olivia Musquiz
by Gracie Perez

Maria DeLaGarza, Paula Rameriz,
Vincenta Contreras, Gome DeLaGarza
by Julia Rameriz

Herminia Canchola
Roy Canchola Sr.

Manuela Morales
Bebe Canchola

Julia G. Martinez, Rosa Cantu

Dear Lord, I give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me. Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rosary Leaders

If you are interested in being a rosary leader before the Saturday evening Mass, please contact me at the parish office.

The rosary is prayed Saturday evenings from 5:35-5:50.

Photo Above: *The Trinity* by Andrei Rublev who was born circa 1360.

Last Sunday's Collection

General: \$2062.00
Building Fund: \$610.25

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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church
50th Anniversary**

As you know, the parish church is turning 50 years old May 1, 2010. The dedication of the church proper took place on May 1, 1960. There are many activities that took place before this date, especially with construction in 1959.

The parish will be marking this anniversary with several projects and you can help.

I am in the process of appointing a committee to oversee the 50th, decide on projects and the like. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please let me know. I will be making phone calls to ask for guidance.

Many of the things desired to prepare have already been taking place:

- air conditioning in church bathroom
- updates to mother's room
- updating of vestments/vessels
- restoration of Sacred Heart Statue
- Plaque for Juan Diego Statue
- some sidewalk projects

More will be taking place this year as a part of phasing in larger projects:

- painting of the church (interior/exterior) and all other buildings will take place this summer.

Some Other projects that need a chairman:

- 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory
- Courtyard project (pavers with family members names and memorial fountain and benches)
- Restore/Organize Archives
- Plan 50th Anniversary Celebration Day
May 1, 2010

CHAPTER ONE

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

II. God Reveals His Name

God alone IS

212 Over the centuries, Israel's faith was able to manifest and deepen realization of the riches contained in the revelation of the divine name. God is unique; there are no other gods besides him.²⁴ He transcends the world and history. He made heaven and earth: "They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment . . . but you are the same, and your years have no end."²⁵ In God "there is no variation or shadow due to change."²⁶ God is "He who Is," from everlasting to everlasting, and as such remains ever faithful to himself and to his promises.

213 The revelation of the ineffable name "I Am who Am" contains then the truth that God alone IS. The Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and following it the Church's Tradition, understood the divine name in this sense: God is the fullness of Being and of every perfection, without origin and without end. All creatures receive all that they are and have from him; but he alone *is* his very being, and he is of himself everything that he is.

III. God, "He Who Is," Is Truth and Love

214 God, "He who is," revealed himself to Israel as the one "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."²⁷ These two terms express summarily the riches of the divine name. In all his works God displays not only his kindness, goodness, grace, and steadfast love, but also his trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness, and truth. "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness."²⁸ He is the Truth, for "God is light and in him there is no darkness"; "God is love," as the apostle John teaches.²⁹

God is truth

215 "The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever."³⁰ "And now, O LORD God, you are God, and your words are true;"³¹ this is why God's promises always come true.³² God is Truth itself, whose words cannot deceive. This is why one can abandon oneself in full trust to the truth and faithfulness of his word in all things. The beginning of sin and of man's fall was due to a lie of the tempter who induced doubt of God's word, kindness, and faithfulness.

216 God's truth is his wisdom, which commands the whole created order and governs the world.³³ God, who alone made heaven and earth, can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to himself.³⁴