

A reflection from the Pastor

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the Eucharist, which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper, and ratified by the blood of His Cross, is His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to Jews, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" in today's gospel.

What a special relationship we share as Catholics and recipients of Jesus' Body and Blood. Truly we receive His Life within us. And at the end of time we will have life for ever.

The Church has consistently reflected on Non-Catholics and the reception of Holy Communion. Although many Protestants and other Christian denominations profess the same Creed, which subsists through the Catholic Church, many do not believe Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Many believe the Eucharist is a symbol, nothing more than a sign. This is where we differ and why we guard the Eucharist with the utmost respect and concern. Does this mean that non-Catholics cannot attend worship? No. Does it mean that those in serious sin, although not able to receive, cannot attend worship? No. Our obligation to worship is weekly, our obligation to receive Holy Communion is annually. This should not however keep us from receiving frequently, as we should.

Let us pray this week that the Eucharist will give us strength and increase our faith.

May you have a blessed week. Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 31 – June 1

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

Saturday, 31st 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Carol Sutton
6:00 p.m. Mass – CDA

Sunday, 1st 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
9th Sunday in OT 8:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo
10:00 a.m. Mass – Hector Villarreal



First Reading Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28
Second Reading Romans 3:21-25,28
Gospel Reading Matthew 7:21-27

Church Painting

The Church interior and exterior and all parish buildings painting preparation began this past May 20th. As such, they will not be open during the weekdays this month or next. If you need assistance please call the parish phone.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 31st, 6 p.m.

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

Sunday 1st, 8 a.m.

Lectors Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers M/M Henry Estrada, Sr.
Altar Servers Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
Ushers J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, A. Posada

Sunday 2nd, 10 a.m.

Lectors Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers Mark, Lisa DeLosSantos and Family
Altar Servers A. Gonzalez, M. Valenzuela
Ushers J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D.Hybner, A. Rodriguez

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

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**
We will welcome Bishop Fellhauer
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 seal of the confessional means
a. a priest can never reveal a person's sins

Every priest who hears confessions must keep those sins absolutely secret. Saint John Nepomucene (1340 – 1393) was tortured and executed when he refused to tell an angry king the sins the queen had confessed.

This week's question:

Regarding occult practices (such as witchcraft, Ouija boards, horoscopes, and the like), the Church:

- a. takes a neutral position
- b. warns the faithful strongly against them
- c. says they're not against the Ten Commandments
- d. none of these

(Answer coming next week)

Mark your Calendars
July 14 – 17, 2008
Vacation Bible School
Grades 1-5

'A Journey with Saint Paul'

- Bible lessons each day.
- Activities for the children.
- Food for the children.

To register or if anyone would like to assist, please phone Mrs. Perez at 897-2053.

No fees for the week.

Congratulations to those Confirmed in the Holy Spirit this past Sunday by Bishop Fellhauer and who became full members of the Catholic Church:

Anthony Torres, Cory Saucedo, Corina Saucedo, Yessina Rodriguez, Jeanette Rodriguez, Erika Ortiz, Orlando Mendez, Herminia Klassen, Sara Herrera, Raquel Gonzalez, Diana Gonzalez, Trinidad Gomez, Amy Garza, Adriana Garcia, Jennifer Gallegos, Richard Folmar

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.

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

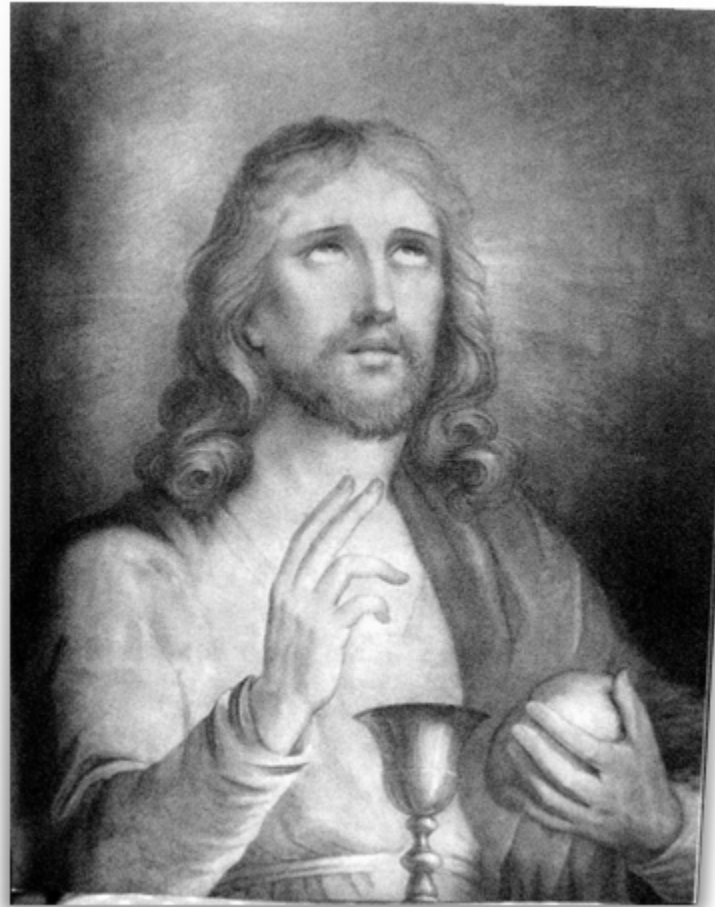
I Believe/WeBelieve: June 14 9-3:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows

Here at St. Patricks:

Church by Father Ty


August 6 and August 13 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
each night in the Heritage Room. You must register for this class.

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



Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend

MEMORIAL DAY



As we remember...
May we never forget...
Their sacrifice...
Their honor...
May God bless them...

Photo Above: Holy Redeemer
Lithograph of *Christ the Redeemer* given to Elizabeth Ann Seton by William Magee Seton, her husband, sometime between 1774 and 1803. The Eucharistic theme of this print reflects Elizabeth Seton's deep devotion to the reception of Holy Communion and her reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday's Collection

General: \$ 2 4 2 9 . 5 3

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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 is truth

217 God is also truthful when he reveals himself—the teaching that comes from God is "true instruction."³⁵ When he sends his Son into the world it will be "to bear witness to the truth":³⁶ "We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true."³⁷

God is love

218 In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession: his sheer gratuitous love.³⁸ And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins.³⁹

219 God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."⁴⁰

220 God's love is "everlasting":⁴¹ "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you."⁴² Through Jeremiah, God declares to his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."⁴³

221 But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love":⁴⁴ God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret:⁴⁵ God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

IV. The Implications of Faith in One God

222 Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life.

223 *It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty:* "Behold, God is great, and we know him not."⁴⁶ Therefore, we must "serve God first."⁴⁷