

A reflection from the Pastor

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles begins by telling us that Jesus had been taken up into heaven. His Ascension into Heaven is an article of faith that we proclaim each time we say the creed. We believe that Jesus ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father.

In the time between His Ascension and Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, we are told that: They (the eleven) devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. This is the origin of the novena. Those nine days in preparation were spent in prayer. Today, novenas are attached to many prayers and feasts. I invite you to use the prayers in today's bulletin for the Pentecost Novena and say a prayer for those who will be confirmed on May 18, by Bishop Fellhauer.

Again, my sincere thanks is extended to all who truly labored to make the Spring Barbecue a success. On the back page you will find a summary of the dinner. As we look forward to the Turkey Dinner, think about several things: 1. we need more volunteers to relieve those who are in the pits, kitchen and serving lines. 2. we need to sell the raffle tickets (this is one of the easiest ways to generate income). 3. Thank you to the youth who volunteered, let's try to rally more for the Turkey Dinner. Parents, the best way to get them involved is to set an example yourself by volunteering.

There will be a wrap up meeting in May – take a few weeks and then we will plan for the next one.

May you have a blessed week. Fr. Ty

St. Patrick, *pray for us.*

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.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 6 - May 11

Tuesday, 6th	6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Dora Martinez + by Joe and Nicki Alvarado</i>
Wednesday, 7th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary Martin + by Janie Reyes</i>
Thursday, 8th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Jose T. Avitia + by M/M Steve Mercado</i>
Friday, 9th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Kathryn Koliba + by M/M Denis Koliba</i>
Saturday, 10th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Bebe Canchola</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Vicente Garcia + by Garcia Family</i>
Sunday, 11th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
<i>Pentecost</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Mother's Day</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>All Mother's</i>



First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading 1 Cor. 12:3b-7
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 10th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Alfred and Veronica Garcia
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, volunteers
Ushers	P. Canales, C. Sutton, J. Lange, J. Canales Sr.

Sunday 11th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Martina Aguayo, Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Santos and Mary Alvarado
Gift bearers	Pete and Elena Guerra
Altar Servers	Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
Ushers	D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada

Sunday 11th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Melinda Valenzuela, Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Melinda Valenzuela and family
Altar Servers	Albert Adkins, Anlysa Gonzalez, Matthew Vela
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Escalante

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

- May 4 Holy Family Victoria Festival**
Bar-b-q \$6.50/plate \$4.00 children Victoria Comm Cen
- May 18 ST. MICHAEL – CUERO FESTIVAL**
Roast Beef/Gravy \$7
- May 25 SACRED HEART – HALLETTSVILLE Spring Picnic**
Fried Chicken/Stew Adults 7 Children 4

Religious Education

Next Wednesday
Regular Classes

May Calendar of Parish Events

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| 4 | First Communion | 10 | Church |
| 13 | Catholic Daughters Meeting | 7 | Heritage |
| 15 | Knights of Columbus Mtg. | 7 | Heritage |
| 18 | Confirmation | 3 | Church |
| | <i>We will welcome Bishop Fellhauer</i> | | |
| 31 | Baptism Instruction Class | 10 | Heritage |

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The strange hermit-saint who lived on top of a stone pillar for more than 30 years is

- a. Simeon Stylites

Determined to withdraw farther and farther from the world, St. Simeon Stylites gradually increased the height of his pillar.

The word stylites comes from the Greek word for pillar, stylos. St. Simeon died on top of his pillar, but he inspired others to follow his example. They are known as Stylites.

This week's question:

The apostle who was a tax collector is?

- a. St. Philip b. St. Simon
c. St. Matthew d. St. John

(Answer coming next week)

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please monitor your children during Mass.

1. Cell phones/texting devices should not be in use.
2. Friends (boyfriend/girlfriend) should not be sitting so close together that they distract one another or the people around them. Let's be respectful of one another.

Fr. Ty



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2894.07
Meat Donations: \$420.00

PENTECOST NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

(To be recited daily during the Novena)

Spring Barbecue Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who made the Spring Barbecue a success. All of the volunteers and workers helped to make the day flow smoothly. I extend my thanks on behalf of the parish to all who worked in preparing the meal, working the auctions, raffle, country store, kitchen, money counting, and games. Fr. Ty

Financial Statement – Festival

INCOME	
Auction	5,638.50
Meat Donations	2,631.85
Total Plates	6,235.00
Plants	2,047.00
Inside	2,342.00
Outside	1,846.00
Raffle Prizes	1,129.00
Raffle Tickets	3,303.00
Donations	1,100.00
Ring Toss	30.75
Kids Room	193.65
Pot of Gold	70.50
Country Store	643.10
Cake Walk	482.60
Beer	155.25
Kitchen	216.90
Total Income	21,830.10
EXPENSES	
Meat	1,056.97
Raffle	1,469.59
Meal Ingredients	531.84
Auctioneer	250.00
Cash	1,740.00
Total Expenses	5,048.40
OVERALL TOTAL:	\$16,781.70

	2007	2008	
Inflows:			
Auction	4412.00	5638.50	+1226.50
Meat Donations	2433.00	2631.85	+198.85
Plates	4828.30	6235.00	+1406.70
Raffle	5690.10	1129.00	-4561.10
Raffle Tickets	0.00	3303.00	3303.00
Other	4270.73	2892.75	-1377.98
Total BBQ	21,634.13	21,830.10	+195.97
Outflows Raffle Exp.	2121.01	1469.59	+651.42
Meat Exp.	0.00	1,056.97	-1056.97
Other	3483.94	2521.84	+962.10
TOTAL	5,604.95	5,048.40	+556.55
Overall Total	16,029.18	16,781.70	+752.52

Raffle Prize Winners

Prize	Winner
1. 32" LCD HDTV	Raymond Brandl
2. \$200 Lowe's gift card	Maria Gonzalez
3. \$200 Visa gift card	Samantha Ortiz
4. Portable DVD player	Pete Robles Jr.
5. \$100 Visa gift card	Margaret Lara
6. Digital Camera	A. Davis
7. \$100 Visa gift card	Marissa Martinez
8. Diocesan 25th Book	Carol Sutton
9. \$100 Visa gift card	Matilde Castro
10. Quilt and Shams	Hector Guerra Sr.
11. \$100 Visa gift card	Sixto G. Torres
12. Portable BBQ	Keith Kurtz
13. \$50 Visa gift card	Joe Soto
14. Swing Arm Lamp	L.C. Kelly
15. \$25 Visa gift card	Rocky Hernandez

Mother's Day Intentions

If you would like to include your mother's name in the intentions list for May 11, please do so by using the envelopes at the entrance of the church.

Thank you.

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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

208 Faced with God's fascinating and mysterious presence, man discovers his own insignificance. Before the burning bush, Moses takes off his sandals and veils his face in the presence of God's holiness.¹³ Before the glory of the thrice-holy God, Isaiah cries out: "Woe is me! I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."¹⁴ Before the divine signs wrought by Jesus, Peter exclaims: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."¹⁵ But because God is holy, he can forgive the man who realizes that he is a sinner before him: "I will not execute my fierce anger . . . for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst."¹⁶ The apostle John says likewise: "We shall . . . reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything."¹⁷

209 Out of respect for the holiness of God, the people of Israel do not pronounce his name. In the reading of Sacred Scripture, the revealed name (YHWH) is replaced by the divine title "LORD" (in Hebrew *Adonai*, in Greek *Kyrios*). It is under this title that the divinity of Jesus will be acclaimed: "Jesus is LORD." "A God merciful and gracious"

210 After Israel's sin, when the people had turned away from God to worship the golden calf, God hears Moses' prayer of intercession and agrees to walk in the midst of an unfaithful people, thus demonstrating his love.¹⁸ When Moses asks to see his glory, God responds "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name 'the LORD' [YHWH]."¹⁹ Then the Lord passes before Moses and proclaims, "YHWH, YHWH, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"; Moses then confesses that the LORD is a forgiving God.²⁰

211 The divine name, "I Am" or "He Is," expresses God's faithfulness: despite the faithlessness of men's sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps "steadfast love for thousands."²¹ By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is "rich in mercy."²² By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he himself bears the divine name: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will realize that 'I Am.'"²³