

A reflection from the Pastor

"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away," Jesus in today's gospel.

The parable of the talents is a vivid reminder that we are to be responsible with the gifts of God. At first glance, it might seem unfair that the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer; but when we think about it, both are rich in the eyes of God, but as Jesus shows through the parable of the talents, how we use the gifts is what makes us rich or poor.

And so we need examine our lives and see if we have buried the ultimate gift of God, his love, or have we opened ourselves in charity to one another. The idea of burying our talent does not allow the true gift and beauty of God to be realized. Rather, it makes us out to be the giver and sustainer, and when we take God out of the equation we are certain to fall.

Whether it be the improper use of time (hours on the computer rather than communicating with spouse and children, or teaching the faith), not utilizing your talents (a person good at cooking but only eats fast food), or throwing away your money on useless things, things that fail to satisfy or build up God's kingdom try this week to make time to unearth the talents of God for his honor and glory.

May you have a blessed week.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

November 18 - 23

Tuesday, 18th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Edward Kocian + by Agnes Vincik
Wednesday, 19th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Mary A. Lerma + by Mary L. Moya
Thursday, 20th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Larry Maxwell + by M/M Robert Cisneros & Family
Friday, 21st	8:00 a.m. Mass	Joe Manuel Estrada Jr. + Presentation of BVM
Saturday, 22nd	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin
	6:00 (vigil) Mass	Mildred Hroch + by John Hroch
Sunday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass	Parish Family
	10:00 a.m. Mass	All Souls

Readings – Sunday November 23

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 22nd, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Lawrence and Pauline Kelly
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	P. Brandl, T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange

Sunday 23rd, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Marienela Chapa, Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Gift bearers	Joey and Elia Duenez and family
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	H. DeLuna, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante

Sunday 23rd, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Rosemary/Priscilla Mendez
Altar Servers	Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, A. Gonzalez
Ushers	A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria

Attention Families

Free Workshops are being offered to help with children with Attention Deficit Disorder or behavioral/anger problems.

Nov. 24 12 noon to 1:00 Self Esteem, morning madness, bedtime chaos, behavior in public places, the car

Classes are being offered by Virginia Ruschhaupt, M.A. LPC, Licensed Professional Counselor 2006 N. Navarro, Suite C, Victoria, Texas

Pre-Registration is required, please call 361-578-7441 for more information or to register. Space is limited so register early.

MOTHER'S ROOM

Please remember the mother's (cry) room is for one parent and their child while crying, and for those elderly needing the restroom(families please set in the church proper). Whole families should not gather in the room as it does not allow those space who need it. Let us hold to these rules to allow the area to function properly.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1615.94

Catholic Daughters Fall Tamale Sales

Orders are being taken for Tamales. Forms are located in the church entrance. **\$6.50 a dozen.** Please specify: Regular or Spicy, cooked or uncooked. Payment may be made with order or no later than delivery. Call Gracie Perez 897-2053, Carol Sutton 648-9878, Jeanne Lange 897-1971, or Jeanette West 576-2425 for more information or orders.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

As Paul traveled on his journeys, whom did he preach to: c. both Jews & Gentiles

In every town Paul visited, he went to the local synagogue or meeting place of the Jewish community and preached first to the Jews. He then preached to the local Gentiles. However, as his name became known and as his preaching expanded, Paul encountered greater and greater opposition from the Jewish communities. His preaching then became directed more and more toward the Gentiles.

This week's question:

The word Advent means:

a. the coming b. the end c. Christ's Mass d. Epiphany

(Answer coming next week)

Calendar - November

18 R.C.I.A. Meeting – Topic: Prayer	7 Heritage
20 Knights of Columbus Mtg	7 Heritage
25 R.C.I.A. Meeting – Topic: Bible	7 Heritage
29 Pre-Baptism Instruction	10-12 Heritage

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday November 19, 2008

K – 6 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

7 – 12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

NOTE: Beginning in January, the 6th grade will be meeting at the 7:15 p.m. time.

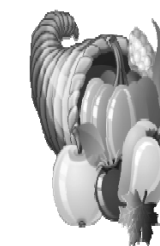
Diocese of Victoria in Texas 25th Anniversary Books On Sale

As you know, I put together this book to commemorate the first 25 years of the diocese. Each parish is featured with a color picture and other information, including a study of each of the patron saints of the parishes in the diocese.

Several have expressed interest, and I still have about thirteen of these books which make great gifts. The books are \$32 each and checks may be made payable to Ty Bazar.

Please see me after Mass, the books will be available until they have sold out.

Bloomington Ecumenical Thanksgiving



The community thanksgiving service will be Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Family Life Center in Bloomington. Those attending are encouraged to bring a finger-food item or dessert to share.

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Looking Ahead to December

Advent is just around the corner. Begin now planning and preparing for the season and the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent flyer coming next week.

Annual Parish Christmas Dinner
Sun. December 14, 2007 - 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
All are welcome. It is a time for us as a parish to celebrate the joy of Jesus' birthday. The parish will supply the meat and each family should bring a side dish. We will also be collecting food for the hungry. Each family please bring canned or non-perishable food. The evening will include:
✓ **BLESSING OF OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE**
✓ **CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**
✓ **CAROLS**
✓ **DOOR PRIZES**

Monday, December 8,
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an Obligatory Holy Day
This year this solemnity, which is always obligatory, falls on a Monday. Therefore the times will be:
Vigil: 6:00 p.m. Sunday December 7
Day: 8:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. Monday, December 8

Calendar of Events
November 28 Change missalette in pews after Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass. Volunteers needed.
November 30 First Sunday of Advent
Blessing of Advent Wreath
Suggestion: put a wreath in your home to pray around daily.

ADVENT FLYER COMING NEXT WEEK

GUADALUPANA MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
4:00 p.m.
Heritage Room
Members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Planning for the celebration of December 12 will take place.

PAINTED CHURCH PILGRIMAGE
I am contemplating a parish pilgrimage/tour for adults to see the painted churches in Praha, Dubina, Ammannsville, and High Hill (about an hour from Victoria) during the Christmas Season.
Looking at dates, I am thinking Monday, December 29. The churches will be decorated for Christmas and most of us will be looking for some way to get out of the house by then.
The day might look like:
7:30 a.m. Leave St. Patrick's
8:45 a.m. Visit Praha
9:45 a.m. Visit Dubina
10:30 a.m. Visit Ammannsville
11:15 a.m. Mass High Hill
12:00 a.m. Lunch at Frank's in Schulenburg
1:00 p.m. Leave for Bloomington
2:00 p.m. Arrive in Bloomington
If you think you might be interested in this Christmas outing, please sign up at the entrance of the church. If you are thinking of another date, please suggest it, or if you would like to add other ideas please feel free to do so.

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS
December 12, 2008

En 1531 una *Señora del Cielo* se apareció a un pobre indio en un cerro al noroeste de la actual ciudad de México; se identificó como la siempre-virgen María, Madre del verdadero Dios por quien se vive: del Creador de todas las cosas: Señor del cielo y de la tierra.

Le manifestó que era su deseo que una iglesia le fuera construída en ese lugar, y le encargó que vaya a transmitirle su deseo al Obispo local. Cuando el Obispo dudó sobre la autenticidad del mensaje y le pidió una prueba, Ella, la Madre de Dios, obedeció prontamente al pedido del obispo y envió a su humilde mensajero a la cima del cerro a recoger, en medio del invierno, un ramo de rosas de Castilla para el Obispo.

Luego de que las flores le fueran entregadas al Obispo, dejó una imagen de sí misma impresa milagrosamente en su tilma, un tejido de cactus de poca calidad que se debió haber deteriorado en 20 años pero que no muestra señales de corrupción 475 años después y aún desafía toda explicación científica sobre su origen.

El Misterio de los ojos de la Virgen
Según varios estudiosos y hombres de ciencia que han inspeccionado la imagen se pueden ver reflejadas, en ambos ojos y en la ubicación precisa en que se reflejarían en un ojo humano vivo, algunas figuras que han sido extensivamente analizadas y parecen corresponder a la forma y tamaño de figuras humanas localizadas enfrente de la imagen.



Celebration of the feast
Friday, December 12, 2008
5:00 a.m. Las Mañanitas
6:00 a.m. La Misa/Mass (en español)
7:00 a.m. Reception/gathering hosted by

A Brief History
In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to Juan Diego at Tepeyac. She identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. She asked a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question, sending Her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop. After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, She also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's *tilma*, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 475 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. According to scientists who have inspected her eyes, in *both of them* and in the precise location as reflected by a *live human eye*, could be seen many figures that have been extensively analyzed and seem to correspond to the shape and size of human figures located in front of the image.



Padre de misericordia, que has puesto a este pueblo tuyo bajo la especial protección de la siempre Virgen María de Guadalupe, Madre de tu Hijo, concédenos, por su intercesión, profundizar en nuestra fe y buscar el progreso de nuestra patria por caminos de justicia y de paz. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.