

A reflection from the Pastor

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,'" Jesus in today's gospel. Jesus' description of his coming in glory reveals him as Christ the King. This image of judgment, separation, and placement is intimately tied to his role as the Good Shepherd, guiding us to the eternal kingdom with the Father. As we hear further in the gospel, how we are judged (our being justified) depends on our faith in Christ, lived in charity. The law of love which Christ established is the rule of faith which brings eternal happiness no matter how difficult it is in this life - - apart from it is the consequence of eternal punishment.

As we honor Christ, our King, let us allow him to reign in our hearts as we extend ourselves in love to one another. As we end this time called ordinary and look forward to Advent, let us pray that we will make Jesus alive in us.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

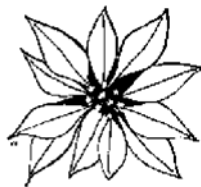
November 25 – November 30

Tuesday, 25th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Guadalupe Gonzalez + by Raul & Yolanda Aguillon
Wednesday, 26th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Leonila Pena + by Gonzalo Pena Family
Thursday, 27th	8:00 a.m. Mass	David and Olivia Musquiz + Thanksgiving Day by Gracie and Ismael Perez
Friday, 28th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Anne Mundine + by D'Cater & Jeri Joseph
Saturday, 29th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – leader: Carol Sutton
	6:00 (vigil) Mass	Catholic Daughters
Sunday, 30th	8:00 a.m. Mass	Parish Family
	10:00 a.m. Mass	All Souls

Readings – Sunday November 30

First Reading – Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:2-7
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel – Mark 13: 33-37

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Envelopes will be available at the church entrance during Advent, to make memorial donations in honor of your loved ones this Christmas by giving toward the Christmas flowers.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 29th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanne Lange, Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Carol Sutton, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Augustina and Alisia Gutierrez
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Reyes Sr.

Sunday 30th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Veronica Ledezma, Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Santos and Mary Alvarado
Gift bearers	Fidel and Pat Galicia
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra

Sunday 30th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Gracie Perez, Ismael Perez
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Mary Helen Garcia, Connie Garcia
Altar Servers	Michael Valenzuela, Angelica Valenzuela
Ushers	C. Martin, M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, J. Canales Jr.

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Help for Marriages

RETRouvaille – A retreat for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or indifferent in their marriage. There will be a weekend dedicated to helping your marriage, Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2009. Please call 979-543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org for more information.

2ND ANNUAL KNOWLEDGE BOWL

The diocesan Catechetical office is once again sponsoring the knowledge bowl. If you are interested in getting together a team of four adults, registration deadline is January 16, 2009. The fee is \$20 per team and study questions may be found at www.victoriadiocese.org. The date of the bowl is January 25, 2009 at Holy Family Church in Victoria from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1494.44

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10751

Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Plates - \$7.00
(1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans, cake)
Or Whole BBQ Chicken - \$6.00
Serving begins at 9:00 a.m.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The word Advent means:

a. the coming

This week's question:

The number of Sundays in Advent is:

a. three b. four c. five d. six

(Answer coming next week)

Calendar - November

23	Guadalupana Meeting	4	Heritage
25	R.C.I.A. Meeting – Topic: Bible	7	Heritage
29	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10-12	Heritage

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

No Class

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Parent note on Christmas pageant. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday December 7 in the

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.

In the Area . . .

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tivoli Annual parish festival. This year: chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches lunch, **Sunday, December 14.** Serving starts at 11:30 a.m. Other games, activities.

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.

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Pray for Vocations

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.

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Four members of Council 10751 St. Patrick's received their 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus on October 28, 2008, the highest degree offered by the organization. Those members who received this honor include Grand Knight Marshall Lange, Leland Lange, Tommy Pribyl, and Keith Kurtz. Congratulations to these men.

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.