

A reflection from the Pastor

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last," Jesus in today's gospel. At first glance this statement by our Lord seems unfair. In a world in which we want to be first, we want to be right, and no one wants to finish in last place – it seems absurd. But that is because we are looking at it as the world looks at things. In reality what the Lord is saying is that everyone is equal in God's eyes – no matter if we are first or last, we are all first in God's eyes. He loves us beyond even our greatest sin – and he showed this great love by sending his Son, Jesus to show us the way to being with Him forever.

Let us pray this week that we might remember our place before God – and that we might recognize this in one another. Particularly in marriages, in the workplace, and in the family let us pray that we might

Welcome

Next week we will welcome His Excellency, The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria who will celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Mass with us, attend the Turkey Dinner, and burn the note which we paid off on the office building.

R.C.I.A.

- Are you interested in joining the Church? Or do you need to complete your Adult Initiation Sacraments? Then the R.C.I.A., Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is just for you.
- Next inquiry class will be **September 23** – Topic: **Liturgy and Tour of the Church** from 7:00 p.m – 8:15 p.m. in the Heritage Room.
- Please come or contact the office to obtain more information and to register.

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Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions September 23 – September 28

Tuesday, 23rd 6:00 p.m. Angelus
S. Pio of Pietrelcina 6:10 p.m. Mass – *Priest's Intention*

Wednesday, 24th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Mildred Hroch + by John Hroch*

Thursday, 25th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *A.J. Gonzales (18th birthday) by M/M Ernest Moya*

Friday, 26th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Leonila Pena + by Maria Gonzalez*

Saturday, 27th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Carol Sutton*
6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Joe Manuel Estrada II + by M/M Manuel Estrada Sr. &*

Family

Sunday, 28th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes+ 26th Sunday in OT by Juan Rodriguez*
Turkey Dinner 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*

Readings – Sunday September 28

First Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 27th, 6 p.m.

Lectors Carol Sutton
Cup Ministers Veronica Garcia, Jeanette West
Gift bearers Suzanne Estrada, Jennifer Cantu, Family
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes

Sunday 28th, 8 a.m.

Lectors Veronica Ledezma, Marianela Chapa
Cup Ministers Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers Juan and Martin Aguayo
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

Sunday 28th, 10 a.m.

Lectors Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia and Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers Bebe Canchola Family
Altar Servers Analysa Gonzalez, Derek Folmar, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin

Attention Families

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

Sept. 22 12 noon to 1:00 Understanding OCD
Depression, Anxiety, Anger

Oct. 27 12 noon to 1:00 Handling Bullies and Teasing, Anger Management Program

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.

AID TO HOUSTONIANS EFFECTED BY IKE

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross. Locally, St. Mary's youth group is collecting clothes, non perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning items, water, blankets, etc. to be taken to Houston on **Sun. Sept. 28 from 7am-6pm at their Activity Center in downtown Victoria. Call Traci at 218-6101 for more information.**

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1,497.06
Building Fund: \$ 608.21
Turkey Meat Donations: \$581.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle Stand

Please inform those you know or see that these candles are not to be removed or replaced. They are to be lit for devotion and prayer. We have had another one taken, which costs to replace. Thank you for your help.
If you would like to purchase a candle please do so in the mother's room just off the main entrance.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

In Paul's letter to the Romans and Ephesians he refers to himself as the Apostle to the: c. Gentiles

This week's question:

How did Paul die?
a. he died an old man b. he died in the Colosseum
c. he was beheaded d. he fell off a cliff

(Answer coming next week)

Calendar - September

27 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10-12 Heritage
27 Parish Prep for Turkey Dinner 8 Parish Hall
28 Turkey Dinner 11 Parish Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday September 24, 2008

K – 6 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
7 – 12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Attention Parents: September 24, the 7th graders will attend a presentation on Quinceanera's. Parents of those students need to attend this session from 7:15 – 8:15pm

- Continue selling raffle tickets!
- Remember to sign up to work at Turkey Dinner.

Around the Diocese . . .

September 21 OL Gulf – Port Lavaca

Fish/Shrimp Combo Plates \$7.50

September 21 OLG – Bay City

Brisket \$6 per plate

September 28 St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner

Plates \$7

October 5 Sacred Heart Flatonia

Plates \$7 Turkey and dressing

October 5 Nazareth Academy Festival

Turkey and Dressing/Victoria Com. Center

October 12 Holy Cross, East Bernard

Barbecue Beef/Chicken/Sausage

October 12 OLV Victoria FESTIVAL

Victoria Community Center/ Beef/Sausage \$7

GABRIEL PROJECT ANGEL WORKSHOP/TRAININGS

The Gabriel Project is always looking for volunteers to assist mothers in crisis pregnancies and protect the dignity of all human life. **The next workshop/training is Saturday October 25 from 9-3 p.m. at Holy Family in Victoria.** For more information or to volunteer with the program call Esther at 655-9951 or Barbara at 649-1612. The group meets regularly at Holy Family at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Liturgical Update – Pronouncing God's Name in the Liturgy

From time to time, I like to bring you news on liturgical directives. The Vatican recently (August 8) issued a directive concerning the use of "the Name of God" in liturgical celebration. The title "Yahweh" may no longer be "used or pronounced" in "liturgical celebrations, songs, or prayers." This stems from the church's official liturgical texts following ancient Jewish tradition. As a gesture of respect for God's divine revelation, the "proper name" of God is not written or spoken. In Hebrew the name is represented by the tetragrammaton or four consonants: YHWH. The Greek translation renders it "Kyrios" or "Lord." Most contemporary translations use phrase "the Lord." What this means for us is that those songs currently in our hymnals using a refrain or verse with "Yahweh" in will have to be omitted. These would include: "Yahweh" by Gregory Norbet, "You are Near" and "Sing a New Song," by Dan Schutte.

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE (only 7 days left)

Calendar of Events Needing Assistance: *Please mark these on your calendar and bring friends/family to help.*

September 28 - Turkey Dinner

- Dishwashers needed in two hour shifts
- Serving Line volunteers
- Volunteers to Monitor trash outflow and bathroom cleanup
- Volunteers to assist with the auction
- Volunteers to help with other needs

- REMEMBER this is our parish function. Every member of the parish is asked to assist. It is not the responsibility of organizations to do everything. If we work as a parish, then we will experience the fruits of our being a parish family.

RAFFLE TICKETS – please continue to sell your tickets and take more.

This is the easiest way to boost our revenue.

AUCTION ITEMS – please bring your items any WEDNESDAY EVENING before the Turkey Dinner from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

They may be taken to the Hall and placed on the stage. Thank you.

COUNTRY STORE ITEMS – these may also be brought and left (clearly marked) on the stage any WEDNESDAY EVENING before the Turkey Dinner from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 pm.

We need home-made craft items and homemade food items (breads, pies, desserts). Please contact Ann Thacker or Marie Boedeker for more information or to volunteer to help.

THIS SUNDAY

Volunteers will be collecting meat donations for the Turkey Dinner. Thank you.

CAKES FOR CAKE WALK – Please, each family bring two cakes each. Our guests look forward to getting a good cake to share with their family. You may bring these to the hall on Saturday, September 27.

Turkey Meat Donations

*Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Trino and Lucy Morales
Tina Gutierrez
Thomas Pribyl
M/M Juan Aguayo and family
Nelda Matchett
M/M Gary Parenica*

*Delfino Rodriguez
E.J. Novak
Ernest Moya
Helen Brzozowska
M/M Tomas Mejia
Marie Boedeker
M/M Henry Mercado
Carmen Gutierrez*

*Doralinda Garcia
Leland Lange
Alfred Garcia
Corona Family
Sr. Abelino Turrubearnes
M/M Gilbert Gonzalez
M/M Felix Salinas and family
Raymond and Paulette Brandl*

Fall Turkey Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY

S u n d a y September 28th 2008

Turkey, Gravy, Dressing, Corn,
Cole slaw, Cranberries, Cake Dessert
in the parish hall

All plates \$7 each

Serving begins at 11:00 a.m.

Plates to go at 9:00 a.m.

Auction at 11:30 a.m.

Kid Games, Country Store, Cake Walk, Toy Walk

Raffle tickets available from
church members or at the dinner that day

WORKER PARKING NEXT WEEK



If you are working at the festival,
please park on the open field next to the hall. Use the entrance off the side parking lot. This will leave room in the main parking lot for our guests and the to go line flow. Thank you. Fr. Ty