

A reflection from the Pastor

"You are witnesses of these things," Jesus in today's gospel. To be a witness literally means to be one who has firsthand knowledge of a dramatic event through the use of the senses (seeing, hearing, smelling, touching). Jesus in standing in the midst of the disciples after his Resurrection, compels them to be witnesses, to receive firsthand the knowledge that he was raised. He did this so that they could go out and teach all nations as he commanded them and us to do. Consider this week, how you are called to be a 'witness' to God's abiding love, brought through Jesus' cross and resurrection. Then let your life testify to that truth.

As we prepare and enjoy the Spring Barbecue today, thank you to all who have helped to bring us to this point. May this truly be a day of celebrating the parish and also success as we seek to raise funds to help further the mission of the Church.

The parish office will be closed this week.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

SPRING BARBECUE TODAY, April 26th

NEXT SUNDAY

First Communions will take place at
the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Please prepare accordingly, due to space issues.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The water for baptism:

c. is ordinary water blessed by a special prayer

This week's question:

Jesus said, "This is my body, this is my blood"

a. at the wedding in Cana of Galilee

b. at Bethlehem

c. at the Last Supper

d. while on the cross

(Answer coming next week)

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 2 – May 3

Please note, there will be no daily Masses this week.

Saturday, 2nd 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin
6:00 p.m. Mass – Jesse L. Olguin Jr. +
by Lupe Olguin

Sunday, 3rd 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
4th Sunday Easter 8:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo
Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
2nd Collection: Home Missions

10:00 a.m. Mass – Maria R. Martin +
by Eric Martin



First Reading Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A Prayer for Vocations

Lord, I know you are calling me to serve you. Help me to discern your call, so that I may respond in faith to the vocation which will help me to do your will. Send your Holy Spirit to guide me and those you may be calling to the priesthood and religious life. I ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 2nd, 6 p.m.

Lectors Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers Jeanne Lange, Jeanette West
Gift bearers Mary Galvan and Family
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes

Sunday 3rd, 8 a.m.

Lectors Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers M/M Henry Estrada, Sr.
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers T. Cabral, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

Sunday 3rd, 10 a.m.

Lectors Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers Bebe Canchola Family
Altar Servers Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, A. Adkins
Ushers J. Canales, Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez

Financial Statement - March

Income		
Building Fund		647.09
Sunday Collections		9498.34
Designated Collections		1476.64
Candles		399.56
Flowers		301.00
Barbecue		1950.00
Religious Education		40.00
Other Income		10.00
Interest Income		2.56
Total Income		\$14,325.19
Expenses		
Salaries		750.00
Pension		97.00
Gas & Electric		2792.93
Garbage		74.66
Water		67.26
Health Insurance		1058.00
Satellite TV		74.43
Telephone		146.78
Repair and Maintenance		511.03
Rectory Expense		209.24
Church Expenses		4057.57
Auto		567.32
Barbecue		437.92
R.E. Expenses		183.12
Bishop's Capital Campaign		1361.92
Diocesan Services Appeal		1000.00
Total Expenses		\$13,389.18
Bank Balance	(04/22/2009)	\$ 27,672.68
Money Market CD		\$20,861.29

Meat Donations

M/M Alex Chamberlain, M/M Tony Liserio, M/M Leon Gonzales, M/M Jose Troncoso, Leland Lange, M/M Martin Cantu, M/M Ruben Madrigal, M/M Senon/Avitia Morales, Ramon S. Torres, Carol Sutton, Anonymous from Angleton, Sammy Canchola, Robert and Gloria Galvan, Maria and Basilio Gonzalez, David Andrade, Juanita Madrigal, Pam Corona, Julia Rameriz, Deacon and Patti Soto, Jose Orozco Jr., Eddie Cantu, Maria Orozco, Tony Velasquez, Eduardo Saucedo, M/M Salvador Piñon, Maria A. Gonzalez, Pedro Salazar

Thank you

Religious Education

Classes have ended for the year.
Please continue to sign up for
parish pictures.
First Penance. May 2, 2009

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1808.60
Meat Donations: \$ 577.00
Raffle Ticket Money: \$ 155.00

Parish Pictorial Directory

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Tues – Sat. August 25 – August 29
Tues – Friday: 3:00 – 9:20 p.m. appointments
Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. appointments

May Calendar

2	First Penance	10:00	Church
3	First Communion	10:00	Church
12	Catholic Daughters Meeting	7	Heritage
17	Confirmation	2	Church
21	Knights of Columbus Mtg	7:30	Heritage
30	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10-12	Heritage

Around the Diocese

April 28 **St. Mary's Altar Society, Victoria Games Party, 401 S. Liberty Street 11:30 -4. \$7, 575-2050.**
May 3 **Holy Family BBQ - Victoria Community Center, \$7 a plate**

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The Lord is Risen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

As we enter the Easter season, this Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Lord's Divine Mercy. Such mercy did he show from the cross as he forgave his executioners. He even pardoned a common thief who hung next to him and promised him paradise.

Jesus' mercy did not come just at the hour of his suffering and death, rather, it was part of his earthly journey back to the Father from where he came. This is why it is so important that we seek to follow His example. Mercy is not something that we give only to those wrongly accused or those we hope to get something from in return. Mercy is to be extended in each of those moments that truly weaken our humanity and create suffering, whether justly or unjustly. We must be ready to show mercy, for we would expect the same from the Lord for ourselves.

You will find printed in the bulletin, the three o'clock devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus – the Divine Chaplet. Make some time today to pray this with your family or on your own. If possible, extend this prayer throughout the week. It is a great prayer to re-center our lives on the Risen and Merciful Christ.

As we approach the end of another Religious Education Year, my heartfelt thanks goes out to all who made it a good year. Particularly our coordinators: Ramona S. Torres, Ismael and Gracie Perez, and all the teachers and aides and volunteers who truly made the year go smoothly and gave of their own time and faith to educate the children in understanding their faith. If you would like to be part of this most valuable work next year, please phone either myself or one of the coordinators. A job well done! Now we look forward to those to receive their first Holy Communion on May 3 and Confirmation on May 10 and of course, Vacation Bible School.

As we approach the Spring Barbecue, my thanks is extended to all who have donated monetarily, through items, or other ways. Truly, we come together to help benefit the mission of St. Patrick's to build God's kingdom. St. Patrick, *pray for us.*

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

Did you Know?

The parish maintains a website on the worldwide web: saintpatrickschurch.net

Consult the website for past bulletin information and other useful information about our Catholic faith.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 21 – April 26

Tuesday, 21st	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Vicente Garcia + by the Garcia Family</i>
Wednesday, 22nd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>David & Olivia Musquiz + by Gracie and Ismael Perez</i>
Thursday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Felipe Solorio + by Family</i>
Friday, 24th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Jose Tovias Canales + by Familiares</i>
Saturday, 25th	3:00 p.m. Quinceañera – Madrigal 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 26th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
3 rd Sunday Easter Spring Barbecue	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Marcos Salas + by Salas Family</i>



First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel Reading Luke 24:35-48

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 25th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Paulette Brandl
Gift bearers	Hybner Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Canales Sr.

Sunday 26th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Santos and Mary Alvarado
Gift bearers	Fidel and Pat Galicia
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers	M. Estrada, A. Posada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna

Sunday 26th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez
Gift bearers	Mary Helen and Connie Garcia
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

SPRING BARBECUE

Sunday, April 26th, 2008

Sign up sheets are in the church for



- meat donations
- raffle prizes/money donations
- miscellaneous

Things Needed:

Raffle: Please buy the tickets and help sell them. More are available in the church entrance.

Auction Items: Please find nice items to put in the auction. This is a really big boost to the barbecue. Items may be dropped off, the week of the barbecue, especially Wednesday evening.

Country Store Items: **Baked goods (with ingredients lists), NEW items** for sale in the country store are greatly appreciated

Cakes: Please remember that to have a successful cake walk, we need **each family to bring at least two cakes each**. They may be brought the Saturday before or the day of.

Drinks: If **each family could bring a six pack of bottle drinks** for the Kids games, that would be great for the prizes.

SATURDAY APRIL 25: 8:00 A.M. All Confirmation Candidates and members of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend to help with preparation.

NOTE: DAY OF BARBECUE, PLEASE PARK ON THE GRASS LOT SOUTH OF THE HALL TO MAKE ROOM IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR GUESTS

Meat Donations

Raymond and Paulette Brandl, Helen Brzozowske, M/M Joe R. Villarreal, Hector Cardona, Asencion Reyna, Joe Canales, D.W. Stubblefield, Alberto Alvarado, Gregorio Rodriguez, Zenaida R. Cantu, Artemisa Rodriguez, Isaac Martin, Adolph Escalante, Danny and Frances Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Thank you

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2,062.28
Second/Rice Bowl: \$ 98.65

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land: **\$232.71**

Religious Education Classes

This week – Wednesday
Regular Last Classes
Please continue to sign up for parish

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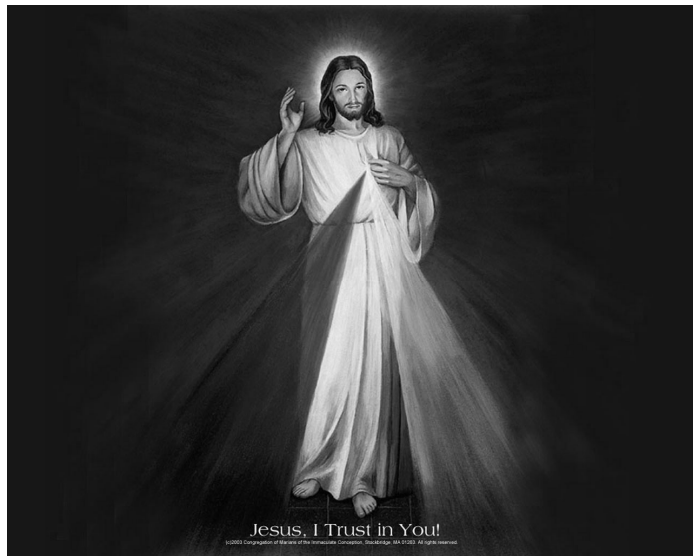
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Jesus is Risen from the Dead.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Truly Risen Indeed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



" I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity...tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (965) Jesus

Sacrament of Penance

The sacrament is celebrated Saturdays 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. It may also be requested by special appointment. Please phone the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for the preparation class. Godparents should be practicing, churchgoing Catholics, who have celebrated their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired time of marriage.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This healing sacrament is available when one is preparing for medical procedures or is seriously ill.

New Parishioners

Welcome. Please stop by the parish office to register.

The bulletin is provided for the explicit purpose of communicating information weekly to the people of God in Bloomington, Texas concerning the pastoral mission of the parish. For more information or to have something included, please call the pastor.

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Quinceañeras

Young ladies approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are members of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the parish coordinator, Ramona Torres 897-1398 six months in advance to arrange the celebration. No hall rental.

Easter Flower Memorials

Jesse L. Olguin Jr.
by Lupe Olguin

April Calendar

- 25 Preparation for Spring Barbecue 8:00 a.m. Hall
All who can come are strongly encouraged to make the loading of bread and cake for the plates as well as other set up
- 25 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10-12 Heritage
- 26 Spring Barbecue Hall

Around the Diocese

- April 25 St. Cyril and Methodius, Shiner, Taste of Texas Gala, 594-3836.
- April 28 St. Mary's Altar Society, Victoria Games Party, 401 S. Liberty Street 11:30 -4. \$7, 575-2050.
- May 3 Holy Family BBQ - Victoria Community Center, \$7 a plate

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

To be said daily at 3:00 p.m. - The Mercy Hour or anytime on the rosary beads

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with *(three times):*

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The saint who was the first person at the tomb on Easter morning was **d. St. Mary Magdalene**
In Luke 8.2, we learn that Jesus cast out seven demons that had possessed Mary Magdalene. She became a faithful follower of Jesus. She stood at the cross (John 19:25), was the first to visit the tomb (John 20:1-2), and was the first to see the resurrected Jesus (John 20:11-18)

This week's question:

The water for baptism:

- a. must come from a spring
- b. comes from Vatican City where the Pope lives
- c. is ordinary water blessed by a special prayer
- d. has vitamins added to it

(Answer coming next week)

Congratulations to:

Alfredo and Maria (Gonzalez) Vargas and

Edward and Jennifer (Moya) Perez who validated their marriages in the Church Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Tracy Lea Guajardo who was Baptized, Confirmed, and made her first Holy Communion this Easter Vigil.

*Trino Juan Manuel Flores
Jason Anthony Guerra
Edward Perez
Alfredo Vargas*

who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit this Easter Vigil. Manuel Flores also made his first Holy Communion.