

A reflection from the Pastor

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you," Jesus in today's gospel.

If you have ever bought a sponge you know that it is pretty much lifeless without water. If you were to try to wash your car with a dry sponge, you might even do much damage to the paint finish. But if you wet the sponge and let it absorb the water, when you wash your car you reveal the beauty of the paint and it shines once again.

The same is true for our bodies and souls. Unless we receive Jesus body and blood, we are lifeless, like sponges that just blow away in the wind. But with Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we become able to wipe away sin and preserve our soul for eternal life – make them shine again with the light of God's grace.

This gift of the Eucharist is one that the Church says we should prepare for adequately. How do we prepare?

First we prepare our souls by going to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to clean our baptismal garments of sin. Jesus, in the person of the priest, readies us to be poured into again with His Body and Blood. Please take advantage of the times for the Sacrament of Penance on Saturdays and before the weekday Masses.

Secondly, we prepare our bodies by abstaining from food one hour before reception of Holy Communion. In this way, we are better able to distinguish our real hunger, hungering for the Lord and his promise of his life within us.

Lastly, we prepare by reading Sacred Scripture and reflecting on the lives of the saints and the habit of virtue. Try this week to make a program, so that you can begin again to absorb what God has in store for you. He wants us to have his life within us; that is why he gave us the gift of the Eucharist.

In this year for priests, pray that we might have a healthy reverence for the Eucharist, that as priests of the common faithful, our presence at the eucharistic table will be one we are prepared for to make our lives holy.

I also remind you that if you are sick or not feeling well, please take care of yourself by getting properly treated, especially flu-like symptoms. If you are not well, please consider watching the televised Sunday Mass and making a spiritual communion. Certainly, if you are not well, please refrain from receiving from the cup. Let us pray for those who are sick and for their healing.

May you have a blessed week. Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated twenty minutes prior to each daily Mass.

Tuesday, 18th	8:00 a.m. – <i>Pablo Ortiz + by Florene O. Castillo</i>
Wednesday, 19th	8:00 a.m. – <i>Emma Lange + by Carol Sutton</i>
Thursday, 20th	8:00 a.m. – <i>Ann Jurica S. Bernard</i>
Friday, 21st	8:00 a.m. – <i>Edward Kocian + S. Pius X by Dorothy Kocian</i>
Saturday, 22nd	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Carl Brzozowske + by Mike & Sandy Brzozowske</i>
Sunday, 23rd	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario <i>21st Sunday</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Ordinary Tim e</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Roland R. Canchola + by M/M Ray A. Lara</i>

Readings for Sunday August 23rd

First: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Second: Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

<u>Saturday 22nd 6 p.m.</u>	
Lector	Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Jeannette West, Veronica Garcia
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Garcia
<u>Sunday 22nd, 8 a.m.</u>	
Lector	Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers	E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia, D. Robles
<u>Sunday 23rd, 10 a.m.</u>	
Lector	Gracie Perez
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Altar Servers	Analya Gonzalez, Angelica Valenzuela
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso

Religious Education - Youth - News

Registration for this year opens August 19:
August 19 6-8 p.m. Heritage Rm
Sun. Aug. 23 after 8 & 10 Masses Heritage Rm
Sun. Aug. 30 after 8 & 10 Masses Heritage Rm
Fee is \$15 per child. Assistance is available for those needing it.

Teacher In-service: September 2, 2009
6:30 p.m. Heritage Rm.
Supper will be served

Teachers/Aides still needed:
9th, 10th, 11th/12th.

Please inquire with Mrs. Ramona Torres if you are interested in this essential ministry to building the faith.

First Class: September 9, 2009

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 1471.86

*Thank you for your sustained support during these touch financial times.
May God reward your generosity.*

Parish Pictorial Directory

As you know, the fiftieth anniversary of St. Patrick's begins September 15, 2009. One of the ways we are celebrating is to produce a picture directory of families. The picture setting is free, you will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free directory book. Any additional pictures will be left to you to purchase.

Please take a moment to sign up for your portrait setting:
- After All Sunday Masses

Scheduled Dates for Pictures:

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

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

How old does a man have to be to be ordained a permanent deacon? c. 35

This week's question:

The place where a man studies for the priesthood is called a:

- a. chancery
- b. dormitory
- c. seminary

Answer coming next week

August Meeting Calendar

- 20 Knights of Columbus 7:30 Heritage Rm
- 29 Baptismal Class 10-12 Heritage Rm
*To baptize, you must live within the parish boundary and should be attending Mass. If from another parish (immediate family [i.e., parents or grandparents] are active parishioners) you must provide a letter from your pastor stating you are active and you must attend your parish's baptismal class. Baptisms are held the first Sunday of each month except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
Birth certificate of child is required before baptism.*

Around the Diocese . . .

- Aug. 16 St. Andrew- Hillje Festival
BBQ Prime Beef & Sausage \$7 a plate
- Sept. 6 St. Mary's Nada Festival
BBQ & Sausage \$7.50 a plate
- Sept. 6 Sacred Heart Hallettsville Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew/Dressing \$7 a plate
- Sept. 6 St. John Bosco, Vanderbilt Picnic
BBQ Brisket & Sausage \$7.50 a plate
- Sept. 27 St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner –
Bloomington – Turkey & Trimmings \$7
- Oct. 4 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tivoli Festival

**St. Patrick's Parish Turkey Dinner –
Sunday, September 27th**

- Please think about ways you might be able to help:
- Volunteer to serve inside/outside/cook/setup
 - Donate Auction prizes
 - Donate to the purchase of turkeys/trimmings
 - Make items (crafts/baked goods) for country store
 - Make cakes for the cake walk
 - Work at a booth

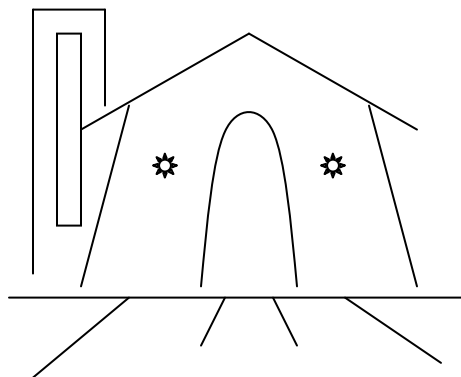
There will be a planning meeting for the Turkey Dinner on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Those helping with various parts of the dinner should be present. All are invited to attend.

50th Anniversary T-Shirt/Collared Shirt Sale

Soon T-Shirts and Collared Shirts will be available with a 50th anniversary design. Order forms and pricing will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the parish and religious education purchase of books and audio-visual equipment to keep teaching the faith. Below is a draft sample of the design.

St. Patrick's
Bloomington, Texas

+ 50 years
1960-2010



Financial Statement - July

Income	
Building Fund	745.33
Sunday Collections	6411.79
Designated Collections	5.00
Candles	240.51
Requests & Memorials	1220.00
<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>3.23</u>
Total Income	\$ 8625.86

Expenses	
Salaries	750.00
Health Insurance	570.00
Gas & Electric	1802.23
Water	67.25
Internet Service	600.00
Garbage	170.16
Satellite TV	68.18
Telephone	95.38
Repair and Maintenance	3299.49
Rectory Expense	202.47
Church Expenses	1734.57
Auto	568.47
Bishop's Capital Campaign	1361.92
<u>Diocesan Services Appeal</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$12,290.12

Overall Total \$ -3664.26

Bank Balance (07/31/2009) \$ 31,773.00

Money Market CD \$20,861.29

New Funeral Planning Brochure

I have just finished a new brochure which contains valuable information for planning a funeral, some answers to frequently answered questions, and some biblical and reflective quotes to help with grieving. I pray it will be a tool to help in the time of grief. They are available in the cry room brochure rack and this Sunday in your bulletin.

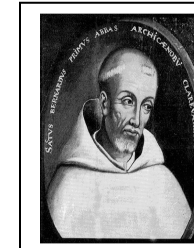
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**Prayer for Priests
In this Year for Priests**

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.
Amen.

Saint John Vianney, *pray for us.*

**Saints of the Week
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**



Born to the French nobility. At age 22, fearing the ways of the world, he, four of his brothers, and 25 friends joined the abbey of Citeaux; his father and another brother joined soon after. Benedictine. Founded and led the monastery of Clairvaux which soon had over 700 monks and eventually 160 daughter houses. Revised and reformed the Cistercians. Advisor to, and admonisher of, King Louis the Fat and King Louis the Young. Attended the *Second Lateran Council*. Fought Albigensianism. Helped end the schism of anti-Pope Anacletus II. Preached in France, Italy, and Germany. Helped organize the Second Crusade. Friend and biographer of Saint Malachy O'More. Spiritual advisor to Pope Eugene III, who had originally been one of his monks. First Cistercian monk placed on the calendar of saints. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VIII.

Every morning Bernard would ask himself, "Why have I come here?", and then remind himself of his main duty - to lead a holy life.

St. Bernard died August 20, 1153. He is the patron saint of beekeepers, candle makers, and the Cistercians.

St. Bernard, *pray for us.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes prior to each daily Mass
Saturday: 5:15 - 5:30 P.M. and by *Private Appointment*

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/Quinceañeros

Young ladies/men approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the pastor six months in advance to arrange the celebration.