

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please mark your calendars now for the 2009 parish pictorial directory; as we mark the 50th anniversary of the parish. I would like all of the families to take a picture, which is free, you get a free book, and you get a free 8 X10. In the next weeks, there will be sign up sheets and opportunities to help call to remind. The coordinators for the directory are Jason Guerra and Tracy Guajardo.

The picture dates are: Aug 25, 26, 27, 28 from 3:00 – 9:30 p.m. and Aug 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January Calendar

13	R.C.I.A. Retreat	7	Hall
13	CDA Meeting	7	Heritage
15	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7	Heritage
20	R.C.I.A. Meeting	7	Heritage
31	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10	Heritage

Coming Soon

Parish Brochure Rack in the Mother's Room. As many of you know, this information is already located in two locations: the church office entrance and priest's sacristy, and upon request. This third will make it more convenient. Thank you.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1743.97

Building Fund: 500.37

New Year's Day: 215.40

Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

ALL Classes

Mass – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
in the church

Parents are encouraged to attend

Vocations Awareness Week

January 11 – 17

This week as we highlight the call to serve the Lord, we ask for more men and women who will respond to the call to serve God and the Church as priests, deacons, religious and brothers. Vocations must be led by prayer and they must be encouraged within the family.

Let us pray together:

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from you. You have given each of us gifts and talents so we may enjoy life but also so we can share our blessings with others. Generous men and women, boys and girls are needed for service and leadership in our church. Help us know how to encourage and support each other so we can respond generously to this need by becoming the kind of people you would want us to be. We know that you are with us each step of the way. Help us to trust in you and in each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

At the first Epiphany: d. all of the above
All nations realized Jesus as Lord, the magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and the star guided the magi to Jesus' manger

This week's question:

Jesus' hometown was:

- a. Nazareth in Galilee
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Bethlehem
- d. Jericho

(Answer coming next week)

An Overview of the Sacraments of the Catholic Church

Canon 840 The sacraments of the New Testament were instituted by Christ the Lord and entrusted to the Church. As actions of Christ and of the Church, they are signs and means by which faith is expressed and strengthened, worship is offered to God and our sanctification is brought about. Thus they contribute in the most effective manner to establishing, strengthening and manifesting ecclesiastical communion. Accordingly, in the celebration of the sacraments both the sacred ministers and all the other members of Christ's faithful must show great reverence and due care.

Canon 841 Since the sacraments are the same throughout the universal Church, and belong to the divine deposit of faith, only the supreme authority in the Church can approve or define what is needed for their validity. It belongs to the same authority, or to another competent authority in accordance with Canon 838 §3 and 4, to determine what is required for their lawful celebration, administration and reception and for the order to be observed in their celebration.

Canon 842 §1 A person who has not received baptism cannot validly be admitted to the other sacraments.

§2 The sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the blessed Eucharist so complement one another that all three are required for full Christian initiation.

Canon 843 §1 Sacred ministers may not deny the sacraments to those who opportunely ask for them, are properly disposed and are not prohibited by law from receiving them.

§2 According to their respective offices in the Church, both pastors of souls and all other members of Christ's faithful have a duty to ensure that those who ask for the sacraments are prepared for their reception. This should be done through proper evangelization and catechetical instruction, in accordance with the norms laid down by the competent authority.

Canon 845 §1 Because they imprint a character, the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and order cannot be repeated.

Baptism

Celebration:

Canon 851 The celebration of baptism should be properly prepared. Accordingly:

1^f an adult who intends to receive baptism is to be admitted to the catechumenate and, as far as possible, brought through the various stages to sacramental initiation, in accordance with the rite of initiation as adapted by the Episcopal Conference and with the particular norms issued by it;

2^f the parents of a child who is to be baptized, and those who are to undertake the office of sponsors, are to be suitably instructed on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations attaching to it. The parish priest is to see to it that either he or others duly prepare the parents, by means of pastoral advice and indeed by prayer together; a number of families might be brought together for this purpose and, where possible, each family visited.

The Minister

Canon 861 §1 The ordinary minister of baptism is a Bishop, a priest or a deacon, without prejudice to the provision of Canon 530, n. 1.

§2 If the ordinary minister is absent or impeded, a catechist or some other person deputed to this office by the local Ordinary, may lawfully confer baptism; indeed, in a case of necessity, any person who has the requisite intention may do so. Pastors of souls, especially parish priests, are to be diligent in ensuring that Christ's faithful are taught the correct way to baptize.

Persons to be Baptized

Canon 864 Every unapprised person, and only such a person, can be baptized.

Canon 865 B1 To be admitted to baptism, an adult must have manifested the intention to receive baptism, must be adequately instructed in the truths of the faith and in the duties of a Christian, and tested in the Christian life over the course of the catechumenate. The person must moreover be urged to have sorrow for personal sins.
B2 An adult in danger of death may be baptized if, with some knowledge of the principal truths of the faith, he or she has in some manner manifested the intention to receive baptism and promises to observe the requirements of the Christian religion.

Canon 866 Unless there is a grave reason to the contrary, immediately after receiving baptism an adult is to be confirmed, to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and to receive holy communion.

Canon 867 B1 Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth, indeed even before it, they are to approach the parish priest to ask for the sacrament for their child, and to be themselves duly prepared for it.

B2 If the infant is in danger of death, it is to be baptized without any delay.

Canon 868 B1 For an infant to be baptized lawfully it is required:

1f that the parents, or at least one of them, or the person who lawfully holds their place, give their consent;

2f that there be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the catholic religion. If such hope is truly lacking, the baptism is, in accordance with the provisions of particular law, to be deferred and the parents advised of the reason for this.

B2 An infant of catholic parents, indeed even of non-Catholic parents, may in danger of death be baptized even if the parents are opposed to it.

Canon 870 An abandoned infant or a foundling is to be baptized unless diligent enquiry establishes that it has already been baptized.

Canon 871 Aborted fetuses, if they are alive, are to be baptized, in so far as this is possible.

Sponsors

Canon 872 In so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor. In the case of an adult baptism, the sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation. In the case of an infant baptism, the role is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.

Canon 873 One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex.

Canon 874 B1 To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:

1f be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;

2f be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;

3f be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;

4f not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;

5f not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized.

B2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.