

A reflection from the Pastor

"And they took offense at him," the people in today's gospel. As twenty-first century Christians, we often gloss over the fact that Jesus met much resistance in his ministry as is evidenced in the gospel today. We might just think that everything was okay and everyone enjoyed the great healings, cures, rising of the dead to life; but in reality there was a great lack of faith. Jesus mentions this as he thinks about the people's response: "he was amazed at their lack of faith." Jesus' death on the cross was preceded by many days and nights of prayer and suffering – and he was God. This is why our faith is so important – because when it is strong, then we do not give in to every movement of evil in the world. We allow ourselves to tap into the breath of the Holy Spirit, and not our own perceived human merits; the remnant of the sin our first parents, Adam and Eve.

How do we grow in faith? – humility. We grow in faith when we humble ourselves and realize that no human merit of our own can by itself win our eternal reward, only when we rely on the grace of Jesus and become truly like him are we set free. I suppose this was partially why Jesus sought places to 'get away' to pray and reflect after ministering to the people. He was showing us the value of faith and not our dependence on our own human emotions.

In this 'Year for Priests,' named by the Church, I will be printing various information on the priesthood, initiating a greater call of vocations through family involvement, and the fall bible series will be centered on the biblical understanding of the priesthood. The bible class will have materials to follow as we reflect on this ministry to the Church.

As part of our 'buildings' preparation for the 50th anniversary celebration coming up, renovation on the St. Patrick's Memorial Hall [built in 1975] kitchen began last week. Updates to the surfaces and facilities in the kitchen and restrooms will take place through the first week in August. Thank you for your patience.

May you have a blessed Fourth of July Weekend, Happy Independence!

Fr. Ty

**New Papal Encyclical**

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, is scheduled to release his latest encyclical this week entitled: Caritas in veritate (Charity in Truth). The encyclical will address how the global economy should take into account the needs of the poor throughout the world.

This is the third of Pope Benedict, the first Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) was written in 2006 and Spes Salve (Saved by Hope) was written in 2007.

Please check the Vatican webpage for a text and other information:

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/encyclicals/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/index_en.htm)

**Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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

Wednesday, 8th	8:00 a.m. – Ann Jurica
Friday, 10th	8:00 a.m. - Jerry Brosh
Saturday, 11th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin 6:00 p.m. Mass – Mary White Philips + by Elenora Jelinek
Sunday, 12th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
15th Sunday	8:00 a.m. Mass – Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes + Ordinary Time by Juan Rodriguez
2nd Col: Building Fund	10:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo

**Readings for Sunday July 12th**

First: Amos 7:12-15

Second: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13



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**Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead**

Saturday 11th 6 p.m.

Lector Carol Sutton  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers P. Canales, J. Canales Sr., R. Brandl, P. Brandl

Sunday 12th, 8 a.m.

Lector Veronica Ledezma  
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa  
Ushers H. Cardona, H. DeLuna, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma

Sunday 12th, 10 a.m.

Lector Melinda Valenzuela  
Altar Servers Analyza Gonzalez, Angelica & Michael Valenzuela  
Ushers J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Barnabas, *apostle*

Born in Cyprus as Joseph, Barnabas was a Levite Jewish convert, coming to the faith soon after Pentecost, taking the name *Barnabas*. Though not of the chosen Twelve Apostles, Barnabas is mentioned frequently in the Acts of the Apostles, is included among the prophets and doctors at Antioch, and is considered an Apostle. Companion of Saint Paul who introduced him to the Apostles. Like Paul, Barnabas believed in the Church's mission to Gentiles, and worked with him in Cyprus and Asia, but split with him over a non-theological matter. Evangelized in Cyprus with Saint Mark. Founded the Church in Antioch. Subject and possible author of some apocryphal works. Martyr.

Barnabas was martyred in 61 A.D. in Salamis. At the time of his death he was carry a copy of St. Matthew's gospel he had copied by hand.

Barnabas means 'Son of Encouragement /Consolation.' He is the patron against hailstorms and is invoked as a peacemaker.

### Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1725.55

Peter's Pence: \$ 391.10

### 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:

The one who was not one of the original twelve apostles is c. Paul

*Simon (called Peter), Andrew, James and John (sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus (known as Jude), Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot were all of the original twelve. Paul considered himself least of all, yet called to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, or non-Jews. The word apostle means 'one who is sent.'*

#### This week's question:

Most of the Old Testament was originally written in  
a. English b. Polish c. French d. Hebrew

*Answer coming next week*

### Around the Diocese . . .

July 9 Bishop David Fellhauer Charity Banquet  
Victoria Country Club. This is by  
Reservation only, call 573-0416 for ticket  
information.

Aug. 7 & 8 Holy Family Knights of Columbus  
Fishing Tournament – Pt. O'Connor  
For more info contact Bryan Ellis at  
361 – 578-0877 Proceeds benefit  
Nazareth Academy, Victoria

Aug. 15 St. Mary's, Praha Picnic  
Stew and Fried Chicken \$7 a plate

### July Calendar

25 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10-12 Heritage  
Please call to register

*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.*