

A reflection from the Pastor

The two miraculous healings of Jesus in today's gospel; one of the young girl and one of the woman suffering from hemorrhages invites us to consider how strong we are in our faith. Jesus could have easily said, this is not my problem, when he was confronted with either of the incidents, but he chose to lead those involved into a deeper trust in his mercy and love, and his promise for eternal life, by bringing healing.

There are many such scenarios in our own journeys. How easy it would be to say, I don't have this disease or that disease, so I don't have to respond to 'those' needs. The gospel invites us to think about our own response of faith, even to what is going on around us. In each of life's ups and downs the focus has to be on Jesus the Christ. He is the healer, we are the instruments of that healing. That is where our faith comes into practice. When we are tried and pushed to the limits, it is our faith in the resurrection and ascension that helps us to rise also. All things lead to the cross, but not without the resurrection right behind. To the extent that we submit and realize that in faith, we allow ourselves to witness the healing that much sooner.

I wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July. Take some time to think about those who gave their lives and all that happened to make our freedom possible. And give thanks to God for our country, which allows us to be so free.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

National Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Let us celebrate the history, government, and traditions of the United States this July 4th, sharing the story of our independence and thanking God for his abundant blessings upon the United States of America.

May you all have a blessed 4th of July weekend.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

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

Monday, 29th	8:00 a.m. - Isabel Perez + St. Peter and St. Paul	by Gracie and Ismael Perez
Wednesday, 1st	8:00 a.m. - David Escalante Sr.+	by Janie Rubio and Family
Friday, 3rd	8:00 a.m. - Edward Kocian + St. Thomas	by Dorothy Kocian
Saturday, 4th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary - leader: Lupe Olguin 6:00 p.m. Mass - Piedad Canales Jr. + by Juanita G. Canales	
Sunday, 5th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario	
14th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. Mass - Pro Populo 10:00 a.m. Mass - Guadalupe Gonzalez + by Juanita Madrigal	

Readings for Sunday July 5th

First: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6a



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Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 4th 6 p.m.

Lector Lisa Canales
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers B. Hernandez, H. Cardona, I. Martin, A. Chamberlain

Sunday 5th, 8 a.m.

Lector Bacilio Gonzalez
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez, A. Posada

Sunday 5th, 10 a.m.

Lector Maribel Gonzalez
Altar Servers Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Albert Adkins
Ushers M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Feast Day – Monday June 29, 2009

Saints Peter and Paul are the principle pillars of the Church founded by Christ. Saint Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first Vicar on earth; he was endowed with powers of the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:13-19) and charged with the role of Shepherd of Christ's flock (John 21:15-17). In St. Peter and his successors, we have a visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity. Divine grace led St. Peter to profess Christ's divinity.

St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in about the year 64 AD. He was buried at the hill of the Vatican; recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of St. Peter's Basilica.

Saint Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic college by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). Selected to bring Christ's name to all peoples (Acts 9:15), he is the greatest missionary of all time, the advocate of pagans, the Apostle of the Gentiles. St. Paul was beheaded in the Tre Fontane along the Via Ostiense and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.

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Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1818.26

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 great leader of the chosen people who received the Ten Commandments from God was
c. Moses

This week's question:

Of the following, the one who was not one of the original twelve apostles is

a. John b. Judas Iscariot c. Paul d. Andrew

Answer coming next week

Around the Diocese . . .

July 4 St. John's, St. John (Schulenburg)
Picnic – Stew, Fried Chicken \$7

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

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.