



A reflection from the Pastor

"And the angels ministered to him," today's gospel speaking of Jesus' being driven into the desert. We often wonder how we can last forty days and forty nights. How did Jesus do it? We may even second guess our commitment. Hopefully you have not this early in Lent, or that you will before the season ends. This season invites us to go out into the spiritual deserts of our lives and find our strength and center in the Lord. And so during our days, we must call up the angels, and saints to minister to us. Many of you have read or maybe heard of several upcoming canonizations of saints. One in particular is Blessed Father Damien of Molokai who will be canonized on October 11. Father Damien de Veuster of Belgium died among the lepers he went to Hawaii to minister to after contracting the disease himself. He died at the age of 49, known as the Apostle of the Lepers. I had the opportunity to visit his tomb in Leuven, Belgium several years ago. It was truly a moving experience. He will be the ninth saint to be canonized who lived and died in the land of the United States. The other eight include: Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, John Neumann, Rose Dushesne, Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, Mother Katharine Drexel, Mother Frances Cabrini, and Mother Theodore Guerin.

We truly never know the angels ministering to us. Let us open ourselves this Lent to the power of God's love working in and through us through Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

Pray for our catechumen, Tracy, who today will be presented to Bishop Fellhauer at the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. After her election, she will now be a member of the elect for the Easter Sacraments. Pray also for our candidates; Jason, Manuel, Edward, Alfredo who will be called to continuing conversion at the same ceremony.

May you and your families have a blessed Lent. +

Lenten Thursday Hot Meal

Each Thursday of Lent (March 5,12,19,26, April 2) from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. the parish is going to provide a hot meal open to the community. Please think about assisting. This **WEDNESDAY, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Hall we will plan the menu** and talk about the various weeks. Please pray about helping with this event.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

March 2 – March 8

Tuesday, 3rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Julia Rameriz +</i> <i>by Fernando & Christina Navarro</i>
Wednesday, 4	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary A. Lerma +</i> <i>by Mary L. Moya</i>
Thursday, 5th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pablo Ortiz +</i> <i>by Genoveva V. Ortiz</i>
Friday, 6th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Ann Jurica</i>
<i>Day of</i>	
<i>Obligatory</i>	6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
<i>Abstinence</i>	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 7th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Maria R. Martin +</i> <i>by Eric Martin</i>
Sunday, 8th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Incontie Garcia +</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent by Stella Garcia</i>
<i>2nd Collection:</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Rice Bowl</i>

Readings – Sunday March 8

First Reading – Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday March 7th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Alex and Rosie Chamberlain
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	J. Canales Sr., R. Brandl, J. Canales Jr., T. West

Sunday March 8th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Pete and Elena Guerra
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	H. DeLuna, E. Ledezma, M. Garcia, D. Robles

Sunday March 8th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Mary Helen and Connie Garcia
Altar Servers	Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Anaysa Gonzalez
Ushers	J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed. : Regular Classes

Grades K-6 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Class Confessions begin this week.

In other News:

TEACHERS NEEDED. As of now we are going to need at least three new teachers for next year. Please consider giving of your time and faith to help educate our youth. We have an excellent group of teachers who give so generously of their time and faith. Please contact Ramona Torres or myself at the office to volunteer.

* Raffle Ticket Sales for Spring Barbecue. The children will participate in the raffle sales again, beginning next week. Their last raffle sales (Turkey Dinner) netted 228 books, out of the 394 books sold throughout the parish. Total money collected was \$1,147.00. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Lent lasts

a. forty days

Yes, forty days and forty nights, not counting Sundays. Officially the last three days from Holy Thursday to Easter are called the Triduum, the holiest days of the year.

This week's question:

To betray Jesus, the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas Iscariot:

- a. ten pieces of silver b. thirty pieces of silver
c. a hundred gold coins d. nothing

(Answer coming next week)

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 2341.80

Lenten Education Series

The Mass: Why we do what we do?

Father Ty will lead this series on the Mass, with adequate time for discussion and reflection. It will take shape over five weeks, **Mondays March 2,9,16, 23,30 in the Heritage room from 7 – 8:15 p.m.** There is no fee and is open to all. You may want to bring a bible and paper and pen.

March Calendar

2	Adult Education – the Mass	7-8:15 p.m.	Heritage
3	R.C.I.A. Class – Beatitudes	7	Heritage
4	Lenten Hot Meal Planning	9 a.m.	Hall
5	Barbecue Planning Mtg.	7	Heritage
9	Adult Education – the Mass	7-8:15 p.m.	Heritage
10	Raffle Ticket Making	9 a.m.	Heritage
10	Catholic Daughters Meeting	7	Heritage
10	R.C.I.A. Class – Creed	7	Hall
16	Adult Education – the Mass	7-8:15 p.m.	Heritage
17	Parish Feast Day Mass	6:10	Church
	Pot Luck Supper	6:30	Hall
19	Knights of Columbus Mtg	7:30	Heritage
23	Adult Education – the Mass	7-8:15 p.m.	Heritage
24	R.C.I.A. Class – Penance	7	Heritage
28	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10	Heritage
	<i>To baptize, you must be a registered parishioner for at least four months and 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.</i>		
31	R.C.I.A. – Sacrament of Reconciliation	7	Church



Our Catechesis on the Sacraments Continues: Overview of Confirmation

Baptism was covered in Sunday, January 11 bulletin

Can. 879 The sacrament of confirmation confers a character. By it the baptized continue their path of Christian initiation. They are enriched with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and are more closely linked to the Church. They are made strong and more firmly obliged by word and deed to witness to Christ and to spread and defend the faith.

THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Can. 880 §1 The sacrament of confirmation is conferred by anointing with chrism on the forehead in a laying on of hands, and by the words prescribed in the approved liturgical books.

§2 The chrism to be used in the sacrament of confirmation must have been consecrated by a Bishop, even when the sacrament is administered by a priest.

Can. 881 It is desirable that the sacrament of confirmation be celebrated in a church and indeed during Mass. However, for a just and reasonable cause it may be celebrated apart from Mass and in any fitting place.

THE MINISTER OF CONFIRMATION

Can. 882 The ordinary minister of confirmation is a Bishop. A priest can also validly confer this sacrament if he has the faculty to do so, either from the general law or by way of a special grant from the competent authority.

Can. 883 The following have, by law, the faculty to administer confirmation:

1^f within the confines of their jurisdiction, those who in law are equivalent to a diocesan Bishop;

2^f in respect of the person to be confirmed, the priest who by virtue of his office or by mandate of the diocesan Bishop baptizes an adult or admits a baptized adult into full communion with the Catholic Church;

3^f in respect of those in danger of death, the parish priest or indeed any priest.

Can. 884 §1 The diocesan Bishop is himself to administer confirmation or to ensure that it is administered by another Bishop. If necessity so requires, he may grant to one or several specified priests the faculty to administer this sacrament.

§2 For a grave reason the Bishop, or the priest who by law or by special grant of the competent authority has the faculty to confirm, may in individual cases invite other priests to join with him in administering the sacrament.

Can. 885 §1 The diocesan Bishop is bound to ensure that the sacrament of confirmation is conferred upon his subjects who duly and reasonably request it.

§2 A priest who has this faculty must use it for those in whose favor it was granted.

Can. 886 §1 A Bishop in his own diocese may lawfully administer the sacrament of confirmation even to the faithful who are not his subjects, unless there is an express prohibition by their own Ordinary.

§2 In order lawfully to administer confirmation in another diocese, unless it be to his own subjects, a Bishop needs the permission, at least reasonably presumed, of the diocesan Bishop.

Can. 887 A priest who has the faculty to administer confirmation may, within the territory assigned to him, lawfully administer this sacrament even to those from outside the territory, unless there is a prohibition by their own Ordinary. He cannot, however, validly confirm anyone in another territory, without prejudice to the provision of can. 883, n.3.

Can. 888 Within the territory in which they can confer confirmation, ministers may confirm even in exempt places.

THE PERSONS TO BE CONFIRMED

Can. 889 §1 Every baptized person who is not confirmed, and only such a person, is capable of receiving confirmation.

§2 Apart from the danger of death, to receive confirmation lawfully a person who has the use of reason must be suitably instructed, properly disposed and able to renew the baptismal promises.

Can. 890 The faithful are bound to receive this sacrament at the proper time. Parents and pastors of souls, especially parish priests, are to see that the faithful are properly instructed to receive the sacrament and come to it at the opportune time.

Can. 891 The sacrament of confirmation is to be conferred on the faithful at about the age of discretion, unless the Episcopal Conference has decided on a different age, or there is a danger of death or, in the judgment of the minister, a grave reason suggests otherwise.

SPONSORS

Can. 892 As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 893 §1 A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2 It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism.



Begin Preparing for the 2009 Spring Barbecue

Sunday, April 26, 2009

- **Try to find at least one new item for the auction.**

If each member could bring at least one item, that would be great. If you can find more, even better.

- **Country Store Items** – New Handmade items, Homemade goodies, crafts, etc. help make the country store successful.

- **Attend the planning meeting:** This Thursday March 5
7:00 p.m. Heritage Room

- **Help Make Raffle Tickets – March 10 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Heritage Room. As many volunteers as can come would be great.

- Volunteer to work at the festival

2009 Raffle

We are accepting donations toward the raffle prize tickets through Friday, March 6. Please consider donating a prize, or going in with other family members to donate a prize. Prizes must be received before the tickets can be sold.

Again, this year, I am asking that each parish family do their best to purchase their books of tickets that are sent in the mail. This is the easiest way to generate income (power in numbers). **With over 325 registered families, the raffle could generate over \$10,000**, and that's not counting what we sell to others. Please pass the word to your families and friends.