



A reflection from the Pastor

"...but we proclaim Christ crucified," St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians. As St. Paul states, this is a stumbling block to many, including those who see Jesus as just another man who died on a cross, an otherwise routine instrument of death in that day. Paul's point goes deeper into the mystery of Jesus being the anointed one, the Messiah, the Christ. This is the one we proclaim crucified, the one who could raise himself by who he was as God; the anointed one whose blood poured out would anoint the world for salvation. Take some time to think about how you proclaim Christ crucified in your own life, in your own body. Lenten denials and sacrifices aren't just about our body, but about us receiving the status of heaven to be with the Christ for ever.

Thank you to all who have been so responsive to the Lenten hot meal effort. The volunteers have been most generous in extending this work of mercy. Our numbers are increasing, and the feeding of the religious education children in the evening has also received good numbers. If any parent can help with the last two dates with the children in the evening that would be great. Arrive around 5:00 p.m. to get prepared and serve as soon as the children arrive.

FEAST DAY –ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

This Tuesday Evening, March 17, 2009

Mass will be at 6:10 p.m. in church.

Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.

Please bring food for your family to share with others. There will also be door prizes and kid souvenirs given out. Come celebrate Saint Patrick.



Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1768.08 Bldg. Fund: \$457.09

Rice Bowl: \$103.43

Lenten Education Series

The Mass: Why we do what we do?

Father Ty will lead this series on the Mass. Classes remaining during Lent: **Mondays March 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.

This week: Liturgy of the Word.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

March 17 – March 22

Tuesday, 17th 6:10 p.m. Mass – *Paul Depine*
S. Patrick

Wednesday, 18 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pablo Ortiz +*
by Gilbert Charles Jr.

Thursday, 19th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Joe Manuel Estrada II+*
S. Joseph by the Barrientos Family

Friday, 20th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Fernando Navarro +*
Day of by Christina & Fernando
Navarro

Obligatory 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Abstinence 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 21st 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
First day 5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Carol Sutton*
of Spring 6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Mildred Hroch +*
by Barbara Hybner

Sunday, 22nd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
4th Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – *David Escalante Sr. +*
Catholic Relief Services by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flores
Collection for Rice Bowl
Second Scrutiny of Elect

Readings – Sunday March

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6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday March 21st, 6 p.m.

Lector *Jeanne Lange*
Cup Ministers *Carol Sutton, Paulette Brandl*
Gift bearers *M/M Joe Canales, Sr.*
Altar Servers *Gabriella & Madeline Canales*
Ushers *D. Hybner, A. Reyes, Sr., A. Garcia, B. Hernandez*

Sunday March 22nd, 8 a.m.

Lector *Martina Aguayo*
Cup Ministers *Santos and Mary Alvarado*
Gift bearers *Fidel and Pat Galicia*
Altar Servers *April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma*
Ushers *H. Cardona, H. DeLuna, T. Cabral, E. Ledezma*

Sunday March 22nd, 10 a.m.

Lectors *Gracie Perez*
Cup Ministers *Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante*
Gift bearers *Frank and Maribel Gonzalez and Marcos*
Altar Servers *Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, A. Adkins*
Ushers *L. Rivera Jr., A. Rodriquez, A. Escalante, A. Reyes*



Lenten Hot Meal

The day has been moved to Wednesdays (March 18, 25, April 1) 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 18th prep. begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed. : No Classes

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK

SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

* Raffle Ticket Sales for Spring Barbecue. The children will participate in the raffle sales again, beginning this week. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers.

Top three sellers get to pick from these:

- 26" Boys Bike
- 26" Girls Bike
- 7" Portable DVD Player
- IPOD Shuffle
- Nintendo DS

Those selling over ten books get their name in the drawing to try for the remain two prizes.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The initials INRI above Jesus' head on a crucifix
b. stand for "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"
John's Gospel tells us that Pontius Pilate ordered this sign to be written on Jesus' cross in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. See John 19:19-22. The letters INRI are the first letters of the words in the Latin translation, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iuadorum.

This week's question:

Simon of Cyrene was the man who
a. helped Jesus carry his cross
b. ran away when Jesus was praying in the garden
c. waited outside the courtyard when Pilate judged Jesus
d. held the rooster that crowed three times

(Answer coming next week)

ANNUAL PARISH 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. Please contact Ramona Torres, chairman, for more info.
- Volunteer to work at the festival

Raffle Tickets: Again, this year, I am asking that each parish family do their best to purchase their books of tickets that will be distributed after Masses in the church. This is potentially the easiest way to generate income if all sell.

March Calendar

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| 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 |

Lent Around the Diocese

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission and welcomes all. The speaker is Rev. Bob Knippenberg, who will speak on the Theology of the Body in three nights, March 23-26 from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. in the church. A devotion will lead each night at 6:00 p.m. and there will be refreshments in the cafeteria after each talk. No reservations needed.