



A reflection from the Pastor

As the days of our Lenten journey become fewer, and a little more challenging, we must stay focused on the joy which we will experience at Easter. Through our acts of self-denial, new attitudes, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, we begin to experience the joy that will burst forth, as did Christ from the tomb that first Easter morning. Remember, the days of Lent aren't just meant as a time to get through and then return to old habits, they are the pattern for our daily living so that we can be purified for eternal life. Let us pray this week for the strength to persevere and for the grace to accept our daily crosses.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration was an enjoyable evening. Following Mass, those in attendance shared in the delicious pot luck dishes and desserts. Door prizes were given and each child received a goody bag filled with candy. St. Patrick, *pray for us.*

May you and your families have a blessed Lent. +
Fr Tv

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are at the entrance of the church for:
Knights of Columbus – 2 - \$250 to Graduating High School Seniors

Catholic Daughters – 1 - \$300 to High School Graduating Senior and 1- \$300 to Currently enrolled College Student

Please consult application for eligibility requirements.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1775.75

Rice Bowl: \$195.22

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 23, 30 in the Heritage room from 7:15 – 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: Communion Rite

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

March 24 – March 29

Tuesday, 24th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Lillie Bomersbach</i>
Wednesday, 25 <i>The Annunciation</i>	7:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Isidoro Perez</i> <i>by Ismael and Gracie Perez</i>
Thursday, 26th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Maria Ortiz +</i> <i>by the Adela V. Alvarado</i>
Friday, 27th <i>Day of</i> <i>Obligatory</i> <i>Abstinence</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez +</i> <i>by Justo A. Chavanna</i> 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 28th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>C.D.A.</i>
Sunday, 29th <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>2nd Collection:</i> <i>Rice Bowl</i> <i>Third Scrutiny of Elect</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Isabel Perez +</i> <i>by Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Perez</i>

Readings – Sunday March 29

6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
1 – Jeremiah 31:31-34	1 – Ezekiel 37:12-14
2 – Hebrews 5:7-9	2 – Romans 8:8-11

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday March 28th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Jeanette West, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Raymond and Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	H. Cardona, A. Escalante, I. Martin, P. Canales

Sunday March 28th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Bacilio Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers	M/M Henry Estrada
Altar Servers	Kellsey Monroy, Raul Monroy, Juan Castellanos
Ushers	M. Garcia, D. Robles, M. Estrada, P. Guerra

Sunday March 29th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Albert and Lucia Rodriguez
Altar Servers	Analysa Gonzalez, Angelica Valenzuela, Derek Folmar
Ushers	J. Troncoso, H. Lonaoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales



Lenten Hot Meal

This free meal open to all is on Wednesdays (March 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 25th prep. begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed.

ALL STUDENTS

MASS 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Parents please pick up at 8:00 p.m.

* 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:

Simon of Cyrene was the man who

- a. helped Jesus carry his cross

When Jesus was carrying the cross, the soldiers made Simon help Jesus. See Mark 15:21.

This week's question:

On Palm Sunday the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with the words

- a. Glory to God in the highest
b. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
c. Lord, I am not worthy
d. My Lord and my God.

(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

- 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
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.
31 R.C.I.A. – Sacrament of Reconciliation 7 Church



Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower memorial donations are being accepted. There are envelopes at the church entrance.

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.