



A reflection from the Pastor

"The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant..." These are the words of Jeremiah the prophet. The days of Easter are rapidly approaching. All the vestiges of Spring are around us – are we prepared to renew the covenant which was made with Christ at our baptism? Take some time to read through the profession of faith printed here in the bulletin and the renewal of baptismal promises. The covenant which Christ made with us in his own blood on the Cross is continued in the Sacrifice of the Mass – which allows us to share in his life for ever.

I invite you to take some quiet time during these days as Holy Week approaches, to sit with the Lord and remember what he went through for our salvation. As you listen quietly, don't be surprised if your own life becomes even louder and more magnified. As it does offer it to the one who walks with you and asks you to deny yourself and pick up your cross daily.

IRONING VESTMENTS FOR CHRISM MASS Thursday, April 2, 2009 Heritage Room – 9:00 a.m.

I am in need of volunteers to help iron the priest chasubles for the Chrism Mass on April 7. There are 65 vestments to iron – so if you can spare the time please come. Bring your iron and board if you are able.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 2,361.00

Rice Bowl: \$66.77

Catholic Relief Services: \$285.81

Flower Donations: \$241.00

Lenten Education Series

The Mass: Why we do what we do?

Father Ty will lead this last class in the series on the Mass: **Monday March 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: Review of Upcoming Mass Changes

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

March 31 – April 5

Tuesday, 31st	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Frank & Mary Bomersbach
Wednesday, 1st	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Veronica Moya + by M/M Ernest Moya & Family
Thursday, 2nd	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Maria Ortiz + by Ramona S. Torres
Friday, 3rd	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Edward Kocian + by Dorothy Kocian
<i>Obligatory</i>	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<i>Abstinence</i>	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 4th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin
	6:00 (vigil) Mass –	Piedad Canales + by Juanita Canales
Sunday, 5th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Pro Populo
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
<i>2nd Collection:</i>	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Mildred Hroch + by Barbara Hybner
<i>Rice Bowl Collection</i>		

Readings – Palm Sunday April 5

Mark 11: 1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors: Please take a missalette to go over your part before Mass.
N = Narrator/Narrador, S = Speaker L=Lector for Passion Parts

Saturday April 4th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Jeanette West (N), Jeanne Lange (S)
Cup Ministers	Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton
Gift bearers	Hybner Family
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl, P. Brandl, J. Canales Jr.

Sunday April 5th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Veroncia Ledezma (N), Martina Aguayo (L)
Cup Ministers	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Gift bearers	Henry and Minnie Chacon
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers	M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona

Sunday April 5th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin (N), Melinda Valenzuela (S)
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Mark and Lisa DeLosSantos and family
Altar Servers	Jerry Adkins, Albert Adkins, Katie Williams
Ushers	J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante, L. Rivera Jr.

Lenten Hot Meal

The last meal for Lent will be this Wednesday, 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, prep. begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Hall.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed.

Regular Classes – Confessions Resume

Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:15 p.m. Hall

* 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:

On Palm Sunday the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with the words
b. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

This week's question:

Jesus said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood" to the apostles
a. at the wedding feast in Cana
b. at Zacchaeus' house
c. at the Last Supper
d. when he fed the 5000 with 5 loaves & 2 fish

(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.

Calendar

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

April

1	Confirmation Parent Meeting	7:15	Hall
2	Ironing of Chrism Mass Vestments	9 a.m.	Heritage
14	R.C.I.A. – Class Mystagogia	7	Hall
	Catholic Daughters Meeting	7	Heritage
16	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:30	Heritage
21	R.C.I.A. – Class Evangelization	7	Heritage
25	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10-12	Heritage



Easter Flower Donations

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

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.



Holy Week – April 5 - 12

During Holy Week we walk with Jesus, we suffer with him, and finally, we rise again, new creatures. We don't just watch in these days, we participate in them so that we might strive to be more like Christ.

Monday of Holy Week

- Gospel reading at Mass on this day: The Anointing at Bethany. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anoints Jesus, a sign of his suffering and death and his identity as the Messiah and Chosen One – the Christ.
- As Jesus prepares for the sacrifice ahead, we too are invited to prepare more deeply.

Tuesday of Holy Week

In our diocese, the Chrism Mass takes place, which is normally on the morning of Holy Thursday.

The Chrism Mass

This a diocesan wide celebration, in which all the priests gather with the bishop to renew their priestly dedication. The three different oils to be used in the sacraments are bless/consecrated by the bishop and given to the pastors: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens are blessed. The Sacred Chrism is consecrated; it is used in baptisms, confirmations, and Holy Orders.

Wednesday of Holy Week

The gospel recounts Jesus' instructions on the need of the disciples to prepare a place for the Last Supper. Today is a good time to center and prepare our own "inner" rooms for the next days.

Sacred Triduum

The three days that changed the world – the liturgies from Holy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Sunday. We share in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and we meet and follow.

Holy Thursday

The single evening Mass recalls Jesus institution of the Eucharist and includes the Mandatum ceremony of the washing of feet. This comes from John 13:34 in which Jesus encourages the disciples to wash one another's feet out of love. The celebration ends with a procession to reserve the Eucharist for adoration for a suitable time.

Good Friday

The service of the Lord's Passion recalls how Jesus died for us on the cross. Mass is not celebrated on this day, but at 3:00 a service of the Passion and Communion is held. The readings are drawn from Isaiah, Hebrews, and John's Gospel Passion account. The cross is venerated by all. In our parish, the stations of the cross is walked in the morning from Placedo to St. Patrick's as a sign of our willingness to enter more fully into the passion of our Lord. Spending time in prayer between the hours of noon and three o'clock is a good way of joining yourself to Jesus' suffering. It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat in the church.

Holy Week Schedule of Liturgies

Monday

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass – Cathedral – Victoria

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. The Mass
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Heritage Room)

Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross, walking from Placedo to St. Patrick's (a light meal following in the hall)
3:00 p.m. Service of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil

- 7:30 p.m. Vigil – Night Watch of the Resurrection
- Service of Light – New Christ Candle
- Liturgy of the Word – Story of Salvation History
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. La Misa
10:00 a.m. The Mass

Liturgical Assignments for Holy Week

(L = Lector, C= Cup Minister, S = Altar Servers)
All others will be volunteers

Holy Thursday April 9	L Carol Sutton C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Ledezma
Good Friday April 10 3:00 p.m.	L Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez S M., A. Valenzuela, A. Gonzalez
Easter Vigil April 11 7:30 p.m.	L L. Canales (#1 and Epistle), J. Lange (#3), C. Sutton (#5) C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto S G. Canales, M. Canales
Easter Sunday April 12 8:00 a.m.	L Ted Cabral C Juanita Madrigal, Juanita Canales S M. Ledezma, E. Andrade, A. Chapa
10:00 a.m.	L Melinda Valenzuela, Maribel Gonzalez C Ismael and Gracie Perez S A. Adkins, K. Williams, D. Folmar



Baptismal Promises

Each Lent, the Church anticipates the baptism of catechumens. For those already baptized, Lent is also a time to prepare ourselves for renewing our baptism at Easter. The following is the renewal we will make at Easter. Take some time to renew yourself today, the parts in italics might be used for reflection*.

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children? I do.

Lord, I want to live in the freedom you offer me. I want to reject the unloving choices I have made, and the sinful failures to love anywhere in my life. I reject all injustice, all violence, all that disrespects the dignity of human life

Do you reject the glamor of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? I do.

Lord, I admit that some evil has a hold on me: it is attractive, it has such powerful rewards, it has become a habitual way for me to be myself. Lord, I renew my commitment this day to turn from that evil and from letting any disordered attachment, any empty promises master me, and try to separate me from you.

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? I do.

Lord, as I renew my promises of baptism of dying to sin and rising to life, I know that an Enemy tries to tempt me to sin, I now promise that I renew my commitment to reject that Enemy, and all his ways of subverting your reign and the coming of your kingdom.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? I do.

Lord, you made me and give me life every day. I believe in you, I turn to you, and I place my life in your hands.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? I do.

Jesus, my Lord and Savior, my life is in your hands. I believe in you, I commit myself to growing closer to you, placing myself with you, in love for others.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? I do.

Holy Spirit of Jesus, I desire to be enkindled with the fire of your love, that I might be renewed in courage. I believe in and renew my commitment to your work among us. I want to contribute to the unity that you desire for us. I promise to be as merciful, for I have known your mercy. And I pledge to live my life each day on this earth, full of faith in the resurrection Jesus gained for me.

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the

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