

A reflection from the Pastor

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds,' Jesus in today's gospel. These last weeks of ordinary time invite us to contemplate the end of times and Jesus' return. The world focuses on this event, but in a worldly way. The Christian is not to be worried about a date, year, or time; rather, the Christian is to store up now on God's goodness, as if this is the day, as if this is the time. Jesus gives us a clue as to how we are to know: his Word, which will never pass away is what we should meditate on day and night – so that our words become His.

Take some time this week as you prepare for the business of Thanksgiving and reflect on how ready you are for Christ's return. Maybe there is an attitude that needs some correction. Maybe there is someone who is in need of forgiveness or healing. Maybe you need a good confession. As we look forward to this new liturgical year, let us prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.

The Season of Advent

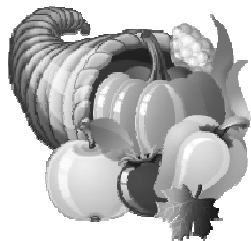
The new liturgical year begins with Evening Prayer 1 of the First Sunday of Advent. In this new year (Year C) the Sunday Gospel readings will come from St. Luke. The weekday lectionary will come from year two. The two-fold purpose of Advent is to prepare our hearts for Jesus' first coming at Christmas as we celebrate his birth on December 25th, and His second coming in glory. Let us prepare ourselves well. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Bloomington Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Celebration

Next Sunday, November 22, 2009

St. Patrick's Hall 6:00 p.m.

This year, we will be hosting the Bloomington community for this annual gathering at Thanksgiving. If you plan on attending, **please bring a covered dish** to share with our guests. Turkey will be provided by the parish. **If you are interested in volunteering to be a greeter or help in the kitchen, please phone.**



Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

Tuesday, 17th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>David Escalante, Sr. + S. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	by <i>M/M Efrain Guerra</i>
Wednesday, 18	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Anne Mundine +</i>	by <i>Therese Hernandez</i>
Thursday, 19th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Tomas Espinoza +</i>	by <i>Minnie Chacon</i>
Friday, 20th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Freddy Valdez Jr. +</i>	by <i>M/M Pete Nieto</i>
Saturday, 21st	3:00 p.m. Mass – 40th Wedding Anniversary Joe & Estella Canales	
	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
	5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Carol Sutton</i>	
	6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Frank Jelinek +</i>	by <i>Elenora Jelinek</i>
Sunday, 22nd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Maria C. Soto +</i>	by <i>M/M Adolph Lopez</i>
	<i>Christ the King</i>	
2nd Collection:	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	<i>Cam. Human</i>	
	<i>Development</i>	

Readings – Sunday November 22

First Reading – Daniel 7:13-14
Second Reading – Revelation 1:5-8

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 21st, 6 p.m.

Lector	Jeanette West
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Gift Bearers	Marie Boedeker
Ushers	C. Sutton, R. Brandl, T. West, R. Cisneros

Sunday 22nd, 8 a.m.

Lector	Ted Cabral
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Gift Bearers	Martina Aguayo and family
Ushers	L. Rivera Jr., H. DeLuna, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

Sunday 22nd, 10 a.m.

Lector	Maribel Perez
Altar Servers	K. Williams, D. Folmar
Gift Bearers	Ramona Torres and family
Ushers	A. Reyes, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

Religious Education News

This Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Regular Class Times.

Safe Environment Education will take place during class times. Safe environment education is mandated yearly for all who work with children and for those children involved in parish activities.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1705.23

Parish Building Fund: \$474.01

Advent Bible Study

Advent is soon approaching. In this Church proclaimed "Year of the Priest," I will be leading a four week biblical study of the priesthood. This will be a great opportunity to study the Word of God concerning this sacred ministry.

Classes will be each of the Mondays of Advent: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 from 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. in the Heritage Room. No registration is required. Please bring a bible, pen, paper, and open heart.

Saint of the Week

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, *Religious*



Born in 1207. Princess, the daughter of King Andrew of Hungary. Great-aunt of Saint Elizabeth of Portugal. She married Prince Louis of Thuringa at age 13. Built a hospital at the foot of the mountain on which her castle stood; tended to the sick herself. Her family and courtiers opposed this, but she insisted she could only follow Christ's teachings, not theirs. Once when

she was taking food to the poor and sick, Prince Louis stopped her and looked under her mantle to see what she was carrying; the food had been miraculously changed to roses. Upon the death of Louis, Elizabeth sold all that she had, and worked to support her four children. Her gifts of bread to the poor, and of a large gift of grain to a famine stricken Germany, led to her patronage of bakers and related fields. She died in 1231 of natural causes. Her relics are in Vienna, Austria. St. Elizabeth is the patroness against in-law problems, toothaches, hospitals, nursing homes, and bakers.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us.

Diocesan Events

November 21 St. Mary's Altar Society
Harvest Bazaar 401 S. Liberty
Homemade goods/crafts
Box lunch for \$5 will be available

November Meeting Calendar of Events

17	Guadalupanas Mtg.	7	Heritage Room
19	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7	Heritage Room
22	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Celebration	6:30	Hall
28	Baptismal Class	10-12	Heritage Room

*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.*

Pray for our

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Last week's question:

Which is the last week of the liturgical year?

c. Christ the King Sunday

This week's question:

How many weeks are there in Advent?

a. two b. three c. four d. five

Answer coming next week.