

A reflection from the Pastor

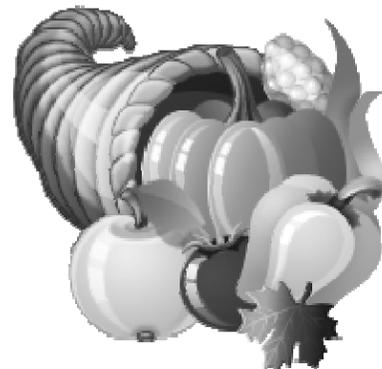
"...She (the poor widow), from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood," Jesus in today's gospel. The contrast of the giving of the rich person and widow in today's gospel should be reminder to us that what we give should not just come from our surplus wealth (what we think we can get by with and still be rich), but rather from our livelihood. Jesus is not asking a family of four to be broke and live on the streets, but he is saying, your giving should be done as an act and extension of God's generosity. Now that is not a behavior that is infused into our being. Rather, we as followers of Jesus have to hear his word and truly take it to heart, and then do what he asks of us. The moment we think that we can out do God in generosity, we have duped ourselves into a false stewardship. In a down economy, everyone speaks about poverty, but so many squander what they have on what they do not need. If we trust in God, even in finances, he will see us through. Pray this week for the gift of generosity.

In today's bulletin I have included another portion of the study text for the coming Mass changes. This is continuation from the bulletin of May 31st and the Gloria. Please remember these are study texts to begin to prepare; today is the Nicene Creed.

Bloomington Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Celebration

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 let me know this week.**



Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

Tuesday, 10th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>David Escalante, Sr. + S. Leo the Great</i> <i>by Janie Rubio and Family</i>
Wednesday, 11	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + S. Martin of Tours</i> <i>by Therese Hernandez</i>
Thursday, 12th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Roland R. Canchola + S. Josaphat</i> <i>by Lupe and Frances Rivera</i>
Friday, 13th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + S. Frances Cabrini</i> <i>by M/M Robert L. Cisneros</i>
Saturday, 14th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Frances Robles</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + by M/M Abel Perez Sr.</i>
Sunday, 15th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes + 33rd in OT</i> <i>by Juan Rodriguez</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings – Sunday November 15

First Reading – Daniel 12:1-3
Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel – Mark 13, 24-32

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 14th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Gift Bearers	Hybner Family
Ushers	H. Cardona, A. Escalante, I. Martin, A. Chamberlain

Sunday 15th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Veronica Ledezma
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Gift Bearers	Henry and Minnie Chacon
Ushers	D. Robles, M. Estrada, B. Gonsalez, A. Posada

Sunday 15th, 10 a.m.

Lector	Ismael Perez
Altar Servers	A. Valenzuela, M. Valenzuela, J. Valenzuela
Gift Bearers	Bebe Canchola Family
Ushers	J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez

Religious Education News

This Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Regular Class Schedule

Next Week Nov. 18, 2009: Safe Environment Education will take place.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

The following children were baptized on November 1, All Saint's Day: **Abigail Rae Canchola** daughter of Roland R. Canchola and Becky Barajas, **Kaylee Rae Fisher** daughter of Larry Fisher and Jean Olguin, **Eric Francisco Garcia Jr.,** son of Eric Francisco Garcia and Amanda Williams.

Pray for our Veterans

Veteran's Day is Wednesday, 11th. Please remember all those men and women who have given their lives in service to God and Country.

God, we thank you for the sacrifice of our veterans. We ask you protect their families, heal the wounded, and grant peace to those who have died. Amen.

ALTAR SERVER SUPPER

The annual appreciation server for altar servers is Thursday evening November 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Servers and their parents and siblings are invited. Dinner will be served. Please R.S.V.P. in the sacristy or by calling the parish office 897-1155 by November 9th.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Last week's question:

How many saints has the Church officially declared (canonized)? c. 10,000

This week's question:

Which is the last week of the liturgical year?
a. 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time b. Pentecost Sunday
c. Christ the King Sunday d. December 31st
Answer coming next week.

Diocesan Events

- November 8** Our Lady of Lourdes
Fall Festival – Turkey plates \$7.50
Victoria Community Center
- November 14** St. Cyril and Methodius, Shiner
Strudel Bake, \$12 each
Frozen ready to bake
Call Karen @573-5283 for info.
- November 21** St. Mary's Altar Society
Harvest Bazaar 401 S. Liberty
Homemade goods/crafts
Box lunch for \$5 will be available

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 2292.43

November Meeting Calendar of Events

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| 10 | Catholic Daughters Mtg. | 7 | Heritage Room |
| 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.*

50th Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

T-shirts for \$8 and Shirts with a collar for \$15 bearing the anniversary of St. Patrick's are still available. Please contact Mrs. Torres in the parish hall on Wednesday evenings if you are interested. They make a great keepsake or gift.

Liturgical Education

As many of you know, since the promulgation of the third edition of the Roman Missal by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, the United States has been working on translating the Roman Missal into the vernacular, the English edition, for use in our country. The Roman Missal is the liturgical book that contains the texts and rubrics for the celebration of the Mass in the Roman Rite. In 2001, the instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments asked those translating into the vernacular be faithful to the original Latin text and thus preserve the universality of the Roman liturgy. As you may well remember, following the release in 2002 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the Church asked that we review the dignity and importance of the Eucharistic Celebration, the structure and parts of the Mass, duties and ministries of the Mass, the various forms of celebrating, the various arrangements, furnishings for the Church, and the requisites for the celebration of Masses and Masses for the Dead, and adaptations by the United States Bishop's Conference. After many years of translating these texts, approval, and reworking, the time is close for the use of the new missal. Therefore, the Church is asking that we begin a remote preparation and study of the texts and changes to the missal, particularly as it will effect the worship during the Mass, for presider and faithful.

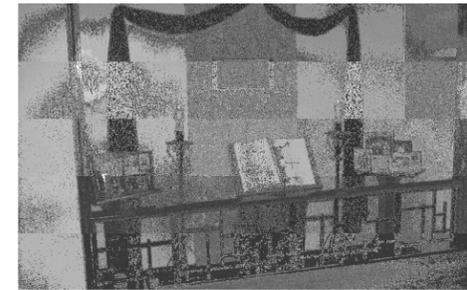
This week: Nicene Creed (please remember this is only a study text, not in effect yet)

PRESENT TEXT	NEW TEXT
<p>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.</p> <p>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 worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>	<p>I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.</p> <p>And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>

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Saint of the Week

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, *Virgin*



One of thirteen children raised on a farm. She received a convent education, and training as a teacher. She tried to join the order at age 18, but poor health prevented her taking the veil. A priest asked her to teach at a girl's school, the *House of Providence Orphanage* in Cadagano, Italy, which she did for six years. She took religious vows in 1877, and acquitted herself so well at her work that when the orphanage closed in 1880, her bishop asked her to found the *Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart* to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Pope Leo XIII then sent her to the United States to carry on this mission. She and six *Sisters* arrived in New York in 1889. They worked among immigrants, especially Italians. Mother Cabrini founded 67 institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages in the United States, Europe and South America. Like many of the people she worked with, Mother became a United States citizen during her life, and after her death she was the first US citizen to be canonized. Her feast day is November 13th. She is patroness of Hospital Administrators, orphans, immigrants, and against malaria.

St. Frances, pray for us.

Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committee approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them. Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

"No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test.... If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously." For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare. Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE to SENATE:

"During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

MESSAGE to HOUSE:

"Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**