

## A reflection from the Pastor

Today's gospel question over the issue of divorce is one that still continues in our own time. Ultimately, one who divorces is not outside of the Church's communion. Following Sacramental confession, if necessary, the persons are still able to receive Holy Communion and the Sacraments. When one remarries, outside the laws of the church following a divorce, they commit adultery and even further, they lead their spouse into adultery also. It is then, that they are taken out of communion, until their marriage is validated through the annulment process or death of spouse (s). One might wonder why this issue seems so intense. The short answer is that, in the eyes of the Church, there is only one marriage. In heaven, we will all be married to Christ – we will all be his bride. Christian marriage witnesses to the union of love in Christ, for Christ, for all eternity. Otherwise, as in the case of adultery, it becomes a habit of sin. What to do if you find yourself in such a situation? Pray, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Seek out a priest to help rectify your situation and do it soon. Don't let years pass by in which you are outside the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

The parish Turkey Dinner was a success. A preliminary report is included in this week's bulletin.

Thank you to all who worked to make the Turkey Dinner a success. So many made great sacrifices to make it a success. Thank you to all who prepared for the dinner, shopped, cooked, organized servers, cleaned, took out trash, cleaned up after the dinner, made a donation to the Turkey Dinner; the raffle prizes, auction items, meat and dinner donations, and all those unseen acts. These acts of charity and giving help to make the dinner a success and build up God's kingdom.

Lastly, as in past years, I will be on vacation during October. This means the office will be closed and there will be no daily Masses. Msgr. Peter from Holy Family in Victoria will be filling in for Sunday Masses and emergency calls. Please welcome him and assist him as needed. He does not speak Spanish, so the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 11 and 18 will be bilingual. The readings will be in Spanish and Deacon Fred will preach in Spanish.

Deacon Fred Soto will be the contact should there be a pastoral emergency. He will contact Msgr. Peter for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, should the need arise. **Deacon's phone number is 897-1955 or cell phone 676-2953. Remember, that the Hospital Chaplain number is 503-9188** if a hospital emergency should arise. I pray that all will be well during this time. Let us pray for one another.

The bulletin for next Sunday will be same for October 18.

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

*There are no daily Masses this week.*

Saturday, 10th 3:15 -3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
4:00 (vigil) Mass – *Freddy Valdez, Jr. +  
by M/M Kenny Spann & Family*

Sunday, 11th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*  
*28th Sunday in OT*  
2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Arnulfo Reyes, Jr. +  
Building Fund by Knights of Columbus #10751*

## Readings – Sunday October 11

First Reading – Wisdom 7:7-11

### Mass Schedule Change for October 10th

I will be on vacation two Sundays during October. Due to the schedule of the guest priest, **the Saturday evening Mass on October 10th will be at 4:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated thirty minutes prior to the Mass. Thank you for noting this change. All other Masses will be on the regular schedule.

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Saturday 10th, 4 p.m.

Lector Carol Sutton  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers J. Canales, Jr., T. West, R. Cisneros, R. Reyes

#### Sunday 11th, 8 a.m.

Lector Martina Aguayo  
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma  
Ushers A. Posada, H. Cardona, L. Rivera Jr., T. Cabral

#### Sunday 11th, 10 a.m.

Lector Lupe Olguin  
Altar Servers Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Matthew Vela  
Ushers A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin

**Religious Education News**

**This Wednesday, October 7, 2009**

K – 6 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
7 – 12 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

**We are still in need of a  
Kindergarten Teacher,  
a First Session Security Guard,  
and several aides.**

**Please contact Mrs. Torres  
for more information.**

**Collection Overview:**

*Last Sunday: \$ 1,545.27*

**Turkey Dinner 2009**

*A Quick Glimpse*

Plates to Go	5141.25
Plates inside the Hall	4009.50
Plates to Plants	1581.00
Auction	3328.50
Raffle Ticket Sales	2350.00
Cake Walk	560.70
T-Shirt Sales	464.00
Country Store	374.18
Kid's Room	374.32
Kitchen Turkey Sales	283.50
Donations	1100.00
Total Income	\$19,561.95

*There will be complete report of income and expenses coming.*

**2009 Turkey Dinner Raffle Prize Winners**

*Congratulations*

1. \$500 Visa Gift Card	Juanita Madrigal
2. \$200 Visa Gift Card	Jaime Valdez
3. \$200 Visa Gift Card	Delfino Rodriguez
4. \$150 Visa Gift Card	Estella Gonzales
5. \$100 Visa Gift Card	Mark DeLosSantos
6. \$100 Visa Gift Card	David Andrade Sr.
7. \$100 Visa Gift Card	Fred Soto
8. \$100 H.E.B. Gift Card	Paul E. Kurtz
9. \$100 Visa Gift Card	Mary Kurtz
10. \$100 Target Card	Juan Diaz
11. \$100 Visa Gift Card	Irene G. Montes
12. \$100 Visa Gift Card	Ms. Helen Brzozowske
13. \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card	Ramona S. Torres
14. \$50 Visa Gift Card	M/M Joe Robert Reyes
15. \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card	Louis W. Guerra Jr.
16. \$50 Visa Gift Card	Connie R. Salinas
17. \$25 Visa Gift Card	Annie Hernandez

**October Meeting Calendar of Events**

13	Catholic Daughters Mtg.	7	Heritage Room
15	Knights of Columbus Mtg	7	Heritage Room
31	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.*

**Upcoming Festivals ...**

Oct. 4	– Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tivoli Festival Spaghetti plate \$7
Oct. 4	– Holy Cross – Bay City Turkey Dinner - \$8 a plate
Oct. 4	– Nazareth Academy Fall Festival Victoria Com. Cen. – Turkey plates
Oct. 4	– St. Robert's – El Campo K of C Hall - Turkey/Dressing \$7 plate
Oct. 11	– Holy Cross – East Bernard Parish Bazaar – Beef/Chicken/Sausage
Oct. 11	– Our Lady of Victory –Victoria

**What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz**

**Answer from last week:**

How many books are there in the Old Testament?  
d. 46

What is the collective title for the first five books?  
a. Moses' b. Initial c. Pentateuch d. Hexateuch