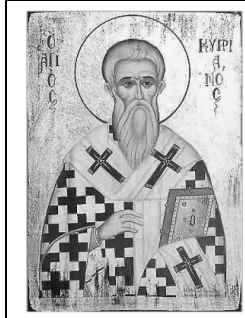


September Meeting Calendar of Events

- 15 Pot Luck Supper/50th Ann.Begins 6:30 Hall
- 17 Making Cornbread for Turkey Dinner 9 Hall
Knights of Columbus Mtg 7 Heritage Room
- 19 Baptismal Class 10-12 Heritage Rm
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.
- 26 Turkey Dinner Preparation
- 27 Parish Turkey Dinner

Saint of the Week

Saint Cyprian, *bishop and martyr*



Born in the year 190 in Carthage to wealthy pagan parents. Taught rhetoric and literature. Adult convert in 246, taught the faith by Saint Caecilius of Carthage. Ordained in 247. Bishop of Carthage in 249. During the persecution of Decius, beginning in 250, Cyprian lived in hiding, covertly ministering to his flock; his enemies condemned him for being a coward and not standing up for his faith. As a writer he was second only in importance to Tertullian as a Latin Father of the Church. Friend of Saint Pontius. Involved in the great argument over whether apostates should be readmitted to the Church; Cyprian believed they should, but under stringent conditions. Supported Pope Saint Cornelius against the anti-pope Novatian. During the persecutions of Valerian he was exiled to Curubis in 257, brought back Carthage, and then martyred in 258. His name is in the Communicantes in the Canon of the Mass.

St. Cyprian was beheaded on September 14, 258 in Carthage. St. Cyprian is the patron of Algeria and North Africa.

St. Cyprian, *pray for us.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes prior to each daily Mass
Saturday: 5:15 - 5:30 P.M. and by *Private Appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for the preparation class. Godparents should be practicing, churchgoing Catholics, who have celebrated their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired time of marriage.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This healing sacrament is available when one is preparing for medical procedures or is seriously ill.

New Parishioners

Welcome. Please stop by the parish office to register.

The bulletin is provided for the explicit purpose of communicating information weekly to the people of God in Bloomington, Texas concerning the pastoral mission of the parish. For more information or to have something included, please call the pastor.

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Quinceañeras/Quinceañeros

Young ladies/men approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the pastor six months in advance to arrange the celebration.

A reflection from the Pastor

"Who do you say that I am," Jesus in today's gospel. This question asked of Peter was also asked of the people. Jesus was doing more than just taking a poll about his popularity. He was securing the faith of the early Church to be and making certain that those near him were aspiring to that same faith.

In our own time, there are so many that are defined by one group or another. For some, if they don't introduce themselves as a member of a group, then they don't feel valued. But Jesus asks us to look beyond ourselves. The question posed to the group is posed the individual (Peter): Who do **you** say that I am? The same question is posed to us. For some, the answer comes with mixed emotions. One day, Jesus is Lord of their life, but the next, well they'll get back to him later. Still in similar cases, Jesus is a convenient person to have around in tough times, but as long as things are going well, then he's not really important. But the reality of the question from today's gospel, invites us to ask ourselves daily, how much do we look like the Jesus Christ who walked the earth. How much do our lives reflect who we are because of who is: Jesus who saves us from our sins and the Christ; the anointed one who leads us to eternal life.

Sit with that this week. Take a good look at your journey of faith and ask the question "who do I say that Jesus is?" Then let the work of faith, hope, love, and service of the gospel begin, without reservation, and without the need for popularity.

The year celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Patrick's begins on September 15th, the day St. Patrick's was founded here in Bloomington. In honor of this event, we will have a pot luck supper this Tuesday evening; please bring enough to feed your family/guests to share with others. In order to celebrate our 50th, I ask that each person attending bring two or more canned foods. This food drive will be our work of charity in gratitude for God's generous blessings on the parish. All food will be donated to V.C.A.M. in Victoria.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

MEAT DONATIONS

There will be three second collections to make meat donations for the Turkey Dinner. These will be made after communion in church, or you may drop your donation in the basket using one of the pre-marked envelopes at the entrance. Please consider giving to purchase the meat and other ingredients for our festival.

The remaining date for these collections is **next Sunday, September 20**

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated twenty minutes prior to each daily Mass.

Monday, 14th 8:00 a.m. – *Poor Souls Exaltation of the Cross*

Tuesday, 15th 8:00 a.m. – *Robert Roy Canchola, Jr. + Our Lady of Sorrows* by Roy & Bebe Canchola

Wednesday, 16th 8:00 a.m. – *Pablo Ortiz + Sts. Cornelius, Cyprian* by Gloria A. Larkin

Friday, 18th 8:00 a.m. - *Janie Solorio* by Family

Saturday, 19th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Carol Sutton
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Mildred Mikulenska +* by Gary & Christy Parenica

Sunday, 20th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
25th Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes+ Ordinary Tim e* by Juan Rodriguez
2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – *The Parish Family Meat Donations*

Readings for Sunday September 20th

First: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Second: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 19th 6 p.m.

Lector Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers Jeanette West, Lisa Canales
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, A. Garcia

Sunday 20th, 8 a.m.

Lector Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers Santos and Mary Alvarado
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona

Sunday 20th, 10 a.m.

Lector Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Altar Servers Michael, Jason, and Angelica Valenzuela
Ushers J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

Religious Education - Youth - News

This Week September 16, 2009

Regular Classes

Grades K – 6 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 - 7:15 p.m. – 8: 15 p.m.

**Teachers: next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday
Please attend the 10:00 a.m. for a special
blessing as catechists**

**St. Mary's Altar Society Retreat
September 30, 2009**

The St. Mary's Altar Society in Victoria is sponsoring a retreat, with Reverend Charles Sonnier as retreat master, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lunch will be served after the 12:05 Mass. There is no charge, but reservations may be made before Sept. 28 to Janell Kruppa 575-8166 or Geraldine Jurica 573-3949.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 1594.00

2nd Col: Retired and Needy Priests: \$335.57

**50th Anniversary Year Event
Potluck Supper – Canned Food Drive
This Tuesday, September 15th**

As you know, the fiftieth anniversary of St. Patrick's begins September 15, 2009. To kick off the year, we will have a potluck supper in the parish memorial hall that evening at 6:30 p.m. Those attending should bring enough food to feed their family, sharing with others. Also each person should bring at least two canned foods/non-perishable food items. Canned foods may also be dropped off in the church at the designated baskets beginning next week during the month of September. The collected food will go to the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry.

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Who were the parents of Saint Mary, whose birthday we celebrated September 8th?

b. Joachim and Anne

This week's question:

A special promise between God and God's people is called a

a. truce b. covenant c. treaty d. deal

Answer coming next week

Diocese of Victoria - Pastoral Institute

The Pastoral Institute is offering "Pauline Writings and New Testament Letters" October 12-November 17, 2009. Cost is \$15 for each six-week class; \$35 for the Catholic Bible Personal Study Edition (optional). The class will be held at the Chancery in Victoria. For more information or to register call 573-0828 and ask for Barbara.

Around the Diocese . . .

Sept. 13 St. Joseph – Inez Picnic
Fried Chicken/Brisket/Sausage \$7/plate

Sept. 20 O.L.G. Bay City Festival
Brisket Plates - \$6
This if Fr. Gerry Cernoch's parish

Sept. 20 Moulton – Picnic
Fried Chicken and Stew \$7 per plate

Sept. 20 Our Lady of the Gulf – Pt. Lavaca
Parish Festival – Seafood Platter \$8

Sept. 27 **St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner –
Bloomington – Turkey & Trimmings \$7**

Oct. 4 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tivoli Festival

Oct. 4 – Holy Cross – Bay City
Turkey Dinner - \$8 a plate

Oct. 4 – Nazareth Academy Fall Festival
Victoria Com. Cen. – Turkey plates

Oct. 11 - Holy Cross – East Bernard
Parish Bazaar – Beef/Chicken/Sausage

**St. Patrick's Parish Turkey Dinner –
Sunday, September 27th**

Please think about ways you might be able to help:

- Volunteer to serve inside/outside/cook/setup
- Turkey prep and cooking help is needed
- Donate Auction prizes
 - o Please try to get at least one or two for the auction
- Donate to the purchase of turkeys/trimmings
- Make items for country store
 - o Homemade items and crafts, please no used items
- Make cakes for the cake walk
 - o Each family bring at least two
- Work at a booth

50th Anniversary T-Shirt/Collared Shirt Sale

T-Shirts and Collared Shirt orders are being taken. The order form is inserted in this week's bulletin. Proceeds will benefit the parish and religious education purchase of books and audio-visual equipment to keep teaching the faith. The cost of each T-shirt is \$8, and each collared shirt is \$15 (2X and u p are \$1 extra). Payment may be made at order or at pickup. You may return order forms in the collection or at the marked baskets in church.

**XXII Annual Conference
for Catechesis and Ministry
Saturday, September 26, 2009
At Holy Family Church in Victoria**

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the faith by hearing key speakers and small group presentations on a wide range of topics concerning catechesis. **To learn more visit www.victoriadiocese.org or call 573-0828.** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. that day with a keynote by Fr. Stan DeBoe at 9:30 a.m. Exhibits open at 10:30 a.m. with workshops in the morning at 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will conclude the day with Bishop Fellhauer presiding at Holy Family Church at 4:15 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the faith? Do you are someone you know need to complete their initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or the Holy Eucharist?

Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. Commonly referred to as R.C.I.A., the process involves learning and being initiated into the faith.

The first phase of the process is the inquiry phase which begins in September. The next inquiry night will be Tuesday September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish conference room.

For more information please call Father Ty at 897-1155.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

There are several books available in the cry room brochure rack. Various titles which might help with certain situations, from Mary, the Vatican, to being a grandparent and plants that heal. I will be placing more books as they are depleted.

RETRouvaille- MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry in your marriage? Or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty. For more information and to register for the September 18-20 program, please call 979-543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.