

## A reflection from the Pastor

"For whoever is not against us is for us," Jesus in today's gospel. It is easy to pick our friends, but how about picking enemies? So many times we think that someone is against us, only to find out that they share the same hopes and fears. It is in that discovery that we find ourselves back at the cross and Calvary, picking it up again with Jesus and walking down the road of faith again. The dialogue between different Christian denominations at times has been strained, and yet, there is only one Lord Jesus Christ. Let us this week, heed these words of Jesus and instead of pointing out differences, let us work from what we share in common. It is in that spirit that we will find unity and peace, and in the end will find eternal happiness.

Today is the parish Turkey Dinner. As you know, this dinner helps the parish not only financially, but also helps to further fellowship and community. Please bring your families and enjoy the day.

Thank you to all who made a donation to the Turkey Dinner; the raffle prizes, auction items, meat and dinner donations, personal sacrifices in working. These acts of charity and giving help to make the dinner a success and building up God's kingdom.

### 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.

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

September 29 – October 4

Tuesday, 29th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Mary A. Lerma +  
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael* by *Mary L. Moya*  
*Archangels*

Wednesday, 30th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pablo Ortiz +  
S. Jerome* by *Genoveva V. Ortiz*

Thursday, 1st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Arnulfo Reyes, Jr. +  
S. Therese of Child Jesus* by *Rick and Shirley Saenz*

Friday, 2nd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Anne Mundine +  
Guardian Angels* by *Alice Jones*

Saturday, 3rd 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Lupe Olguin*  
6:00 (vigil) Mass – *David Escalante, Sr. +  
by M/M Steve Mercado*

Sunday, 4th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Andres Garcia*  
*27th Sunday in OT* by *Juanita G. Canales*  
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*

## Readings – Sunday October 4

First Reading – Wisdom 7:7-11  
Second Reading – Hebrews 4:12-13

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Saturday 3rd, 6 p.m.

Lector Lisa Canales  
Cup Ministers Jeanette West, Paulette Brandl  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers P. Canales, C. Sutton, R. & P. Brandl

#### Sunday 4th, 8 a.m.

Lector T. Cabral  
Cup Ministers Lupe and Frances Rivera  
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma  
Ushers D. Robles, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez

#### Sunday 4th, 10 a.m.

Lector Melinda Valenzuela  
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez  
Altar Servers Analyza Gonzalez, Angelica Valenzuela, Jason Valenzuela  
Ushers J. Canales Jr., L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez

### Religious Education News

**This Wednesday**  
**September 23, 2009**

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

### Collection Overview:

*Last Sunday:* \$ 1879.63  
*Meat Donations:* \$ 357.11

### Pro-Life News

Respect Life Sunday is next Sunday October 4, 2009.  
There will be a Pro-Life Chain in Victoria, Sunday,  
October 4.

### Prayer for Life

O God, you are the giver all things. From the moment of conception you give us life and knit a soul into our being. At birth you give us the freedom to serve you, our Creator, as your creation; through a life of sorrows and joys, to the moment of our natural death and return to you in heaven. Bless all life, especially the unborn and those who are unwanted or unloved. May your guiding hand strengthen those lives touched by sadness or despair. May the gift of life be cherished and nourished through the care of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

#### Answer from last week:

The first book of the old Testament is the Book of  
d. Genesis

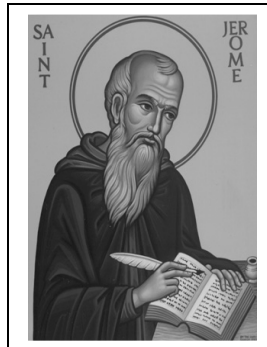
#### This week's question:

How many books are there in the Old Testament?  
a. 5                      b. 12                      c. 27                      d. 46

*(Answer coming next week)*

### Saint of the Week

Saint Jerome, *Priest, Doctor of the Church*



Born in 347 at Strido, Dalmatia to a rich pagan family, he led a misspent youth. Studied in Rome. Lawyer. Converted in theory, and baptised in 365, he began his study of theology, and had a true conversion. Monk. Lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian deserts. Reported to have drawn a thorn from a lion's paw; the animal stayed loyally at his side for years.

Priest. Student of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen. Secretary to Pope Damasus I who commissioned him to revise the Latin text of the Bible. The result of his 30 years of work was the *Vulgate* translation, which is still in use. Friend and teacher of Saint Paula, Saint Marcella, and Saint Eustochium, an association that led to so much gossip that Jerome left Rome to return to the desert solitude. He lived his last 34 years in the Holy Land as a semi-recluse. Wrote translations of histories, biographies, the works of Origen, and much more. Doctor of the Church, Father of the Church. Since his own time, he has been associated in the popular mind with scrolls, writing, cataloging, translating, which led to those who work in such fields taking him as their patron - a man who knew their lives and problems. St. Jerome died in 419 of natural causes. His relics are interred at St. Mary Major in Rome, Italy.

St. Jerome is the patron saint of librarians, archeologists, Bible scholars, schoolchildren, students, translators.

*St. Jerome, pray for us.*

### Around the Diocese . . .

- 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