

## A reflection from the Pastor

"And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased:" Saint Luke speaking of Jesus' baptism in today's gospel.

The words of the Father, 'you are my beloved Son' round out this Christmas season. And Jesus' baptism demonstrates that God's plan of salvation comes through Jesus and the sacraments; baptism being the gateway to the other sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. To be pleasing to the Father is the task of every human being; not that God needs us for him to be pleased, but that His creation would find it's way to Him through Jesus and life of the sacraments is pleasing. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus at his baptism further shows God's Almighty Presence.

For each of us, baptized into Christ Jesus, we are called to make our lives pleasing before the Father. One of the prayers of the Rite of Baptism is that the new life (garment) of Christ in the soul, be brought unstained into the dignity of everlasting life in heaven. That is what we walk with each and every day and every season of the Church's life, until finally our body dies and our soul, which has so been expanded by the life of grace, continues into the mystery of God's presence forever in heaven. Pray this week that you will re-commit to your baptismal promises and make your life pleasing to the Father.

For the next two weeks the priests of the diocese will be on retreat. Please pray for the priests as we make our yearly retreat.

## Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Tuesday, 12th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Alfred Garcia + by Christina &amp; Fernando Navarro</i>
Wednesday, 13	7:00 p.m.	Mass – <i>Maria C. Soto + by M/M Adolph Lopez</i>
Thursday, 14th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + by M/M Alfredo Gonzalez</i>
Friday, 15th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by Lonnie &amp; Anne Gregorcyk</i>
Saturday, 16th	5:15-5:45 p.m. 5:40 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Rosary – leader: <i>Carol Sutton</i>
	6:00 (vigil)	Mass – <i>Ray Reyes + by Belinda Martinez</i>
Sunday, 17th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>David &amp; Paula Escalante + by their Sons</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

## Readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pray for our Seminarians as they begin another year of study for the Priesthood

Sean Breeden, Philip Brune, Kristopher Fuchs,  
E.J. Gutierrez, Scott Hill, Patrick Knippenberg,  
Jacob Koether, Matthew Soto

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## This Wednesday

ALL GRADES

MASS 7:00 p.m. in the Church

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Saturday 16th, 6 p.m.

Lector	Carol Sutton
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	J. Canales Jr., T. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange

#### Sunday 17th, 8 a.m.

Lector	Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers	Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Altar Servers	April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma
Ushers	E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia, D. Robles

#### Sunday 17th, 10 a.m.

Lector	Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Altar Servers	Katie Williams, Derek Folmar, Albert Adkins
Ushers	J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

**Mark Your Calendars – 2010 Major Events**

**April 25** - Spring Festival

**May 1** - 50th Anniversary Mass 10:00 a.m.  
w/Bishop Fellhauer presiding and  
invitation to former pastors  
R.S.V.P. lunch in hall (*details coming*)

**September 26** – Fall Turkey Dinner

**Collection Overview:**

*Last Sunday:* \$ 1571.46  
*New Year's Day Offering:* \$295.62  
*Building Fund:* \$518.82

**JANUARY MEETINGS**

12 Catholic Daughters Meeting 7 Heritage

21 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30 Heritage

30 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10-12 Heritage

*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.*

**Financial Statement – December**

**Income**

Building Fund	695.06
Sunday Collections	7782.96
Holy Day Collections	1318.10
Designated Collections	362.35
Candles	245.43
Other	111.00
Christmas Flowers	132.00
Wedding Offering	150.00
Interest Income	2.88
<u>Religious Education</u>	<u>30.00</u>

**Total Income** **\$10,829.78**

**Expenses**

Salaries	750.00
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	699.18
Utilities	1546.26
Repair and Maintenance	490.91
Rectory Expense	98.02
Church Expenses	1792.10
Hospital Chaplain	1061.01
Auto	503.21
R.E. Expenses	125.00
Bank Charge	72.00
Bishop's Capital Campaign	1361.92
<u>Diocesan Services Appeal</u>	<u>1000.00</u>

**Total Expenses** **\$9499.61**

**Overall Total** **\$1330.17**

**Bank Balance (as of 12/31/09):** **\$36,649**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

15 minutes prior to each daily Mass  
Saturday: 5:15 - 5:45 P.M. and by *Private Appointment*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact the parish office to register for the preparation class. Godparents should be practicing, church-going 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. Please call when needed.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome. Please call 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 Mrs. Torres six months in advance to arrange the church celebration.