

A reflection from the Pastor

"Do whatever he tells you," Mary speaking of Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana in today's gospel. Jesus had just responded to Mary's concern that the wine had run out by telling her that this wasn't his concern, his hour had not yet come. This reaction of Jesus might seem a bit harsh, but it was simply a statement of fact for Jesus. What Jesus did by providing the best wine last, was not common and probably is still not common at weddings. By doing this, he completed the first of his signs, and St. John records that many of his disciples began to believe in him. Jesus began to reveal the glory of God for the people and his disciples, and yes even for Mary. It is a reminder for us that even in the most ordinary of life's experiences, we have to rely on God's strength and providence; to do "whatever he tells us." This means listening to the voice of Jesus and discerning his will in our lives. Let us pray this week that we might discover what the Lord is telling us to do, and that we might respond in faith.

By now you have seen the many horrific pictures of the aftermath in Haiti following the recent earthquake. One report I watched described a woman trapped for hours, and all she said she could do was pray and have faith. She was rescued and is well. Our hearts and prayers go out to these brothers and sisters and to those who lost their lives. Today, the bishop has asked that we take up a collection to help in the recovery. Please continue to pray, as it may take a long time for healing.

I will be away on retreat this week. If a pastoral need should arise, please phone Deacon Fred at 897-1955 or 676-2953.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The poinsettias will be placed outside the north entrance, this Sunday, January 17th, after 12:00 noon; for those who gave in memory of a loved one or those who would like to take one for their home. Enjoy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

ALL GRADES

Regular Class Schedule

K – 6 6:00 – 7:00

7-12 7:15 – 8:15

Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

There will be no daily Masses this week.

Saturday, 23rd 5:15-5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Lupe

Olguin

6:00 (vigil) Mass – Anne Mundine +
by Gladys Phillips

Sunday, 24th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo
3rd Sunday OT

2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – David & Paula
Escalante +
Church in Latin by their Sons
America

Next weeks Readings

First Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Next Weeks Second Collection

The Church in Latin America

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 23rd, 6 p.m.

Lector Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers Jeanette West, Paulette Brandl
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers R. Reyes, B. Cantu, D. Hybner, B. Hernandez

Sunday 24th, 8 a.m.

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

Sunday 24th, 10 a.m.

Lector Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Altar Servers A. Gonzalez, M. Valenzuela
Ushers J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante, J. Canales Jr.

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: \$ 1638.10

JANUARY MEETINGS

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.

**About the Collection for the Church in Latin America
Sunday, January 24, 2010**

Although approximately half of the world's Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate. They are drawn away from the Church by other faiths and are often obliged to migrate in pursuit of a better life. These tensions can contribute to the destabilization of families and faith communities. You can **keep faith** through your support of next week's Collection. Your generosity will support pastoral work that engages parishioners and fosters the faith. The Church in Latin America needs your help.

A pesar que casi la mitad de la población católica del mundo vive en América Latina, la Iglesia en esa región está perdiendo miembros a un ritmo alarmante. Ellos están siendo alejados de la Iglesia por alguna otra fe y con frecuencia se ven obligados a emigrar en busca de una vida mejor. Estas tensiones pueden contribuir a la desintegración de las familias y de las comunidades de fe. Usted puede **ser fiel** brindando su apoyo a la Colecta de la próxima semana. Su generosidad financiará las labores pastorales que mantienen más involucrados a los feligreses y fomentan la fe. La Iglesia en América Latina necesita de su ayuda.

Safe Environment Meeting for Parish

Each year by diocesan law, the parish is required to have an informational and program meeting to inform the parish about the Safe Environment Program for our children. This meeting will be held February 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. All are invited to attend.

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.