



A reflection from the Pastor

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her," Jesus speaking to the scribes and Pharisees about the woman caught in adultery in today's gospel. As we have seen this Lent, sin has a definite social dimension – it not only effects us (the sinner), but it also effects others. The woman caught in adultery was to be stoned to death according to the law – but Jesus in a single instant says that we should look at ourselves before judging a sinner—for they have already been judged by the sin itself. Often we forget that there is still a person behind the sin – we only see the sin. This week we will once again be invited to look beyond the appearances – the jeers, taunts, betrayals, denials, etc. – and look to Jesus, who through one selfless act of death on the cross was able to overcome all sin. Now, that is something to reflect on when we get caught up in condemning the sinner, rather than the sin. Otherwise, we too become subject to the same condemnation.

I hope you all had a good spring break and that you have adjusted to the time change. Thank you to all who made the St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Supper a success. The food, those who attended in parish fellowship and effort, really meant a lot for me as a priest and pastor on our feast day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

Regular Class Schedule

Parents, please help children arrive ten minutes early to prepare for class.

Classes are from

Grades K-6 : 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 : 7:15 p.m. – 8 :15 p.m.

And please remember to attend Sunday Mass as a family.

IRONING VESTMENTS FOR CHRISM MASS

Friday, March 26th

Heritage Room – 9:00 a.m. - ?

I am in need of volunteers to help iron the priest chasubles for the Chrism Mass on March 30th. There are 65 vestments to iron – so if you can spare the time please come. Bring your iron and board if you are able this Friday.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Tuesday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by M/M Ken Stolte</i>
Wednesday, 24	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + by Bacilio & Barbara Cantu</i>
Thursday, 25th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary A. Lerma + Annunciation by Mary L. Moya</i>
Friday, 26th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + Day of Abstinence by Becky Goynes Stancik</i>
	6:00 -6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 27th	5:15-5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Clifford Mercado + by Steve and Jean Mercado</i>
Sunday, 28th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo Palm Sunday</i>
	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by Mary Ann Bernhard</i>

Next week's Readings

Gospel for Procession: Luke 19:28-40

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel – Luke 22:14-23:56

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors: Please take a missalette to go over your part before Mass.
N = Narrator/Narrador, S = Speaker L =Lector for Passion Parts

Saturday March 27th, 6 p.m.

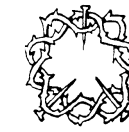
Lector Jeanette West (N), Jeanne Lange (S)
Cup Ministers Paulette Brandl, Carol Sutton
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl, P. Brandl, J. Canales Jr.
Meat Donations Raymond Brandl, Patrick Canales

Sunday March 28th, 8 a.m.

Lector Veroncia Ledezma (N), Martina Aguayo (L)
Cup Ministers Juanita Canales, Juanita Madrigal
Altar Servers Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa
Ushers M. Estrada, B. Gonsalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona
Meat Donations Adelaido Posada, Ted Cabral

Sunday March 28th, 10 a.m.

Lectors Lupe Olguin (N), Gracie Perez (S)
Cup Ministers Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Altar Servers Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes, J. Troncoso
Meat Donations John Sanchez, Ismael Perez



March Calendar

27 Baptism Prep. Class 10-12 Heritage Rm

Future Dates of Baptism:

April 4, May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1

Annual Parish Spring Barbecue Sunday, April 25, 2010

- Try to find at least one new item for the auction.
If each member could bring at least one item, that would be great. If you can find more, even better.

- Meat Donations – are being accepted at all Masses each weekend. You may also fill out an envelope at the entrance of the church (please mark meat donation)

- Volunteer to work at the festival

Raffle Tickets: Again, this year, I am asking that each parish family do their best to purchase their books (5) of tickets that will be distributed after Masses in the church. This is potentially the easiest way to generate income if all sell.

The children will participate in the raffle sales again. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers.

Top three sellers get to pick from these:

- 26" La Jolla Bike
- 8" Portable DVD Player
- IPOD Shuffle
- Nintendo DS
- Kodak Digital 10.2 MP Camera w/card
- \$50 Cinemark Movie Gift Card

Those selling 5 or more books get their name in the drawing for a prize. First, second, and third place winners will choose their prize in order of winning. The remaining three will be selected by drawing. Only one prize per winner. **Last day to turn in tickets with money is Wednesday, April 21, by 8:30 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing.**

All tickets (sold or unsold) should be returned.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

Last week's question:

Before Jesus was betrayed and arrested, he prayed in Gethsemane, a garden
a. at the foot of the Mount of Olives

This week's question:

When Jesus was praying for his Father's help in the garden, he said: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me." But he finished this request by saying,
a. "yet, not my will but yours be done"
b. "Blessed are the merciful"
c. "Our Father, who art in heaven"

Answer coming next week.

Why are the Statues and Images covered?

As an outward expression of our inner sorrow as we reflect more deeply on the suffering of Jesus the Christ. In a way, they lose importance in the face of His suffering. They will remain veiled until Holy Saturday.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1199.41

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 265.65

Meat Donations: \$ 335.00

Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower memorial donations are being accepted. There are envelopes at the church entrance. Please print names of the memorials.

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Holy Week – March 29 – April 2

During Holy Week we walk with Jesus, we suffer with him, and finally, we rise again, new creatures. We don't just watch in these days, we participate in them so that we might strive to be more like Christ.

Monday of Holy Week

- Gospel reading at Mass on this day: The Anointing at Bethany. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anoints Jesus, a sign of his suffering and death and his identity as the Messiah and Chosen One – the Christ.
- As Jesus prepares for the sacrifice ahead, we too are invited to prepare more deeply.

Tuesday of Holy Week

In our diocese, the Chrism Mass takes place, which is normally on the morning of Holy Thursday.

The Chrism Mass

This a diocesan wide celebration, in which all the priests gather with the bishop to renew their priestly dedication. The three different oils to be used in the sacraments are bless/consecrated by the bishop and given to the pastors:

Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens are blessed. The Sacred Chrism is consecrated; it is used in baptisms, confirmations, and Holy Orders.

Wednesday of Holy Week

The gospel recounts Jesus' instructions on the need of the disciples to prepare a place for the Last Supper. Today is a good time to center and prepare our own "inner" rooms for the next days.

Sacred Triduum

The three days that changed the world – the liturgies from Holy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Sunday. We share in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and we meet and follow.

Holy Thursday

The single evening Mass recalls Jesus institution of the Eucharist and includes the Mandatum ceremony of the washing of feet. This comes from John 13:34 in which Jesus encourages the disciples to wash one another's feet out of love. The celebration ends with a procession to reserve the Eucharist for adoration for a suitable time.

Good Friday

The service of the Lord's Passion recalls how Jesus died for us on the cross. Mass is not celebrated on this day, but at 3:00 a service of the Passion and Communion is held. The readings are drawn from Isaiah, Hebrews, and John's Gospel Passion account. The cross is venerated by all. In our parish, the stations of the cross is walked in the morning from Placedo to St. Patrick's as a sign of our willingness to enter more fully into the passion of our Lord. Spending time in prayer between the hours of noon and three o'clock is a good way of joining yourself to Jesus' suffering. It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat in the church.

Holy Week Schedule of Liturgies

Monday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass – Cathedral – Victoria

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - Mass

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. The Mass

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (*Heritage Room*)

Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross, walking from Placedo to St. Patrick's
(*a light meal following in the hall*)

3:00 p.m. Service of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. Vigil – Night Watch of the Resurrection

- Service of Light – New Christ Candle
- Liturgy of the Word – Story of Salvation History
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. La Misa

10:00 a.m. The Mass

Liturgical Assignments for Holy Week

(L = Lector, C= Cup Minister, S = Altar Servers)

All others will be volunteers

Holy Thursday L Lupe Olguin
April 1 C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
S Analysa Gonzalez, Derek Folmar

Good Friday L Ismael Perez, Carol Sutton
April 2 S Jason, Michael, Angelica Valenzuela
3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil L L. Canales (#1, 3, 5)
April 3 C. Sutton (#2,4, Epistle)
7:30 p.m. C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
S G. Canales, M. Canales

Easter Sunday L Veronica Ledezma
April 4 C Lupe and Frances Rivera
8:00 a.m. S M. Ledezma, E. Andrade, A. Chapa

10:00 a.m. L Lupe Olguin
C Ismael and Gracie Perez
S Analysa Gonzalez, Marcos Gonzalez,
Jason Valenzuela