

## A reflection from the Pastor

Repent is a word that is mentioned a lot in the bible and in our Christian life – and in today's gospel. What does it mean to repent? Most commonly, repent means to turn away from sin and rededicate one's life to change. It can also mean, and probably the most felt response, to feel sorrow or regret, so much so as to change one's mind. When we repent of doing some wrong, we first realize that it was wrong and then we feel sorrow and regret for having done it, and that then leads us to some form of reconciliation. Repentance is not in itself forgiveness. It is the act that opens us up to forgiveness. The ultimate form of reconciliation is with Christ in the sacrament of Penance; but it also requires that we make those sins right with those we have offended. Repentance is real work, the Greek word in the New Testament for repentance is *metanoia* – to literally change one's mind and to realize that it is God who gives us the gift of forgiveness through Jesus' cross and resurrection. So, this third week of Lent, think about that which you need true repentance of – I invite you to reread the story of the prodigal son, Luke 15:11 ff., which is an exemplary parable of repentance. Then let the light of God's grace help to make any

### Around the Diocese...

**March 21, 2010 Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Altar Society  
Mexican Enchilada Casserole  
Dinner, \$7 per plate  
Church Hall, 105 N. William

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### This Wednesday

Grades K-5 - MASS in Church at 6:00 p.m.

Grades 6 – 12 6:30 p.m.

**Movie: Passion of the Christ in Hall**  
**Upper Grades please return your permission forms for *The Passion of the Christ*.**

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Tuesday, 9th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by Kenneth &amp; Theresa Stolte</i>
Wednesday, 10	6:00 p.m.	Mass – <i>Mary A. Lerma + by Mary L. Moya</i>
Thursday, 11th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Beatrice Cantu + by M/M Robert L. Cisneros</i>
Friday, 12th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory Day of Abstinence</i>
	6:00 -6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 13th	5:15-5:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Mass - <i>Beatrice Cantu + by M/M Romulo Mascorro</i>
Sunday, 14th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Anne Mundine + by Becky Goynes Stancik</i>

## Next weeks Readings

First Reading – Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Gospel – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday's Second Collection:  
Catholic Relief Services**

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Saturday 13th, 6 p.m.

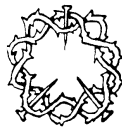
Lector Lisa Canales  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers R. Cisneros, M. Lange, R. Reyes, B. Cantu

#### Sunday 14th, 8 a.m.

Lector Bacilio Gonzalez  
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma  
Ushers H. DeLuna, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia

#### Sunday 14th, 10 a.m.

Lector Maribel Gonzalez  
Altar Servers Angelica, Michael, and Jason Valenzuela  
Ushers A. Rodriguez, C. Martin, M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez



### March Calendar

- 9 CDA Meeting 7 Heritage Rm
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Supper**  
Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Hall
- 18 KC Meeting 7:30 Heritage Rm
- 27 **Baptism Prep. Class 10-12 Heritage Rm**

Future Dates of Baptism:

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

### Collection Overview:

*Last Sunday: \$ 1871.98*

*RiceBowl: \$ 281.60*

*\* Remember each Sunday of Lent, the second collection is for Operation Rice Bowl.*

### PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family took a picture, then you may receive one. They may be picked up from Mrs. Ramona Torres at the parish hall from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the parish hall.

### Diocesan Services Appeal 2010

By now you have received at your homes the pledge cards from the diocese regarding the 2010 Diocesan Services Appeal. The monies collected go toward the programs and services, salaries and operational expenses of the Chancery of the Bishop, which this year will total \$1,349,808. Each parish in the diocese has a goal for each year, which is calculated by averaging three years of parish collections (first). **This year the goal for St. Patrick's is \$21,170.** This is up \$2,434.93 from last year which was \$18,735.07. I encourage you to give. Any money given will offset the amount the parish owes at the end of the year. Last year, individual contributions totaled \$1,255.00. May God bless you in your generosity.

### What's Your Catholic IQ?

#### Last week's question:

Jesus' tunic was woven in one piece with out any seams, so when he was crucified the soldiers

#### a. rolled dice to see who would get it

*Jesus' "seamless garment" has become a symbol of the dignity of the human life from natural beginning to natural end. The symbol comes from the respect that even the Roman soldiers had for this basic garment. See John 19:23-25.*

#### This week's question:

After Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced his side with a lance and

#### a. nothing happened

#### b. water and blood flowed out

#### c. the soldier said, "This man deserved to die"

#### d. the soldier said, "I am sorry I have to do this"

*Answer coming next week.*

### Lenten Reflection

#### Weekday Gospel Excerpts for Reflection

**Monday** - "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away." Luke 4:29-30

**Tuesday** - "Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18:21-22

**Wednesday**- "Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19

**Thursday** - "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." Luke 11:23

**Friday** - "Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31