

A reflection from the Pastor

“As he blessed them Jesus parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.” The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his glorious resurrection, is a major moment in the faith life of the Church. Jesus’ ascension into heaven, body and soul, and beckons us to seek the same as we make our way back to this holy place, continually praising God. It must have been quite emotional for the followers, to all of a sudden not have Jesus there with them; but he had been preparing them for this moment. And as we will find out next week, Jesus promised not to leave us orphans, but rather, to send the Holy Spirit to aid us in our weakness. When someone we love and have grown close to leaves this earth, we can become sad. It is part of our human nature. But when seen in the light of God’s eternal plan revealed through Jesus, we become more than just joyful – we become believers – and that is what God wants of us. To believe in the one He sent and Believe in Him is God’s will for us, and each day we seek more and more to do His will, always praising God and giving him homage.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors who join us today for Mass and a lunch with their families. Your education is not over of course, but rather just taking a new direction. Know that you have our prayers and support as you take this new direction and remember to hold strong to the faith in the Lord Jesus.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

Tuesday, 18th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Jesse L. Olguin Sr. + Jesse L. Olguin Jr. + by Lupe Olguin*

Wednesday, 19th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Connie Garcia + by Mary Gonzalez*

Thursday, 20th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Anne Mundine + Alvina Gregorcyk*

Friday, 21st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Beatrice Cantu+ by Bacilio Cantu & Barbara Cantu*

Saturday, 22nd 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – *leader: Lupe Olguin*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Pete Canales Jr. by the Juanita G. Canales*

Sunday, 23rd
Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Laura Navarro + by Fernando & Christina Navarro*

A Prayer for Graduates

Father, I have knowledge, so will You show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face. Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days, and show me how to serve You in effective ways, so my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Your will. And may I ever be aware in everything I do, that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord



Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 22nd, 6:00 p.m.

Lector *Paulette Brandl*
Cup Ministers *Deacon Fred and Patty Soto*
Altar Servers *Gabriella & Madeline Canales*
Ushers *J. Canales Jr., T. West, L. Lange, R. Cisneros*

Sunday 23rd, 8 a.m.

Lector *Martina Aguayo*
Cup Ministers *Emilio and Veronica Ledezma*
Altar Servers *Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa*
Ushers *M. Garcia, D. Robles, P. Guerra, M. Estrada*

Sunday 23rd, 10 a.m.

Lector *Maribel Gonzalez*
Cup Ministers *Gracie and Ismael Perez*
Altar Servers *Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela*
Ushers *J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales*

Calendar - May

- 16 Graduates Mass/Lunch 10 - 12**
20 KC Meeting 7:30 Heritage Rm
25 R.E. Teachers Mass/Supper 5:30 p.m.
29 Pre-Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage

Collection Overview:

General: \$ 1452.70
Catholic Home Missions: \$170.02

Around the Diocese of Victoria . . .

- May 30 Sacred Heart, Hallettsville Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew \$7 at K.C. Hall
- May 30 Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner
Stew/Fried Chicken/Sausage \$7.50
- June 6 CDA Games Party, OLG Port Lavaca 1-5
552-6844 for reservations and info.

**Quo Vadis Vocation Camp
July 18-21, 2010**

Any young men, ages 15-21, interested in attending this camp to discuss God's call in your life and a possible religious vocation should contact Fr. Ty at the rectory (897-1155) by June 15th. This is a four day camp at the Spiritual Renewal Center with other young men from around the diocese. The camp will be led by priests and seminarians.

**Religious Education of Youth Teachers
End of the Year Mass/Supper - May 25th**

The evening will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. followed by the end of the year supper and wrap up meeting in the Heritage Room. Please make plans to attend. Call Gracie Perez, 897-2053 to R.S.V.P. Thank you to all teachers and aides who helped with the program for youth this year.

Pentecost Novena

Begins Friday, May 14th - May 23rd

The origin of novenas, these nine days commemorate the intense prayer of Mary and the apostles from the time of Jesus' ascension into Heaven until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Make time each day to pray the following prayer, in preparation for Pentecost.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees I before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.