

A reflection from the Pastor

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you," Jesus in today's gospel. How often do we really reflect on the fact that we have the Holy Spirit on our side, to advocate for us and for those who have no voice? And yet, this is the message Jesus wants us to hear today. When we feel as though there is no further hope, it is the wings of the Holy Spirit that shores us up and allows us to soar again to the love of Jesus. A modern day example is that sometimes we want to quantify the gift of faith; I can't learn my prayers, I don't say my prayers enough, I am not worthy or strong enough (I'm only one person) to do that work in the Church – but when we do that we in essence refuse the gift that Jesus gave us – the Holy Spirit. Tap into the power of the Spirit today. As we approach Pentecost – pray the novena asking that you might increase your faith in the Holy Spirit.

As a gesture of gratitude for God's blessings on the parish for the first 50 years and in this 'Year for Priests', the parish gave \$1000.00 to a new St. Patrick's Seminary Burse of the Diocese of Victoria for the education of future priests. The goal of each burse is \$15,000, which once reached, begins again at \$0. If you find that you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or on a special event or anniversary, consider the St. Patrick's Seminary Burse at 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, Texas 77901. Let us encourage and promote vocations.

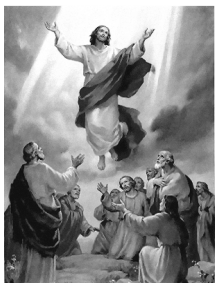
Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

Calendar - May

- 11 CDA Meeting 7 Heritage Room**
- 16 Graduates Mass/Lunch 10 - 12**
- 20 KC Meeting 7:30 Heritage Rm**
- 29 Pre-Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage**

The Ascension of the Lord

Next Sunday, May 16, 2010



Next Sunday we will celebrate our Lord's Ascension. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *analepsis*, the taking up, and also as the *episozomene*, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory Christ

completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 11th – May 16th

- Tuesday, 11th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Virgen de San Juan*
by *Juan Rodriguez*
- Wednesday, 12th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Anne Mundine+*
by *Cyndi Wise*
- Friday, 14th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Beatrice Cantu+*
S. Matthias by *Bacilio Cantu & Barbara Cantu*
Pentecost Novena Begins
- Saturday, 15th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Carol Sutton*
6:00 p.m. Mass – *Piedad Canales Sr. +*
by *the Juanita G. Canales*
- Sunday, 16th
Ascension 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Graduating Seniors*

A Prayer for Mother's on Mother's Day

Almighty God, you bless us with the gift of mothers who so graciously give of themselves in nurturing and caring for your creation. Bless them on this day and always, and lead those who have died to the peace of your kingdom in heaven. May Mary, our Mother, be their guide. Amen.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing carnations to all mothers at the Masses this Mother's day.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 15th, 6:00 p.m.

- Lector *Carol Sutton*
- Cup Ministers *Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West*
- Altar Servers *Gabriella & Madeline Canales*
- Ushers *A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Canales Sr., R. Brandl*

Sunday 16th, 8 a.m.

- Lector *Marianela Chapa*
- Cup Ministers *Lupe and Frances Rivera*
- Altar Servers *Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade, April Chapa*
- Ushers *T. Cabral, H. DeLuna, E. Ledezma, A. Escalante*

Sunday 16th, 10 a.m.

- Lector *Lupe Olguin*
- Cup Ministers *Mary Helen and Margaret Escalante*
- Altar Servers *Analya Gonzalez, Marcos Gonzalez*
- Ushers *J. Canales Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes*

**Mass for Graduating Seniors of the Parish
Sunday, May 16, 2010 10:00 a.m. Mass**

Graduating seniors are invited to attend the 10:00 Mass as we pray for them and wish them well on their graduation. A meal will follow in the parish hall for seniors and their families. R.S.V.P. to 652-2129 to Ramona Torres by Friday, May 14th. Gowns may be worn for Mass, but no caps.

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday General: \$ 1475.89

**Congratulations to those
who received their First**



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nion
First Sunday
May 2, 2010**



Kenia Aguirre
Valeria Aguirre
Yesenia J. Castro
Esperansa Corona
Adrian Flores
Ashley Garcia
Daniela Silvia Medrano
Nathan Rey Olguin
Jacob Alexander Ortiz
Eric Reyes
Hugo A. Rocha
Karla Rodriguez
Listy Anahi Rodriguez
Allison Faye Vasquez
Rene Vasquez
Walter Vasquez Jr.
Yasmina Vasquez
Dulce Villegas

**Pentecost Novena
Begins Friday, May 14th**

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.