

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. "You are not far from the kingdom of God" Jesus tells the scribe in today's gospel. Can you imagine hearing those words? It is what St. Paul speaks of so well – "I have run the good race, I have fought the good fight." Persistence is the key to a fulfilled life. Jesus knew he was not far from realizing the kingdom of his Father – through his own approaching death on the cross. And so his command of how to love is exactly that – the sign of the cross. When we make that sign of our salvation we do what Jesus said to love God with all our mind (in the name of the Father), all our heart (and of the Son), and all our strength (and of the Holy Spirit); and we too open our arms as an extension of that cross as we reach out to one another – dying to the world around us so that God might say to us: "you are not far from the kingdom." I invite you in this week to sit with the cross – each time you make that sign over your body – think about what the Lord asks of you - - and the kingdom will be closer than you can ever imagine.

On a pastoral note:

The new confessional is up and ready. Please remember when you enter to close the door and choose either face to face or behind the curtain. I have placed a paper on the entrance bulletin board on "How to Make a Good Confession."

Next, the work begins on readying the space for the Manger scene and beyond. I may be calling on you, so stay near your phones!

I will be away for a bit of a vacation Monday November 13th through Friday November 17th. No liturgies are scheduled for these weekdays. If you have a pastoral emergency, please phone Deacon Fred at 897- 1955 or his cellular phone 676-2953. If there is need for the last rites or a funeral, I have asked Fr. Gabriel from St. Mary's in Victoria to preside. His phone number is 573-4328. Pray for me as I take this small travel break and respite.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Ty

**Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions**

November 7 - November 12

Tuesday, 7th	4:50 p.m. Adoration Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:05 p.m. Mass - <i>All Soul's</i>
Wednesday, 8th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Tommie Matchett, Sr.</i>
Thursday, 9th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Alma Brandl</i>
Friday, 10th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Raymond/Mary Kocian</i>
Saturday, 11th	3:00 Nuptials: Barnett/Salge
<i>Veteran's Day</i> 	<b>Thirty -Second Sunday Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 (vigil) Mass - <i>Edward &amp; Angie Machac</i>
Sunday, 12th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupanas</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>

 First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16  
Second Reading Hebrews 9: 24-28  
Gospel Reading Mark 12: 38-44

**Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead**

**Lectors**

Saturday, 6 P.M.	Jeanette West/Paulette Brandl
Sunday, 8 A.M.	Gloria Cantu/Veronica Ledezma
10 A.M.	Maribel Gonzales/Melinda Valenzuela

**Ministers of the Precious Blood**

Saturday, 6 P.M.	Jeanne Lange/Veronica Garcia
Sunday, 8 A.M.	Juanita Canales/Juanita Madrigal
10 A.M.	Mary Helen Garcia/Margaret Escalante

**Gift Bearers**

Saturday, 6 P.M.	Alex/Rosie Chamberlain
Sunday, 8 A.M.	Emilio/Veronica Ledezma
10 A.M.	Jose/Noemi Troncoso

**Ushers**

Saturday, 6 P.M.	C. Sutton, J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl, J. Canales, Jr.
Sunday, 8 A.M.	M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra
10 A.M.	J. Sanchez, D & K Escalante, L. Rivera, Jr.

**Altar Servers**

Saturday, 6 P.M.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday, 8 A.M.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 A.M.	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

At the direction of Pope Benedict XVI, **extraordinary ministers of holy Communion will no longer be permitted to assist in the purification of the sacred vessels at Masses in the United States.** The U.S. bishops had asked the Vatican to extend an indult -- or church permission -- in effect since 2002 allowing extraordinary ministers of holy Communion to help cleanse the Communion cups and plates when there were not enough priests or deacons to do so.

As I had mentioned in our training session, this was still waiting for a question from Pope Benedict.

**What does it mean for us?** As we have been doing, please, following the celebration of the Mass, please leave the vessels on the sacristy table and I will purify them. Por favor, despues de la misa, deje las tazas en la tabla de la sacristía y las purificaré.

Please know that your ministry is still vital and I appreciate it much. Sepa por favor que el su ministerio sigue siendo vital y aprecio mucho.

**Benefit Barbecue for Jose Troncoso**

This Sunday at the St. Patrick hall  
11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

BBQ and all the trimmings - \$6 a plate.  
DJ by Felix the Cool Cat.

Delivery for 10 or more orders. More info call  
Naomi at 655-6274 or the hall 897-1398.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1783.23

**Religious Education Classes**  
**This Wednesday – All Grades 1-12**  
**at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall**

**Remembering All Souls**

In a particular way, in the month of November we remember all the faithful departed. The Church firmly believes that we should pray for the dead and remember them, because death is not the end of life, but only a new beginning. In order to remember our beloved dead, please sign the names of those who have died and whom you would like to pray for. This book will be located on the stand at the door of the baptistry – our gateway to life in Christ.

**Lawn Maintenance Crew**

Lyndon Lange, Leland Lange, Marshall Lange, Emilio Ledezma, Manual Estrada



**Christmas dinner**

Please begin to make plans for the parish Christmas dinner to be held this year on **December 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.** in the



parish hall. All families are encouraged to attend.

We will have:

- Lighting of the Outdoor Nativity Scene
- Dinner (covered dish)
- Singing of carols
- And possibly a live performance from our youth.

**Turkey Meat for sale**

After the turkey dinner, the left over meat was packaged in freezer bags with a sealing machine to remove the air. There are several bags still available for purchase. The donation is 6lbs for \$10. For more information, contact the parish office.

**Activities Calendar**

**CDA Tamale Sale**      **This week. Contact a member.**  
**Guadalupanas**      **Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 pm HR**  
**Catholic Daughters**      **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 pm HR**  
**Knights of Columbus**      **Thursday, Nov. 16, 7pm HR**

**Church Picnic Calendar**

Nov. 5 – Incarnate Word Convent – Christmas Arts Sale 10 – 4 p.m.  
Nov. 5 - CDA - St. Robert's, El Campo – Turkey Dinner  
Nov. 12 – Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria Community Center  
Turkey/dressing

Parish office is closed on Mondays. Thank you!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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, churchgoing 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.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome. Please stop by the parish office to register.

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**Quinceañeras**

Young ladies approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are members of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the pastor six months in advance to arrange the celebration.