

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. "One Mightier than I is coming", John the Baptizer said to the people of Jesus' day. The people kept asking "what should we do?" The response was to go out of their way to serve others - give your cloak, give your food, stop practicing extortion - treat your brothers as the Lord treats you.

That must be the message for us during this holy season. The more we begin to get out of the way and prepare for the one who is Mightier - the more that can be done. To begin to give and forgive is the way to true freedom and God's peace. Let us pray in this week for the desire to have hearts open to service.

I hope you can make the Parish Christmas Dinner this evening. It should be a good time to share the joy of the season. Remember to bring your canned foods for the hungry.

Finally, may the celebration of our Savior's birth fill you and your families with much joy this Christmas and always. +

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 19 – December 25

- Tuesday, 19th 4:50 p.m. – Adoration Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. – Angelus
6:05 p.m. – Mass – *Alma Brandl*
- Wednesday, 20th 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Rose Bujnoch*
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Penance/Reconciliation
- Thursday, 21st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Adolph Koncaba*
- Friday, 22nd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Albina Picha*
- Saturday, 23rd 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. – Penance/Reconciliation
6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Pro Populo*
- Sunday, 24th 7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
Fourth Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Adolph Koncaba*
Advent 10:00 a.m. Mass – *Albina Picha*
- Christmas Eve* 5:00 p.m. – Mass – *Robert Canchola Jr. and Gabriel Canchola*
12:00 Midnight – Mass – *Pro Populo*
- Monday, 25th
Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Mass – *Clifford Mercado*

Liturgical Assignments Christmas

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. – Mass

Lectors	C. Sutton, L. Canales
Ministers of Precious Blood	Ismael/Gracie Perez
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Ushers	Volunteers
Altar Servers	J.,M., A., Valenzuela

12:00 Midnight – Mass

Lectors	Jeanne Lange
Ministers of Precious Blood	Lupe & Frances Rivera
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Ushers	Volunteers
Altar Servers	Volunteers

Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors	T. Cabral (S), L.Canales (E)
Ministers of Precious Blood	Fred/Patty Soto
Gift Bearers	Steve and Jean Mercado
Ushers	Volunteers
Altar Servers	G. & M. Canales

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

- Saturday 6 p.m. Jeanne Lange, Paulette Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m. Ted Cabral, Gloria Cantu
10 a.m. Isabel Rodriguez, Maribel Gonzales

Ministers of the Precious Blood

- Saturday 6 p.m. Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton
Sunday 8 a.m. Emilio, Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m. Ismael/Gracie Perez

Gift Bearers

- Saturday 6 p.m. Lawrence/Pauline Kelly
Sunday 8 a.m. Fidel/Pat Galicia
10 a.m. Hybner Family

Ushers

- Saturday 6 p.m. T. West, J. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange
Sunday 8 a.m. A. Escalante, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles
10 a.m. A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin

Altar Servers

- Saturday 6 p.m. Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m. Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m. Jason, Michael, Angelica, Valenzuela

Advent 2006

Third Week of Advent

This week brings the **O Antiphons**, as we enter into this octave (eight days) before Christmas. Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. As a matter of fact, if you take each of the first letters of the Latin title backwards you spell ERO CRAS, which means 'Tomorrow I will come!' Go back each day and reflect on how God comes to you in Jesus Christ in each of these ways.

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- Dec. 17 - O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God! Isaiah 11:2-3
- Dec. 18 - O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel! Isaiah 33:22
- Dec. 19 - O Flower of Jesse's Stem! Isaiah 11: 1, 10
- Dec. 20 - O Key of David! Isaiah: 9:6 and 22:22
- Dec. 21 - O Radiant Dawn! Isaiah: 9:1
- Dec. 22 - O King of All the Nations! Isaiah 2:4, 9:5
- Dec. 23 - O Emmanuel! Isaiah 7:14

- o **Sunday, December 17 – Parish Christmas Dinner 5:30 p.m./Parish Hall**
- o Lighting of outdoor Nativity, Singing Carols, Live Performance. All families are invited to attend. Please bring covered side dish (turkey and dressing will be provided) to share with others. This year we will be collecting canned foods/ non-perishable items to distribute to those in need in Bloomington. Bring your canned foods/non-perishable to the dinner.

Fourth Week of Advent

- o **Wed., December 20 – Sacrament of Penance 6:30-8:00 p.m./church**
- o **Saturday December 23 – Sacrament of Penance**

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.

The bulletin is provided for the explicit purpose of communicating information weekly to the people of God in Bloomington, Texas concerning the pastoral mission of the parish. For more information or to have something included, please call the pastor.

Religious Education Classes

This Wednesday – Grades 1-6 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a thirty minute presentation to the students on safety followed by class and a social.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1323.04

Second/Retired Religious: \$ 303.34

Holy Day/Im. Conception: \$ 236.00

Thank you for your

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sabas Liserio

who died Friday, Dec. 15

Wake/Rosary: Sun. Dec. 17 – 7:00 p.m.-Artero/Victoria

Funeral Mass: Mon. Dec. 18 – 10:00 a.m. - Church

Pray for Vocations

Activities Calendar

Pre-Baptismal Instruction Dec. 30, 10-12 HR

The next scheduled baptism date is January 7.

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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.