

A reflection from the Pastor

"Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" Some people asking Jesus in today's gospel about the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. We know that the building of the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his own body. The people were focused on the stones of the temple rather than the body of the Lord.

We seem to do this in our own day. We focus on security in this life, which is a good thing, but we should remember that Jesus too will bring our bodies home at the end of time. We hear a lot about the end of the world, people even trying to predict the actual day and year. But Jesus says do not be caught off guard with signs and predictions. His focus is clear in the midst of what is going on around you he wants you to focus on: HIMSELF. Jesus is the way to all truth and security. Jesus says: "By perseverance you will secure your lives." And in our own time this means by the consistency of faith. We must not buy into the popular culture by trying to find ways that make us emotionally happy and then leave us abandoned. Jesus says watch out for these things. Rather, the consistency of faith, asks not that we engage in selfish emotion, or pray so we can be seen, or give alms to be recognized for achievements, or do every devotion once and then put it aside. The consistency of faith and perseverance of Jesus, means staying close to his teachings and sacrificing **daily** and taking up our cross to be like him. Jesus says, if you want to follow me, take up your cross and follow me. Some popular preachers will tell you that if you think positively everything will be okay. Well, faith is not about thinking, so much as believing from the command of love that has been written on our hearts. That is real work.

Advent is coming upon us. Try during these final days of the year to make an attempt to be consistent in faith. Jesus says that there will even be family against each other. The consistency of faith tells us that we focus on him even in the midst of hardship. Develop some daily habit of reading the gospels, maybe a passage at a time. Also daily, try to find moments to deny those things you really do not need. Jesus says, when we do, we will secure our lives.

May you have a blessed week and a happy thanksgiving.  
Fr. Ty

## Congratulations

Cody Robles and Cristin Saenz who were united in Holy Matrimony this Saturday, November 17, 2007.  
May God Bless you with his Love.

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

November 13 - November 18

Tuesday, 20th	6:00 p.m.	Angelus
	6:10 p.m.	Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez+ by Maria and Alex Gonzalez</i>
Wednesday, 21st <i>Presentation of Mary</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Emma Marie McGee</i>
Thursday, 22nd <i>Cecilia</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Mark Lowery</i>
Friday, 23rd	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Jerry Brosh</i>
Saturday, 24th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00	(vigil) Mass – <i>All Souls</i>
Sunday, 25th <i>34rd Sunday OT Christ the King</i>	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario
	8:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Joise Chapa by Stella Garcia</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>

### What does it take to run a Catholic School in the Diocese? 2007 – 2008 Superintendent's Report

Nazareth, Victoria	1,317,522	O.L.V. Victoria	1,961,295
St. Joseph, Victoria	3,695,805	St. Joseph, Yoakum	612,116
St. Philip, El Campo	1,046,565	O.L.Gulf, Pt. Lavaca	473,384
Holy Cross, Bay City	658,275	Hallettsville	1,281,107
St. Anthony, Columbus	698,400	St. Michael, Cuero	435,786
St. Michael, Weimar	476,180	Shiner	1,167,739

*Pray for our Schools*

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

**Lectors**

Saturday 6 p.m.	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Martina Aguayo, Bacilio Gonzalez
10 a.m.	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela

**Ministers of the Precious Blood**

Saturday 6 p.m.	Veronica Garcia, Jeanette West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Ismael and Gracie Perez

**Gift Bearers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	Alex and Rosie Chamberlain
Sunday 8 a.m.	Juan and Martina Aguayo and family
10 a.m.	Frank and Maribel Gonzalez and family

**Ushers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	P. Canales, C. Sutton, J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	T. Cabral, S. Torres, M. Garcia, D. Robles
10 a.m.	M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D & K Escalante

**Altar Servers**

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Matthew Vela
Sunday 8 a.m.	Mauricio Ledezma
10 a.m.	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela

### Parish Meeting Calendar - November

20	Adult Bible Class	7	Heritage
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24	Pre-Baptism Instruction	10	Heritage
27	Adult Bible Class	7	Heritage

### Religious Education This Week

No Classes this Week – Enjoy Thanksgiving!

Confirmation Students: Be working on your Sponsor and Saint Name Paper

### Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1,181.33

### What's your Catholic IQ - Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The number of Sundays in Advent (the season approaching in December) is:

a. four ( they begin Dec. 2 this year)

This week's question:

The word Advent means:

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| a. the coming    | b. the end  |
| c. Christ's Mass | d. Epiphany |
- (answer next week)

### Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, December 2,  
2007

Plates to go

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BLOOMINGTON, TEXAS

The Reverend Ty Joseph Bazar  
Pastor

(361) 897-1155 - voice Post Office Box  
2122  
(361) 897-1064 - fax 13316 State Highway

### Fall Scripture Class

*Understanding the Bible*

The fall scripture series began with our comprehensive look at the bible.

The course is designed to help understand each of the books of the Bible.

Dates: **Tuesdays, November 20 – December 4 in the Heritage Room. 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.**

All adults are invited to attend. Religious Education teachers are strongly encouraged to attend. If you don't have a bible, one will be furnished.

Next Class: This Tuesday, November 20

### Annual Christmas Parish Dinner

Sun. December 16, 2007 - 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall

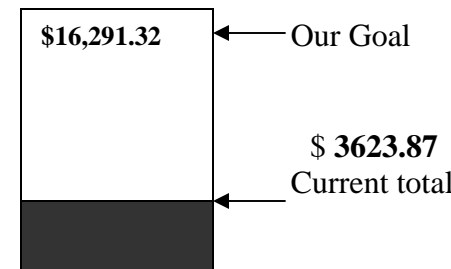
All are welcome. It is a time for us to celebrate as a parish the joy of Jesus' birthday. The Knights will supply the meat and each family should bring a side dish. We will also be collecting food for the hungry. Each family please bring canned or non-perishable food. CHILDREN'S PAGEANT/CAROLS/DOOR PRIZES.

### Diocesan Services Appeal (D.S.A.) Update

This annual appeal goes to help the bishop run the diocese.

I know we can do it; **there is power in numbers.**

Thank you to those who have already given. To those who have not, you still have time. We now have a total of \$3623.87. That is \$1200+ over what we had two weeks ago.



Number of Families contributing so far: 40

Total Number of Parish Families: 330

Percentage of families that have given: 12%

If every family can help, as I suggested \$50 or if you can give more, we would more than reach our goal. Please feel free to give what you can. We would also not have to have the January raffle which requires selling \$50 tickets.

Thank you again for your support. Encourage one another.