

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace.

Today we hear the beginning of Luke's portrait of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (that level stretch of ground where he taught his disciples). What Jesus shared with the disciples were the beatitudes, or those attitudes of life that bring us blessing. Let us listen closely to these attitudes, because Jesus also comes to us, where we are and how we are and asks us to accept our lives as blessing. This means that if we rejoice in our sufferings, no matter how great or small, there will be a reward in heaven. That is why the beatitudes are known as eschatological blessings - they are blessings for the end of time.

In our week, let us examine those things that keep us from putting on an attitude of acceptance that is not bitterness but joy for the kingdom. This is a great preparation for the season of Lent which we will begin in just under two weeks.

This is our last week to sale raffle tickets. We are doing well, but still are short about 200 tickets. If you can sale more during the week, please do so. If you want to come by to buy more this week, please stop by. Encourage others. Remember the drawing is next Sunday.

As you will notice, some necessary improvements are being made to the mother's room/cry room. I also ask that we try to reserve this room for smaller children. Unfortunately it is not capable of large numbers, and should remain for those with children. Thank you.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Masses with distribution of Ashes
8:00 a.m.
6:05 p.m.

Religious Education children will receive
ashes at 8:00 p.m. - No Mass

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 13 - February 18

Tuesday, 13th	4:50 p.m. Adoration 5:50 p.m. Benediction 6:00 p.m. Angelus 6:05 p.m. - Mass - <i>David/Olivia Musquiz +</i>
Wednesday, 14th	8:00 a.m. - Mass - <i>Evelyn Hathaway Cyril, Methodius</i>
Thursday 15th	8:00 a.m. - Mass - <i>Julie Bomersbach</i>
Friday, 16th	8:00 a.m. - Mass - <i>Mrs. Cantu</i>
Saturday, 17th	5:15 - 5:45 p.m. - Penance 5:35 - 5:50 p.m. - Rosary -B. Canchola/Leader 6:00 (vigil) Mass - <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 18th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
7th Sunday OT	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Jesse L. Olguin +</i>

Readings for Sunday the 18th

First Reading - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Jeanne Lange, Lisa Canales
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Lupe Olguin, Isabel Rodriguez

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Veronica Garza, Paulette Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	Fred and Patty Soto
10 a.m.	Gracie and Ismael Perez

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Tommy West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma
10 a.m.	Rosemary and Priscilla Mendez

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl
Sunday 8 a.m.	A. Posada, H. Cardona, L. Rivera Jr., J. Cantu
10 a.m.	D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Escalante, A. Reyes

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	E. Rodriguez, J. Adkins, A. Adkins

DSA Raffle - Prize List (this is not a ticket)

Grand Prize: 42" Widescreen Plasma TV (HDTV ready)

First Ticket: \$150 Wal-Mart gift card

Every 25th, 50th, 75th ticket: \$50 gift certificate to:

(Red Lobster, Chili's, Montana Mike's, Johnny Carino's, Siesta, Tejas, Veracruz, Gonzales-Placedo, Olive Garden, Target, Home Depot, Maggie's, HEB, Hobby Lobby, Texas Roadhouse)

100th ticket: \$100 Target gift certificate

200th ticket: \$100 Wal-Mart gift certificate

300th ticket: \$100 Lowe's gift certificate

400th ticket: \$100 Dillard's gift certificate

500th ticket: \$100 JC Penny's gift certificate

599th ticket: \$500 Home Depot gift certificate

Drawing starts at 11:00 a.m. February 18, 2007

Heritage Room Donation: \$25.00 a ticket

Need not be present to win. Only 600 tickets sold.

Deadline for sales: February 14, 2007.

Religious Education Classes this Wednesday

Grades 7-12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

Note: **Parents of Confirmation Students:**

There will be a meeting at 7:00 p.m.

in the Heritage Room

Please make plans to attend.

Parents: I am looking for one additional aid per classroom. If you can stay with your child that would be great. Please let Ramona know.



Saint Valentine - Valentine, or Valentinus,

lived in Rome around 240, and was outraged at the decree of the emperor against marriage. Valentine refused to follow it. He became a haven for young couples. He married them in private, until eventually he was captured Valentine's devotion to God and love continued while he was in jail. He took it upon himself to try to convert the

Emperor, in hopes of reversing this unjust decree. But to no avail. Instead, the Emperor sentenced him to death. While awaiting his execution, Valentine became friends with the daughter of his jailer. She was a blind girl who showed him kindness in his captivity. By faith and prayer, Valentine cured the girl of her affliction - an act of love even for the daughter of his captor. Supporters of Valentine would show their love by casting flowers up to the window of his cell. This link between Valentine and flowers would be forever established. Nonetheless, Valentine was executed on February 14, 270. Before he died, he wrote a letter of gratitude and hope to the jailer's daughter. He signed it, "From your Valentine." This sentiment, of course, carries on today and is echoed every year on the anniversary of his death.

- Happy Valentine's Day -

Parish Activities Calendar

Feb. 13 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7 Heritage

Feb. 15 Knights of Col. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Heritage

Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday-
Mass 8:00 a.m. and 6:05 p.m. Church
with imposition of ashes

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1804.05

Second: Building Fund: 682.00

Parish office is closed on Monday. 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.

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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.