

A reflection from the Pastor

Peace. Today's lesson for us is often entitled "the Prodigal Son" after the son who went and squandered everything on a life of sin - and yet when he came home, the Father welcomed him with much joy. It is a reminder of the Father's unconditional love for us - no matter where we have been or what we have done, he welcomes us home with open arms. Try this week to make it a point to run to the arms of the Father - ask for forgiveness for that which needs to be forgiven, and leave behind that which does not build your relationship with Him.

A happy belated Feast Day to all of you, on this weekend of St. Patrick's Day. We are grateful to God for this patronage and ask St. Patrick to pray for us.

Again, I encourage you to bring your family for the stations of the cross each Friday evening. If you would like to come and pray during the day, they are printed in both languages beginning on page 244 of the missalette.

Thank you to all who came out and helped with the removal of the old chairs in the hall and the delivery of the new chairs: Ismael Perez, Ted Cabral, Deacon Fred Soto, Jose Troncoso, Leland Lange, Marshall Lange, Constantino Martin. It was a full morning, but they look great.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

In Memoriam

Jesus Hernandez, 83 of Placedo

Who died on Thursday, March 8, 2007

Maria Pura Garcia Perez, 84 of Placedo

Who died on Thursday, March 8, 2007

Why the Statues are covered?

Beginning the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent, March 24th, the statues will be covered in the church.

The first four weeks of Lent have been a special time of conversion and spiritual renewal. Passiontide, the third stage in our preparation for Easter, and these last two weeks focus on Christ's suffering.

Therefore, the statues and crosses are draped in purple as an outward sign of our inward sorrow. The pictures and statues lose importance in the face of Christ's suffering.

They remain covered until Holy Saturday.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

March 20 - March 25

Tuesday, 20th	4:50 p.m.	Adoration	
	5:50 p.m.	Benediction	
	6:00 p.m.	Angelus	
	6:05 p.m.	Mass -	<i>Irene Obsta + By R.E. teachers</i>
Wednesday, 21st	8:00 a.m.	Mass -	<i>Elidia Gonzales + by M/M Harold DeLeon</i>
Thursday, 22nd	8:00 a.m.	Mass -	<i>Ann Jurica</i>
Friday, 23rd	8:00 a.m.	Mass -	<i>Leo Krause, Jr.</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
		<i>Day of Abstinence-No Meat</i>	
Saturday, 24th	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Penance	
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary -	<i>leader:Carol Sutton</i>
	6:00 (vigil)	Mass -	<i>Anthony Torres</i>
Sunday, 25th	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario	
<i>5th Sunday Lent</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass -	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Black Bag</i>	10:00 a.m.	Mass -	<i>Irene Obsta + by R.E. Teachers</i>

**Readings for Sunday
March 25**

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading - Philippians 2:8-14

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Lectors

Saturday 6 p.m.	Jeanne Lange, Carol Sutton
Sunday, 8 a.m.	Martina Aguayo, Elida Cortina
10 a.m.	Maribel Gonzales, Melinda Valenzuela

Ministers of the Precious Blood

Saturday 6 p.m.	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Sunday 8 a.m.	Lupe and Frances Rivera
10 a.m.	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante

Gift Bearers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Augustina/Alisia Gutierrez
Sunday 8 a.m.	M/M Henry Estrada, Sr.
10 a.m.	Hybner Family

Ushers

Saturday 6 p.m.	J. Canales, Sr., R. Brandl, J. Canales, Jr., T. West
Sunday 8 a.m.	J. Aguayo, P. Guerra, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez
10 a.m.	J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante, J. Canales, Jr.

Altar Servers

Saturday 6 p.m.	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Sunday 8 a.m.	Maurizio Ledezma, Volunteers
10 a.m.	Natasha Ramirez, David Estepa, F. Rodriguez

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

Review of Activities:

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday of Lent – 7:00 p.m. in the church

Opportunities for Almsgiving:

- Operation Rice Bowl – today the bowls are given out
- The black bag each Sunday for the poor

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:

- Each Saturday: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Prayer: The red book of intentions will be located at the entrance of the church. Please pray for those intentions.

Adult Education: The Creed

Fr. Ty will offer these class on what we profess as Catholics and what we prepare to renew at Easter. All are invited to attend. The catechists of the parish are strongly encouraged to attend. The last class is: March 29 in the Heritage Rm. 7:00 p.m. –8:15 p.m.

YOUTH CORNER

Religious Education Classes this week

All Grades

Grades 1-5 in their classrooms

Grades 6-12 in the Church – Talk on Sexual Abstinence – Parents are encouraged to attend

Yard Maintenance Crew



It's back. Spring has sprung.
Ismael Perez, Hector Longoria,
Marty Cantu, Deacon Fred Soto,
Fred Molina, Beto Cantu

Spring Barbecue is Sunday, April 29, 2007

If you would like to make a meat donation or donate an item or money for the raffle and auction, please sign the list in the church this weekend. If you would like to help with a particular area please let me know. The raffle tickets should be coming out this next week, so please sign up or combine with others to sponsor. Thank you.

Parish Activities Calendar

Mar 17 – 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Come and go reception
parish feast day Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Dinner Hall

Mar 20 – 7:00 p.m. Creed Class Heritage

Mar 21 – First Day of Spring

Victoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Day of Recollection

Next Saturday, March 24, 2007

St. Joseph Church in Yoakum, Texas - 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Deacon Warzecha will be the speaker, with Mass with Bishop Fellhauer at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided. No pre-registration. There will be a free will offering. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is made up of the Catholic women in the diocesan parishes.

Last Sunday's Collection:



General: \$ 1460.18

Black Bag –

237.55

*Gracias
Merci
Danke
Thank You
Eucaristo*

Parish office is closed on Monday. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:30 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.