

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (anticipation) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Monday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:45-9:15 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Come by the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, paperwork required, and to register for a class. Schedule for **2023: May 23, September 12, November 7**. All classes are on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the JPPII Family Center.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-7. The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.

Psalms 22 . "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Philippians 2:6-11. Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.

Matthew 26:14—27:66. They came to a place called Golgotha and crucified Jesus there.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

In whom am I challenged to see Jesus?
How can I help carry Christ's cross by carrying my neighbor's cross?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11
Tues: Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Isaiah 50:4-9
Matthew 26:14-25
Thurs: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15
Fri: Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42
Sat: Matthew 28:1-10
Sun: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1

5:00 p.m. ✠ Henry Vesely

Sunday, April 2

7:30 a.m. ✠ Bernard Bures

9:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, April 3

8:00 a.m. ✠ Millie Hanes

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. ✠ Vera "Bobo" Lefford

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 p.m. ✠ Sharon Green

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

7:00 p.m. ✠ Bud Richards

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

3:00 p.m. *The Passion of the Lord*

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

7:30 p.m. ✠ Leo Macha

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30 a.m. ✠ Martha West



Holy Week is the most important week of the year for us Catholics. This is especially true in terms of prayer and worship. There are many rituals we celebrate only one time each year. They deeply connect us to Christ and remind us of our salvation. Therefore, this week must not be like the other 51 weeks of the year. It must be different. Plan to attend every liturgy. Honor the requirements of fasting and abstinence. Forego your normal routine and spend that time with God. During this Holy Week and Easter Season, can you offer a sacrifice of your time?

When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus next weekend, we will renew our baptismal commitment. Our baptism fundamentally reoriented us to Christ and His Church. As full members of the church, we are fully incorporated into the Body of Christ. This comes with a responsibility. Each of us has been given a task in the mission of the Church. Each of us has an obligation to use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God. During this Holy Week and Easter Season, can you offer a sacrifice of your talent?

May you have a Blessed Holy Week.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday, and reopen Tuesday, April 11.

BULLETIN SPONSOR

In memory of Bernard Bures by Evelyn Bures

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Manuel Rosalez by Sally M. Rosalez
In memory of Millie Hanes and Vera "Bobo" Lefford
by Virginia Karl

MANY THANKS!

To all the Catholic Daughters who made desserts or a donation for the KC fish fries. If you would still like to make a monetary donation, please send it to Georgie Kruse (210 E. Heard, Ganado, TX 77962).



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday, April 3
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Assumption Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday, April 9, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Open to children ages 0-8. Children are asked to bring their own basket. Sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance Branch #97.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & NOVENA

We have a special Sunday that celebrates God's Mercy. Beginning on Good Friday, you are invited to join the Universal Church in a special private devotion to the Mercy of God: the Novena of Divine Mercy, which culminates on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. You are encouraged to come pray with us.

EASTER FLOWERS



Special envelopes are located on the cabinets in Church to be used for donations to help with the cost of the Easter Lilies. Thank you.

SYMBOLS OF LENT

Located at the foot of the cross in Church these symbols can help us connect more deeply with this holy season.

- **Skull.** St. Benedict reminds us, "keep death ever before you." The skull reminds us of our own mortality and the need to be in the grace of God, especially at the time of our death.
- **Coins.** A symbol of Judas betrayal. How many times do we compromise our faith?
- **Whip.** To remind us of the effects of our sinfulness and our need to do penance.
- **Crown of Thorns.** A symbol of our betrayal of Christ the King.
- **Veronica's Veil.** Veronica removes the grime on Jesus' face revealing his Divine countenance, symbolic of our souls covered with sin.
- **Dice.** Like the soldiers who gambled for Jesus' tunic, it's a reminder that our victory is in Christ alone.
- **Nails.** As the 11th Station reminds us, Jesus is pierced for our offenses. The nails remind us of our need for God's mercy.
- **Pitcher & Basin.** Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Whose feet are you (un)willing to wash?
- **Palms.** Our recognition of Jesus as Lord and Messiah.



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Note: No Class this Holy Week
Also, Live Stations has been canceled.

CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays, April 12, 19, *26 *last day

❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.

❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.



IMPORTANT DATES

April 12 – First Confession during class

April 19 – Practice for First Communion during class

April 23 – First Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Patsy Schoenfeld, Wilfred Tegeler, Diane Young, Kathy Fowler, Margaret Marek, Ella Knebel, Kristen Lesak, Darlene Tise, Henry Sulak, Jr., Kenneth Sternadel, Gilbert Luera, Sr., Guadalupe Carrasco, Jennifer Morrison, Joyce King, Mike Sablatura, Lanoe Macha, Clara Gutierrez, Rhonda Gerdes, Riggs Macek, Misty Beard, Joe Janecek, Jr., Alvin Svoboda, Edwin & Aileen Koudelka, Barbara Drastata, Charles Wells, Sally Bermea, Frank Morales, Lesley Klekar, Paul Kaspar, Lynda Curtis, Bobby & Andrea Chambless, Butch Taylor, Nicole Rayburn, Pam Gates, Andrew Kaspar, Alice Saucedo Sanchez, Jack Saucedo, Doug Hlavaty, All the Unborn and their parents, People serving in the Military, Holy Souls in Purgatory

A VOCATION REFLECTION

"I am the resurrection and the life . . .
whoever believes in Me will have eternal life."

The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Questions? Call Father Tommy Chen, 361-552-6140, or Father Kristopher Fuchs, 361-573-4328.

MINISTRIES for HOLY WEEK

ALTAR SERVERS assigned to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will practice in the Church at the following times:

HOLY THURSDAY: Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 7 at 9:00 AM

HOLY SATURDAY: Friday, April 7 at 5:30 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 6

LECTOR:

7:00 PM – Michael Sulak

ALTAR SERVERS:

7:00 PM – Anna R., Gwen R., Luke R., Jon R.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 7

LECTORS:

3:00 PM – Angela Petrash, Deacon Kevin Petrash,
Deacon Anthony Hensley

ALTAR SERVERS:

3:00 PM – Matthew S. & Andrew S.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 8

LECTORS:

7:30 PM – Maria Vorajakmol & Jerri Lara

ALTAR SERVERS:

7:30 PM – Celeste R. & Martin R.
Sophia B., Lyliaanna E., Joey S.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9

LECTORS:

7:30 AM – Frances Toman

9:30 AM – Margaret Reed

ALTAR SERVERS:

7:30 AM – Tanya H. & Alina A.

9:30 AM – Kyla S. & Kyle S.

KJT MEET & EAT – Everyone is invited!

You and your family are invited to a KJT Meet & Eat on Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 270 St. Andrew Street El Campo, Texas. Registration from 6:00-6:30 p.m. with a catered meal at 6:30 p.m. A short presentation by the KJT President and Vice President. RSVP by **Wednesday, April 19** before 4:30 p.m. 979-968-5877 or email: info@kjtnet.org



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 25 & 26

Envelopes – \$3,517.00

Loose – \$742.25

Maintenance – \$670.00

Rice Bowl - \$306.83

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Weekends in Lent & Easter Sunday: Rice Bowl

Holy Thursday – Collection for Seminarians

Good Friday – For the Upkeep of the Holy Land

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

Education of Seminarians

The Special Collection taken up on Holy Thursday is for the education of 10 young men in the seminary for the Diocese of Victoria. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort. Your prayers for an increase of priestly vocations and the success of this Special Collection for Seminarians is greatly appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to support this Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support assists the Church in the Holy Land to minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools and offer religious education. Wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians in the Holy Land. In these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. This Collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines in that region. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/goodfriday.

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks
the beginning of Holy

Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit csrricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.





Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

*To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday
in a solemn way, we should:*

1. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena which starts on Good Friday, April 7.
Pamphlets are available on each cabinet as you enter the Church.
2. Go to Confession, preferably on Divine Mercy Sunday.
Remember, there is a 20-day window before and after Divine Mercy Sunday.
3. Sincerely repent of all your sins.
4. Place your complete trust in Jesus.
5. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.
6. Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy. To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.
7. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter.
This will be April 16th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in Assumption B.V.M. Church
8. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast.

Divine Mercy Sunday is our Lord's promise of complete forgiveness of our sins and is both a reminder and a call. It is a reminder that He is truly present and truly alive in the Eucharist, filled with love for us and waiting for us to turn to Him in trust. And it is a call for us all to be washed clean in His Love through Confession and Holy Communion — no matter how terrible our sins — and begin our lives again. He is offering us a new start!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A novena is nine days of prayer. The Novena to The Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. Each day has a specific intention. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

The following are the intentions and prayers for each day: "Today bring to Me...

First Day: all mankind, especially all sinners

Second Day: the souls of priests and religious

Third Day: all devout and faithful souls

Fourth Day: those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me

Fifth Day: the souls who have separated themselves from My church

Sixth Day: the meek, humble souls & the souls of little children

Seventh Day: the souls who venerate and glorify My mercy

Eighth Day: the souls detained in Purgatory

Ninth Day: souls who have become lukewarm . . .

and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wonderful love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus, may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Continue with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.

On the Our Father Beads:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary Beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(In conclusion recite the following three times.)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.