

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. Check the bulletin for class schedule for 2024. All classes are on a 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.

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalms 85. "Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation."

2 Peter 3:8-14. We await new heavens
and a new earth.

Mark 1:1-8. Make straight the paths of the Lord.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What is the most difficult obstacle I face in preparing a way for Christ to come into my heart anew this Christmas? How can I remove this obstacle?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 5:17
Tues: Zechariah 2:14-17
Luke 1:26-38
Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs: Isaiah 41:13-20
Matthew 11:11-15
Fri: Isaiah 48:17-19
Matthew 11:16-19
Sat: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Matthew 17:9, 10-13
Sun: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. †Leo Macha †Eugene Macha
 †Pete & Annie Macha †Joe Girndt

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m. †Anna Maria Shook
9:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, December 11

8:00 a.m. †Gordon Moore
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 a.m. Holy Rosary
6:30 a.m. †Estella Pena

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 p.m. †G.A. "Rabbit" & Alice Bures

Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. †Donnie Srubar

Friday, December 15

8:00 a.m. †Julius Tupa

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. †Dorothy Kaspar

Sunday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors
9:30 a.m. †Jerome (Sr.) & Ella Mae Knebel



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
DURING ADVENT**

Mondays: December 11 & 18
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Assumption Church

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

Pope Benedict XVI

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12

6:00 a.m. Rosary 6:30 a.m. Mass

All the Parish is encouraged to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Holy Rosary begins at 6:00 a.m. and Mass is at 6:30 a.m. Immediately following Mass we will gather at the St. John Paul II Family Center for fellowship and refreshments.



ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Reyes & Lupe Rosalez and Ray Rosalez
by Rick & Bobbie Rosalez
In memory of Anna Marie Shook by Aileen Koudelka

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Syl & Clara Kaspar
by Larry & Inez Kaspar
For all living & deceased members
by the Guadalupana Society

BULLETIN SPONSOR

In memory of Dorothy Kaspar by Paul & Kay Kaspar

ANGEL TREE

Miss the deadline? Please bring your gifts to the Parish Hall **TODAY, Sunday**, no later than **10:30 a.m.**



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday, December 13

4:00 p.m. Meet in Assumption Church



All boys and girls in Fourth Grade and older are invited to train to become an ALTAR SERVER. Parents, please call the Parish Office (771-3425) to let us know your child will attend the training.
*Current Altar Servers can use this training as a refresher, but are not required to attend.

"Altar Servers are called to be young friends of Jesus." -- Saint Pope John Paul II

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Baskets are at each entrance of the Church to hold your donations. Deadline is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15.**



Second Sunday of Advent

MEETING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER

- OCIA 6:00-8:00 p.m. JPPII
- Grief Ministry 6:30 p.m. Parish hall

The Blessing of the Bambinelli



December 16 & 17

On the **Third Sunday of Advent**, we will continue the new tradition at Assumption Parish: **The Blessing of the Bambinelli**. You and your family are invited to bring the **Baby Jesus** figurines from your home Nativity sets to Mass for this special blessing. Encourage your children and grandchildren to take part in this special blessing. This Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, December 21

5:30-6:30 p.m. Assumption Church

Several priests will be available to hear Confession. Please take advantage of this time before Christmas to prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.



MEMORIALS

In grateful appreciation we want to acknowledge memorials received in November

MAINTENANCE:

In memory of Edwin, Donald, Phillip Fiala \$35.00
& Patricia Thomas



2023 CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Deadline to turn in packages is **December 11** at the Parish office.

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CCD CLASSES

***NO class on DECEMBER 13, 20, 27, or JANUARY 3**
Class will resume on Wednesday, January 10

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN RETREAT

December 28-30, 2023

Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria



All high school youth are invited to join us. The final day of registration is **December 19**. Cost of Retreat is \$150 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required with registration.

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS

All parishioners are invited to take a 2024 Church calendar, located on the cabinets in Church. Be sure to say "thank you!" to our sponsors: Slavik & Ganado Funeral Homes, the Knights of Columbus Father Francis Havel Council #3204, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Alberta #1381.



ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

The **2024 sign-up calendars** to donate either Altar flowers or Sanctuary candles are available on each of the cabinets in Church. Please fill in your special days. We ask for a minimum of \$30 for flowers and \$5 for candles. Please make your check payable to Assumption Church and drop it into the collection clearly marked.



POINSETTIAS

Special envelopes are located on the cabinets in Church to be used for donations to help with the cost of the poinsettias. Please make your check payable to Assumption Church and drop it into the collection clearly marked.



MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 16 & 17

LECTORS:

5:00 PM – Angela Petrash
7:30 AM – Diane Bubela
9:30 AM – Marnie Gabrysch

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 PM – Oliva R. & Martin R.
7:30 AM – Jase P. & 1 volunteer
9:30 AM – Anna R. & Gwen R.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 2 & 3



Envelopes – \$3,996.00 Loose – \$517.00
Maintenance – \$1,957.00

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Special Collection: December 9 & 10

Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gilbert Luera, Sr., Johnny Vesely, Lanoe Macha, Eddie Lindsey, Mary Ann Peters, Connor Sulak, Tyler Fowler, Georgie Kruse, Joe Janecek, Jr., Jenna Morrison, Sally Bermea, Frank Morales, Paul Kaspar, Regina Gutierrez, Clara Gutierrez, Misty Beard, Kristie Rogers, Renee Bures, Pam Gates, Doug Hlavaty, All the Unborn and their parents, People serving in the Military, Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who asked us to pray for them



DAVID KAUFFMAN **IN CONCERT**

Sunday, December 10
5:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church in Victoria

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 17

The Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

