

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020**

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures
Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

FOCUS: The goodness and mercy of Jesus is life-giving. Lent, with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing from sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and living water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In their fear and need, the Israelites grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds by meeting those needs with water flowing from the rock. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that *we have been justified by faith* through Jesus – his death gives us life. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well and tells her he is the Messiah.

Your Gift to God: March 1, 2020

Queen of Peace	\$1115
Building	\$ 5
DSA	\$ 15
CRS	\$ 210
St. John the Baptist	\$ 938
Building	\$ 110
DSA	\$ 17
CRS	\$ 86

May God reward your generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 16th
7 A.M. – Frank & Theresa Brosch

Tuesday, March 17th
7 A.M.-- Pat Hermes

Wednesday, March 18th
7 A.M. – Chris J. Janak

Thursday, March 19th
7 A.M.-- Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel

Friday, March 20th
7 A.M. – Frank & Cecelia Wagner
6 P.M.-- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21st
5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Joe Eddie, Georgia and Steve Naiser

Sunday, March 22nd
7 A.M.-Sweet Home –25th Wedding Anniversary of Shari & the late Keith Weber
9 A.M. – Koerth – Rudy & Joyce Chilek
11 A.M. – Sweet Home – Men's ACTS Return of the Brothers in Christ

Sanctuary Candle at Queen of Peace
March 15 – 21 Joe Eddie & Steve Naiser
March 22 – 28 Jordyn Leone's success & healing from surgery

Sanctuary Candle at St. John the Baptist
March 15 -- 21 Johnny Luis Michna
March 22 – 28 Ronnie Prasek

Deanery Penance Services
Thursday, March 26th – St. Joseph, Yoakum
Monday, March 30th – St. Joseph, Moulton
Tuesday, March 31st – Sacred Heart, Hallettsville
Thursday, April 2nd – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner
All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

Father Dominic will hold Penance Service at Queen of Peace Church on March 23, 24, and 25 from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Queen of Peace Lectors
Saturday, March 14 5 PM – Charles Hermes
Sunday, March 15 7 AM – Skye Anderle
Sunday, March 15 11 AM – Men's ACTS
Saturday, March 21 5 PM – Sue Munsch
Sunday, March 22 7 AM – Jocelyn Bolom
Saturday, March 28 5 PM – Skye Anderle
Sunday, March 29 7 AM – Anthony Harper

Queen of Peace Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, March 14 5 PM – Elaine Berkovsky
Sunday, March 15 7 AM Anthony Harper
Sunday, March 15 11 AM – Men's ACTS
Saturday, March 21 5 PM – Charles Hermes
Sunday, March 22 7 AM – Joyce Harper
Saturday, March 28 5 PM – Elaine Berkovsky
Sunday, March 29 7 AM – Lynette Havel

St. John the Baptist Lectors
Sunday, March 15 Dina Krenek
Sunday, March 21 Bill Reardon
Sunday March 29 Diana Jurena
Sunday, April 5 Jocelyn & Dina

The **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS)** will be taken up each Sunday of Lent. This collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting this collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.

The Patriotic Rosary has been moved and now will be recited in the home of Jerome & Jocelyn Bolom at 6:30 PM on Thursdays to continue through the month of March. Please come as we pray the rosary for our nation during this election year. The Divine Chaplet is included. Then we follow with Disciples on the Journey Lenten program.

Stations of the Cross are scheduled each Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM. A "Lenten Soup" meal will be shared directly after the service. All are welcome to come share in this fellowship. These events will alternate between both Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist.

March 20 - St. John – Meal Provided
March 27 - Queen of Peace – **Need Volunteers**
April 3 - St. John – Meal Provided
To schedule a Friday to which you or a group would like to prepare & serve the Lenten Soup meal, please call the Parish Office and leave a message.

Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

"Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed, says the Lord, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit." Ez 18:31

Saturday, April 4, 2020 * 10 AM – 4 PM
St. Mary's Church – Hallettsville
10 AM confession, 11 AM Mass/Adoration,
12 PM Angelus/Stations, 1:30 PM Patriotic Rosary,
3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us, for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. For more information call Lorrie @ 361-293-1300.

Thank you, **Sweet Home Sand & Gravel Company**, for their generous donation of a large portion of the cost of the bulldozer and motor grader work. This work was done at the Queen of Peace cemetery in preparation for the cemetery expansion. May God reward you and bless you for your generosity.

Engaged Encounter – 2020 Dates

April 17-19 June 5-7
November 13-15 September 18-20

Please have couples register early. For more information, call (261) 573-0828

“Veni Sancte Spiritus:”

“Rediscovering the Power & Purpose of the Holy Spirit!” Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries invites you to their Lenten Catholic Family Conference on March 27th – 28th at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. Renown speakers: Dr. Tim Gray (author/TV Host/President: Augustine Institute) and Dr. Michael Barber (author/theology professor: Augustine Institute) are on an inspiring mission to enkindle a personal devotion to the Holy Spirit in all Catholics, and build a renewed confidence in His constant presence in their lives! To register and for more details, visit: FullnessOfTruth.org or call 877-218-7884.

Roast & Toast

A “Roast and Toast” honoring Monsignor John Peters will take place at the Lady of Victory Cathedral Center, Victoria on May 8 to benefit the Emmaus Center. The Diocese of Victoria-sponsored counseling center opened in November 2015 to provide professional therapy from a Catholic perspective as well as spiritual direction. The main office is at 1508 E Airline in Victoria and a satellite office in Bay City. It provides therapy for individuals, married couples and families, as well as play therapy for children. Its mission “...assisting others on their journey of life, especially during times of hurt, spiritual discouragement, psychological distress and relational instability,” is based on the story found in Luke 24:13-35. More information may be found at www.emmauscounselingcenter.com.

For ticket information call Wendy Eggert or Shannon Thomas at 361-573-0828 Ext 2229 or 2250. For sponsorship information call Justin Reyes at 361-573-0828 Ext 2265.



To Love as God Loves

This is an interactive preparation facilitated by priests, deacons and couples who are deeply committed to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Please come prepared to fully participate in the process.

Scheduled dates: March 29, 2020 and September 20, 2020. These are held at the Diocese of Victoria Chancery Building, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria from 9 am to 5 pm. Cost is \$125 per couple. Online registration is available.

Topics that will be covered are Marriage & Faith, Marriage and Communication, Marriage and Sexuality, Marriage and Stewardship, and Natural Family Planning.

Mass will not be celebrated as part of the program, so please plan accordingly. One hour will be allowed for lunch on your own. Please be prompt and respectful by being on time. All materials will be provided and comfortable dress is recommended.

GET in the GAME

**Men’s Gathering, Saturday, March 21
8 AM to Noon at Our Lady of Victory**

Join us for a morning focusing on how to “Get in the Game” and lead our families, parishes, and communities. We will start by praying the Holy Rosary together for our families and nation, then Bishop Cahill will lead us in celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Next, speaker Damon West (featured on EWTN, speaker to major NCAA football programs such as Alabama and Clemson) will charge us with a message of changing the culture, rather than letting the culture change us. After playing football at the University of North Texas, Damon fell into drugs and crime after college, being sentenced to life in prison. While behind bars, he turned his life around with the help of God, and is now free and spreads a message of hope and redemption; perfect for the season of Lent!

Tickets are \$10, breakfast included. Register on-line at www.victoriadiocese.org Funds raised beyond covering cost will be donated to a local charity and support future men’s ministry.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE FLU AND COVID-19

LITURGICAL ADAPTATIONS:

In addition to normal preventive measures mentioned below, the following directives, until further notice, will be utilized in the liturgical celebrations in the Diocese of Victoria. Depending on the development of this current situation, additional precautions may have to be taken. Please check the diocesan website (www.victoriadiocese.org), and your parish bulletins, for updates.

- The exchange of the Sign of Peace during Mass will be discontinued, as well as holding hands during the praying of the Our Father, where this remains a customary practice.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood will be discontinued. It is the teaching of the Church that Christ is fully present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—in the form of the Sacred Host.
- If choosing to receive the Sacred Host on the tongue, extend the tongue sufficiently, preventing the minister from having to touch the tongue.
- When possible, avoid handshakes when greeting others at Mass. There are other ways to extend greetings without physical contact.
- There will be no holy water in the holy water fonts as you enter or leave church.

ADDENDUM

In addition to the directives issued on March 5, 2020, the following additions are effective immediately, in the Diocese of Victoria:

- Mass, Communion Services and other religious and parish-sponsored activities in **NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES** are suspended, until further notice. In cases of emergencies and pastoral visits/anointings, priests are encouraged to follow the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), in regard to good hygiene practices, before, during and after the visit. This includes sanitizing all items used during the visit.

- When bringing Holy Communion to **HOSPITALS AND THE HOMEBOUND**, clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are to exercise good hygiene practices before, during and after leaving the hospital. If a posting has been placed on the door of the hospital room indicating precautionary measures are in place, do not enter the room until clearance has been received from the nursing staff. When anointing, priests are to sanitize all items used during the visit.

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