

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020**

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

1Samuel 16-1b, 6-7,10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

FOCUS: The Lord of all gives sight to the blind. Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and a light to follow in the darkness of sin.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the Lord sends Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord has chosen the new king from among Jesse's sons. Samuel goes, and anoints David *in the presence of his brothers*. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to *live as children of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth. After Jesus gives the man sight, the Pharisees become divided over the account. The man defends Jesus, explaining that he must be from God.

Your Gift to God: March 15, 2020

Queen of Peace	\$ 997
Building	\$ 210
CRS	\$ 151

St. John the Baptist	\$1081
CRS	\$ 69

May God reward your generosity!

Father Dominic will celebrate these masses but will do so without a congregation.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 23rd

7 A.M. – Louis & Agnes Wagner

Tuesday, March 24th

7 A.M.-- Josef & Filomena Morris

Wednesday, March 25th - Annunciation of the Lord

7 A.M. – Jordyn Leone (success & healing of surgery)

Thursday, March 26th

7 A.M.-- Harrell & Betty Knappe

Friday, March 27th

7 A.M. – J.T. DeBord

Saturday, March 28th

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – JoAnn & Linwood Berger

Sunday, March 29th

7 A.M.-Sweet Home –Leon Jurena
9 A.M. – Koerth – Pat & Lucy Hermes
Edward Hermes

Sanctuary Candle at Queen of Peace

March 22 – 28 Jordyn Leone's success & healing of surgery

March 29 – April 4 Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Berkovsky

Sanctuary Candle at St. John the Baptist

March 22 – 28 Ronnie Prasek

March 29 – April 4 Deceased members of Luke & Adele Vanek

Weekly Donations of Support

We ask that you continue to support your parish community through the convenience of On-line Giving found on our website www.gpcatholicchurch.com or by mail. This will ensure our parishes to meet monthly needs.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Focus: On the Feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate Mary's trust, finding in her the example of saying "yes" to God. Mary's "yes" to the Holy Spirit is a sign of her faithfulness to and trust in God. Through her, Jesus was Incarnate, bringing God into human history in a new and radical way. Mary's willingness to embrace God's path for her, and her desire to be of service to the Lord, are models of faith. We celebrate her "yes," and her role in bearing Christ for the world.

Liturgy of the Word: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies the sign that will come: The virgin shall bear a son, whose name shall be Emmanuel. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author explains how the offering of Christ's Body replaces the old sacrifices of the law. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel visits Mary, and tells her that she will conceive and bear a son.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter Lilies are invited to use the envelope included in your monthly envelopes or by mail. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

Attention all who work with youth:

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER EVENTS NOW OPEN!! Please save these dates:

Camp David: June 14-19;

Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp: July 5-8;

Rocky Mountain High: July 11-19;

Altar Server Olympics (new event): July 29

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry> to find the retreats and click under "documents" for registration forms.

Easter Octave of Prayer

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*

Jesus – Who, suffered, died, and rose from the dead;

Jesus – Who is the Living One present among us;

Jesus – Who leads us to the end of time where we will reign with Him forever;

The Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin honor the triumph of His Resurrection in their Easter Octave of Prayer, April 12 – 19th. During those days, they will be celebrating Easter Vespers according to Ancient Carmelite custom and will offer to the Lord of life and death any intentions you wish to be included in this holiest week of prayer and praise. Prayer intentions may be mailed to the Sisters, dropped in the Prayer Request box at the Sisters' residence, or submitted through the prayer request form on their website: Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin, 11220 FM 237, Meyersville, Texas 77974 www.MaryEverVirgin.org

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.

Engaged Encounter – 2020 Dates

April 17-19

June 5-7

**November 13-15
20**

**September 18-
20**

Please have couples register early. For
more information, call (361) 573-0828

GET in the GAME

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

JOIN US VIRTUALLY 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!

WEBLINK FOR THE EVENT COMING SOON!

Questions: Contact Justin Reyes, Director of Family Evangelization (361-573-0828 x 2265) or jreyes@victoriadiocese.org

Bishop Fellhauer Golf Tourney on April 24

The 23rd Annual Bishop David Fellhauer's Golf Tournament benefiting the Office of Vocations and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 24. Sponsorship and team information is available on our website: www.victoriadiocese.org/bishop-david-fellhauer-invitational-golf-tournament

**Public Masses Suspended
until March 31**

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill has made this announcement regarding the COVID-19 concerns. In order to keep everyone safe, the diocese is following the national, state and local recommendations to suspend large gatherings. Please read the complete statement by reading the inserted letter.

Also, keep updated by visiting the diocesan Facebook page and Web site at:

www.victoriadiocese.org

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.

