

3rd Sunday of Easter



April 23, 2023

III Domingo de Pascua

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH Y CAPILLA DE SANTISIMA TRINIDAD

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MASSES/MISAS

Saturday Vigil/

Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm: Español

Sunday/Domingo

8:00 am: Bilingual

10:00 am, 2 pm: English

Weekdays/Entre Semana

Monday-Friday/

Lunes-viernes

6:00 pm: English

RECONCILIATION

CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sábados

4:00-4:45 pm

And by appointment

Disponible con cita

CAPILLA DE LA

SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

2901 Pleasant Green Street

Victoria, Texas 77901

Misas del Domingo

9:00 am y 11:00 am, en Español

Misa los jueves—7pm

Adoración primer jueves—6pm

Confesiones cada Domingo

8:30-8:55 am y 10:30-10:55 am



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Pastor's Note Nota del Párroco

Happy Easter everyone! May the light of the Risen Lord Jesus shine brightly in your hearts. God is doing so many incredible things for our parish and I am blessed to witness Him working in all of your lives. The parish survey that we completed in February has been processed by the Catholic Leadership Institute and discussed by staff and pastoral counsel. Soon we'll be ready to share the results of the survey as well as the parish goals and priorities set with CLI. Thank you everyone who participated.

Feliz Pascua a todos! Que la luz del Señor Jesúz Resucitado brille en vuestros corazones. Dios está haciendo tantas cosas increíbles por nuestra parroquia y tengo la bendición de verlo trabajar en todas sus vidas. La encuesta parroquial que completamos en febrero ha sido procesada por el Instituto de Liderazgo Católico y discutida por el personal y el consejo pastoral. Pronto estaremos listos para compartir los resultados de la encuesta, así como las metas y prioridades parroquiales establecidas con CLI. Gracias a todos los que participaron.

Pray for Our Beloved Dead

Theresa Barrientos Rafael Castillo Jr.
 Teodoro Castillo Jr.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa

Week/Semana of March April 22-28

Sabado Sunday	5:00 p.m. Sister Maria Garcia 8:00 a.m. Fidela Villarreal 10:00 a.m. Andrea/Manuel/Ruben Gamez 2:00 p.m. Joe/Beatrice/Leonora/Nita Deleon
Domingo-ST	9:00 a.m. Elisa Gutierrez
Domingo-ST	11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
Monday	6:00 p.m. Víctor Garza
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Manuel G. Olivares
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Domingo Reyes III
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Louis V. Zarate
Jueves-ST	7:00 p.m. Resendez Family
Friday	6:00 p.m. Jackuelin Rubi Solorio

Weekly Financial Report Informe Financiero Semanal

FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON April 16, 2023
PARA LA SEMANA QUE TERMINA EN
16 abril 2023

COLLECTIONS	OLS.....	ST
1st Collection	7,123.00.....	1,871.00
Debt Reduction ..	1,646.50	416.00
Candles at Church	180.00.....	40.65
Online Giving Tithes.....	1,148.00.....	65.00
DSA/Maintenance	110.00.....	0
TOTAL.....	\$10,207.50.....	\$2,392.65

Monthly Budget \$57,500
Amount Left to Raise to Meet Budget

\$29,221.28

Father, thank you for your many gifts. Please accept this offering, anoint it with your Spirit, and multiply it for your glory.

Sunday Readings Lecturas Dominicales

*Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023
III Domingo de Pascua, 23 abril 2023*

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Reading II: 1 Pt 1:17-21
Lectura de la primera carta del Pedro 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35
Santo Evangelio según San Lucas 24:13-35

You have a vocation

Have you ever considered the fact that you were created by God for a reason? You are unique and unrepeatable. You have gifts from God that He wants you to use in a particular way for a special reason. You are needed. You are wanted. You're not expendable. God has called you. You have a vocation.

Normally when we think of a “vocation” we only think of the priesthood or religious life, and you might have made the decision that you don’t have a “vocation”. But a vocation is broader than that. It comes from the Latin word “vocare” meaning “to call” and it refers to every time God calls us to do or think a certain thing. It’s an invitation and often a challenge to follow where He’s leading us.

In the Old Testament, Abraham was called to leave his home and move to a new country; Moses was called to break the Israelites out of prison in Egypt; David was called from one job (shepherd) into another (king). In the New Testament, Jesus called His apostles to give up a comfortable way of living and to follow Him. They all had different “vocations”, different “callings”, but they all had one.

You have a vocation, too. When you were baptized and when you put your faith in Christ, you gave up control over your life and submitted to Jesus as your leader, coach, manager, boss, mentor, or whatever you want to call it. He’s the one who should be in charge. And so we see that the first vocation we all have—not just priests and religious sisters—is to be holy. You can’t get around it. Everyone is called to be holy, to turn away from sin, and to live for God.

But how are we called to live out a life of holiness? This is where it will be different for all of us. First, ask God how He wants you to be holy, don’t just assume you know. Second, look at what gifts and talents you have. What are you good at? What do you enjoy doing? Third, consider your situation. Who has God put in your life right now? How can you serve them, influence them positively, bring them closer to God, show them love? Fourth, ask someone more mature in the faith what they think God is calling you to do. Listen to the advice of people wiser than you. And fifth, ask God what state in life He wants for you. Just because you’re attracted to someone doesn’t mean that you are “called” to marry them. If He wants you to be married to a certain person, get married (in the Church, of course!), if He wants you to be a priest, then be a priest, if He wants you to remain single, be joyful in the single life.

Parents and grandparents, the Church desperately needs you to encourage your children to listen to God’s voice over every other. Our world needs young people to discover the gifts that the Lord has given them and to use them for the Kingdom. Sadly, I know that there are some who discourage their children from living for God or from considering the priesthood or religious life. If that is you, know that you are working against God and are becoming an obstacle to Him. Worse, you are leading your children away from God and calling them to listen to other voices, thus making yourself an instrument to God’s enemies. Never forget that God made your children for a reason and He is calling them to do amazing things for our broken world. They are called to the heights of greatness! God wants them to work miracles and destroy systems of corruption. He wants to bring renewal through them into places of darkness and stagnancy.

All our young people have a vocation! You have a vocation! God is calling! Will you listen?

-Fr. Jacob Koether, Pastor

Tú tienes vocación

¿Alguna vez has considerado el hecho de que fuiste creado por Dios por una razón? Eres única e irrepetible. Tienes dones de Dios que Él quiere que uses de una manera particular por una razón especial. eres necesario eres buscado No eres prescindible. Dios te ha llamado. Tienes vocación.

Normalmente cuando pensamos en una “vocación” solo pensamos en el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa, y es posible que hayas tomado la decisión de que no tienes una “vocación”. Pero una vocación es más amplia que eso. Proviene de la palabra latina “vocare” que significa “llamar” y se refiere a cada vez que Dios nos llama a hacer o pensar una determinada cosa. Es una invitación y, a menudo, un desafío para seguir a donde Él nos está guiendo.

En el Antiguo Testamento, Abraham fue llamado a dejar su hogar y mudarse a un nuevo país; Moisés fue llamado para sacar a los israelitas de la prisión de Egipto; David fue llamado de un trabajo (pastor) a otro (rey). En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús llamó a sus apóstoles a renunciar a una forma de vida cómoda y seguirlo. Todos tenían diferentes “vocaciones”, diferentes “llamados”, pero todos tenían uno.

Tú también tienes vocación. Cuando te bautizaste y pusiste tu fe en Cristo, renunciaste al control de tu vida y te sometiste a Jesús como tu líder, entrenador, gerente, jefe, mentor o como quieras llamarlo. Él es quien debería estar a cargo. Y así vemos que la primera vocación que todos tenemos, no solo los sacerdotes y las religiosas, es ser santos. No puedes evitarlo. Todos están llamados a ser santos, a alejarse del pecado ya vivir para Dios.

Pero, ¿cómo estamos llamados a vivir una vida de santidad? Aquí es donde será diferente para todos nosotros. Primero, pregúntale a Dios cómo quiere que seas santo, no asumas que lo sabes. Segundo, mira qué dones y talentos tienes. En qué eres bueno? ¿Qué es lo que le gusta hacer? Tercero, considere su situación. ¿A quién ha puesto Dios en tu vida en este momento? ¿Cómo puedes servirles, influenciarlos positivamente, acercarlos a Dios, mostrarles amor? Cuarto, pregúntale a alguien más maduro en la fe qué cree que Dios te está llamando a hacer. Escucha los consejos de personas más sabias que tú. Y quinto, pregúntale a Dios qué estado de vida quiere Él para ti. El hecho de que te sientas atraído por alguien no significa que estés "llamado" a casarte con esa persona. Si Él quiere que estés casado con cierta persona, cásate (jen la Iglesia, por supuesto!), si Él quiere que seas sacerdote, entonces sé sacerdote, si Él quiere que permanezcas soltero, alégrate en la Vida de soltero.

Padres y abuelos, la Iglesia los necesita desesperadamente para alentar a sus hijos a escuchar la voz de Dios sobre los demás. Nuestro mundo necesita jóvenes para descubrir los dones que el Señor les ha dado y usarlos para el Reino. Tristemente, sé que hay algunos que desalientan a sus hijos de vivir para Dios o de considerar el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa. Si ese es usted, sepa que está obrando en contra de Dios y se está convirtiendo en un obstáculo para Él. Peor aún, estás alejando a tus hijos de Dios y llamándolos a escuchar otras voces, convirtiéndote así en un instrumento para los enemigos de Dios. Nunca olvides que Dios hizo a tus hijos por una razón y los está llamando a hacer cosas asombrosas por nuestro mundo quebrantado. ¡Están llamados a las alturas de la grandeza! Dios quiere que hagan milagros y destruyan los sistemas de corrupción. Él quiere traer renovación a través de ellos a lugares de oscuridad y estancamiento.

¡Todos nuestros jóvenes tienen vocación! ¡Dios está llamando! ¿Escucharás?

-P. Jacob Koether, Párroco

SPEAKERS

Sister Miriam
and
Pastor Larry Green

Embracing Our Faith Retreat

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SATURDAY • APRIL 29, 2023
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
706 E. CRESTWOOD DR,
VICTORIA, TX 77901

RSVP BEFORE FRIDAY,
APRIL 21, 2023
BY CALLING
361-575-3212

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST &
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Support our neighbors on the
northside of town!

Sunday
MAY 7
2023

704 Malette Drive
Victoria, TX

Dine-In Plates Only
Serving 10:30AM-1:00PM

Pork Steak – \$12 a plate
with German Potatoes,
Green Beans & Cole Slaw

Hamburger – \$6 a plate
Perfect for the Kids!

ONLINE AUCTION
Bidding open April 29–May 6, 5pm

LIVE AUCTION
Starting at 12:30PM

RAFFLE
after the Auction

Games • Great Family Fun • Something for Everyone!

An Invitation to a Workshop on Prayer and Spirituality

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, at **In-carnate Word Convent**, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, is hosting the workshop, **"Who is a Mystic? Living Contemplatively in a Busy World"**, **April 29, 2023**, which will be facilitated by Jeannette Easley, Director of **Ruah Spirituality Center**, Houston, Tx. A description of a mystic with examples of mystics through the centuries will be given which will be inspiring, attractive and alluring to us for our own spirituality.

Workshop is from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
Sign-In is at 9:30 AM.

Park in the front of the convent.
A free-will offering will be accepted.

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM)

VCAM, located behind Our Lady of Lourdes, offers many services to the needy in our area and they could use our help. Below is a report of their services and some of the items they could use.

February Services

Total Households Served –	1093
Total Number in Households –	2937
Food Boxes –	888
Basic Needs -	3275
Home Delivery -	19
Financial Assistance –	53
# Homeless Served –	117
# Homeless Visits -	534
*1 st time VCAM Clients Served –	61

VCAM is requesting donations-not only money, but also nonperishable food items, toiletries, and clothing.

If you choose to give, please take items directly to VCAM, located at 108 N Liberty St, Victoria, TX 77901. Do not bring any items to the parish church or office

Parish Calendar-Calendario Parroquial

April 22-30, 2023

Saturday 22

8am-12pm Elementary Faith Formation Sacraments Retreat at Trinity Hall and OLS Church
4pm Confession/Confesión
5pm Misa en OLS

Sunday 23: Third Sunday of Easter

Mass at OLS	Misa at ST
8am, 10am, 2pm	9am, 11am
Confesión en ST	8:30am, 10:30am

3:30pm English Baptisms

Monday 24

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

Tuesday 25

6pm Mass in OLS chapel
6pm Tu, yo y Cristo retreat planning meeting in Guadalupe Center
6:30pm Men's Ministry in Trinity Hall

Wednesday 26

6pm Mass in OLS main church
6:30pm Rosary in OLS chapel
6:45pm Alpha Session 9—Why and how should I tell others?—in Trinity Hall

Thursday 27

6pm Mass in OLS chapel
6pm KC Officers' Meeting in Guadalupe Center
7pm Misa en español en ST

Friday 28

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

Saturday 29

4pm Confession/Confesión
5pm Misa en OLS

Sunday 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday

Mass at OLS	Misa at ST
8am, 10am, 2pm	9am, 11am
Confesión en ST	8:30am, 10:30am

Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?