

5th Sunday of Easter



May 7, 2023

V 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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To Be Married

Congratulations to:

Stephen Javier Keen and Marie Concepcion
Castanon for the celebration of
Marriage on May 13

Oscar A. Zavala and Maria I. Alvarado for the
celebration of Marriage on May 20

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. If there is any reason you know why they should not be married, or for more information on how to begin the wedding preparation process, please contact the parish office.

Pray for Our Beloved Dead

Margaret Martinez

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul 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 May 6-12

Sabado Sunday	5:00 p.m. Flouren and Mary R. Sauseda 8:00 a.m. Sue Molina 10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family 2:00 p.m. Inocencio 'Trey' Robles III
Domingo-ST	9:00 a.m. Fr. Raul Rendon/Fr. Juan Antonio Perez/Fr. Alberto Rodriguez
Domingo-ST	11:00 a.m. Alicia Guerra
Monday	6:00 p.m. John M. Cantu
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Kenneth Debnar
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Francisco and Adelida Espinosa
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Mary Gonzales (Special Intention)
Jueves-ST	7:00 p.m. Roger and Samantha Morales
Friday	6:00 p.m. Eva Lara

Weekly Financial Report Informe Financiero Semanal

FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON April 30, 2023
PARA LA SEMANA QUE TERMINA EN
30 abril 2023

COLLECTIONS	OLS.....	ST
1st Collection	7,192.94.....	1,889.02
Debt Reduction ..	1,304.50	567.00
Candles at Church	174.00.....	83.05
Online Giving Tithes.....	1,288.00.....	0
DSA/Maintenance	160.00.....	0
TOTAL.....	\$10,169.44.....	\$2,539.07

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

\$6,449.72

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 Dominicanas

*Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023
V Domingo de Pascua, 7 mayo 2023*

Reading I: Acts 6:1-7
Lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Reading II: 1 Pt 2:4-9
Lectura de la primera carta del Pedro 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12
Santo Evangelio según San Juan 14:1-12

Spiritual and Religious

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular YouTube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

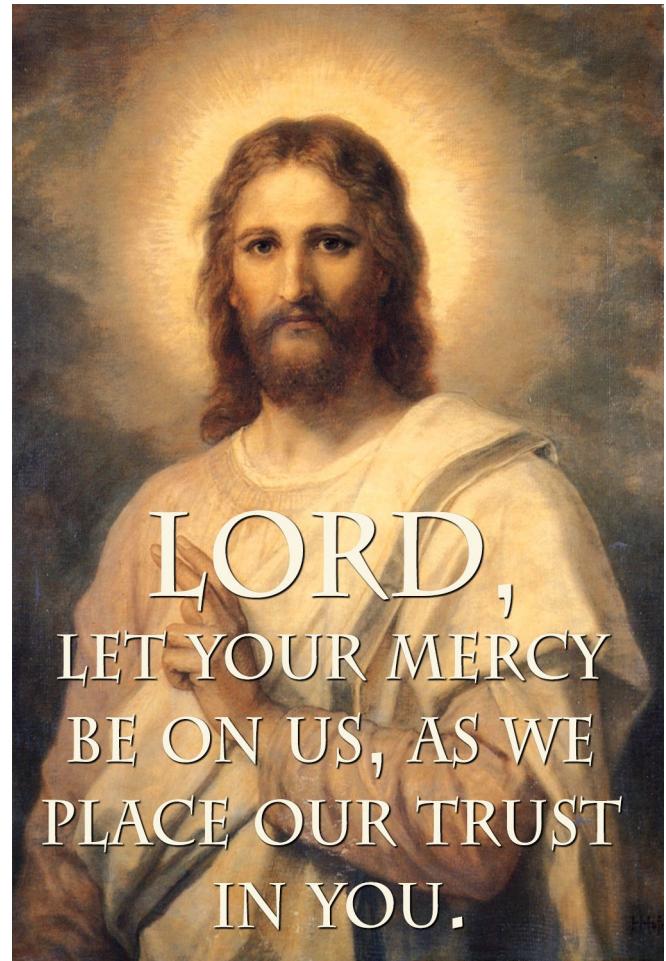
Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan Publishing (the bulletin provider), God bless!



Espiritual y Religioso

A menudo se hace la pregunta de por qué necesitamos la religión. ¿No podemos ser simplemente una persona espiritual y hablar directamente con Dios? Especialmente a raíz del escándalo, ¿no parece que todas las instituciones humanas han fallado de una forma u otra en transmitir el Evangelio a todas las personas en todo momento?

Hace años, un video muy popular de Youtube mostraba a un hombre hablando poesías y afirmando que amaba a Jesús pero odiaba la religión. Esta parece ser una respuesta moderna a las horribles tragedias que han ocurrido en las instituciones religiosas a lo largo de la historia, y estas tragedias nunca deben pasar desapercibidas y las víctimas de estas tragedias nunca deben ser olvidadas.

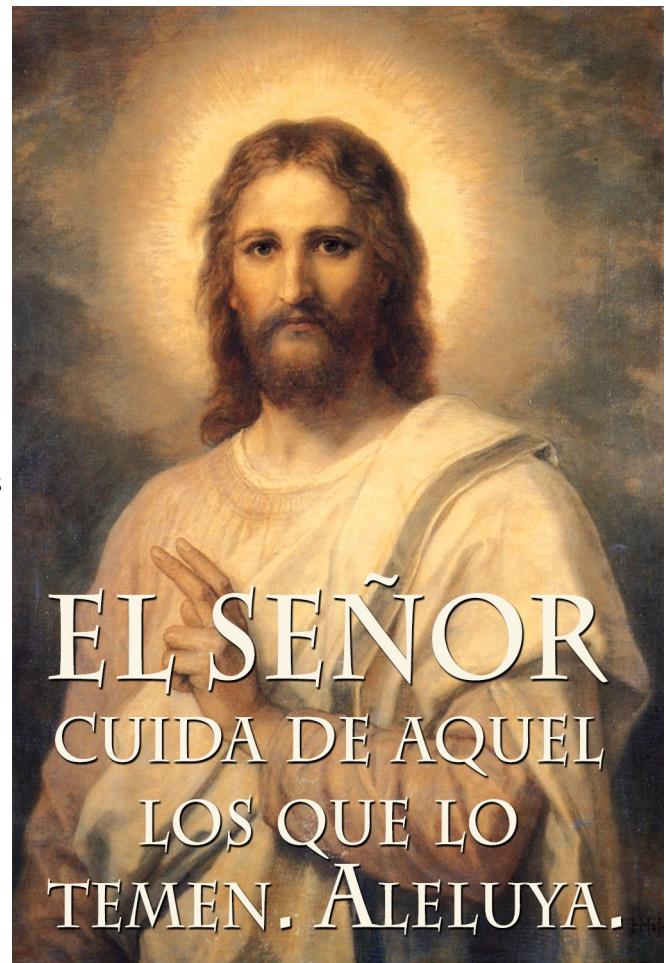
Aunque puede provenir de una preocupación genuina para las personas decir que no necesitan la religión, está claro desde el principio que Jesús fundó una religión, una Iglesia visible. Sabía mejor que nadie que la gente podía acudir directamente a él, pero no lo configuró de esa manera. En la Primera Lectura de hoy escuchamos una hermosa historia de la Iglesia primitiva organizando y ordenando más sacerdotes para atender las crecientes necesidades del rebaño. Desde el mismo comienzo en Hechos 6 vemos la necesidad de una Iglesia visible que pueda llevar el Cristo visible a personas visibles con necesidades tangibles.

Por supuesto que siempre podemos ir directamente a Dios, pero como seres humanos a menudo nos estorbamos a nosotros mismos. Conozco a muchos amigos protestantes que le piden perdón a Dios directamente y luego tienen que luchar con juegos mentales preguntándose si realmente están arrepentidos. Uno de los beneficios de una Iglesia visible y sacramentos visibles es que no tenemos que adivinar. Incluso los católicos pueden ir directamente a Dios y hacer un acto de contrición perfecto, pero el derecho canónico nos exige que confesemos nuestros pecados a un sacerdote, no porque la Iglesia quiera asegurarse de que nos sintamos avergonzados por nuestros pecados, sino para que podamos tener la seguridad del perdón.

Aunque la Iglesia no es perfecta porque está llena de gente muy pecadora, incluyendo a mí mismo, ser espiritual y no religioso constantemente nos deja preguntándonos o preocupándonos acerca de nuestra posición ante Dios. Con los Sacramentos no debemos preocuparnos, tenemos la seguridad de Cristo.

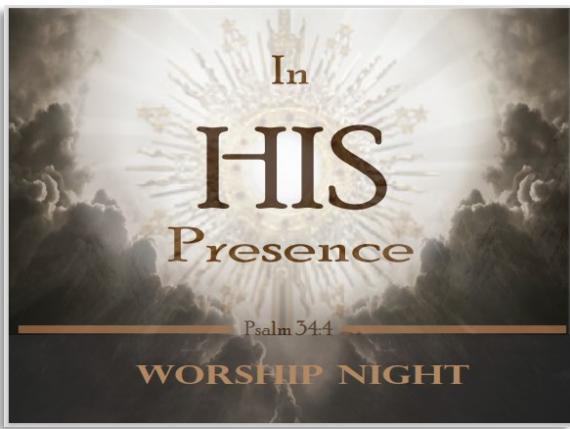
Así que ten esperanza durante este tiempo pascual de que Dios ha establecido una Iglesia, que es un cuerpo visible con autoridad, y que al vivir en esta Iglesia podemos estar seguros de que Dios está obrando para nuestra salvación, a pesar de las cosas que hacemos o las mentiras que creemos. ¿Por qué no tener lo mejor de ambos mundos? Procuremos en este tiempo de Pascua ser espirituales y también religiosos, aferrándonos a la esperanza que Jesús trae a través de su muerte y resurrección.

De parte de todos nosotros aquí en Diocesan Publishing (el proveedor del boletín), ¡Dios los bendiga!



In His Presence Worship Night

Tuesday, April 11, after the 6 pm Mass in the OLS main church. Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship Music. The night also includes a talk, confession, prayer teams



New Priestly Ordinations

Please pray for two of our diocesan seminarians who will be ordained priests May 13. Luke Prihoda (pictured left) will serve at St. Rose of Lima in Schulenberg, and Ryan Kapavik (pictured right) will serve at Holy Family in Victoria as well as the Chaplain to the Victoria Police Department



OLS/ST Parish Women's Retreat Joy of Reconciliation

May 19-21 in Trinity Hall

Friday 6-8pm
Saturday 8am-5pm
Sunday 8am
Will attend 10am Sunday Mass,
meal to follow



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

May 6-14, 2023

Saturday 6

4pm Confession/Confesión

5pm Misa en OLS

Sunday 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Second Collection—Retired and Special Need Collection for Priests of the Victoria Diocese

Mass at OLS Misa at ST

8am, 10am, 2pm 9am, 11am

Confesión en ST 8:30am, 10:30am

Monday May 8

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

7pm Baptism Session 2 in CCD Building/
Clase de preparación del bautismo Sesión 2 en CCD Building

Tuesday 9

6pm Mass in OLS main church

6pm Tu, yo y Cristo retreat planning
meeting in Guadalupe Center

6:45 pm *In His Presence* Worship
Night in OLS main church

Wednesday 10

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

6:30pm Rosary in OLS chapel

6:45pm Alpha Session 11—What

about the Church?—in Trinity Hall

Thursday 11

**Trinity Hall Closed—floor to be
stripped and waxed**

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

6:30pm Boy Scouts in Guadalupe
Center

7pm Misa en español en ST

Friday 12

**Trinity Hall Closed—floor to be
stripped and waxed**

6pm Mass in OLS chapel

Saturday 13

**Trinity Hall Closed—floor to be
stripped and waxed**

4pm Confession/Confesión

5pm Misa en OLS

Sunday 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Anniversary Blessings

Mass at OLS Misa at ST

8am, 10am, 2pm 9am, 11am

Confesión en ST 8:30am, 10:30am