



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Rectory, Cemetery and
Faith Formation Offices

March 7, 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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For updated or changes in our parish news, "LIKE" our Facebook pages --
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Cross Faith Formation, and Holy Cross Cemetery.

Diocese of Victoria Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrange with Father six months before wedding date.

QUINCEANERA: Arregla con el padre antes de los quince años.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM and by appointment

ADORATION: Thursday from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions.

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday – 8:00 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



Monday	8		NO MASS
Tuesday	9	6:00PM	+Gene Mrkwa, and KJT & KJZT L&D
Wednesday	10	7:00AM	+Jerome Kucera
Thursday	11	7:00AM	+James Ryza
Friday	12	6:30PM 7:00PM	Stations of the Cross +Tom Kucera
Saturday	13	5:00PM	+Monica Krenek
Sunday	14	7:00AM	+Wayne Robinson
Sunday	14	9:00AM	+ Jody, Frank & Agnes Polak
Sunday	14	11:00AM	+Rafael Cervantes

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Saturday, March 13 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Kramr

Lector: Susan Walters

Ushers: Daniel & Dennis Viktorin

Eucharistic Ministers: Melinda Avarado, Lynn Pyle

Choir: Kutach

Sunday, March 14– 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Brandon Rucka

Lector: Renee Hlavinka

Ushers: Dennis & Raymond Polak

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Carpenter, Janice Polak

Choir: Mucka

Sunday, March 14 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Rylee Vacek

Lector: Rudy Vacek

Ushers: Jarrod Cavness Fam.

Eucharistic Ministers: Tyna Vacek, Joey Pitman

Choir: WVR

Sunday, March 14– 11:00 A.M. Spanish Mass

Servers: Alejandra R.

Lector: Adriana T.

Ushers: Fam. Urquiza

Eucharistic Ministers: Yolanda R.

***During Flu and COVID season please find a sub if you are unable to serve on your day.**

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 397

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4989.00

Parish Development: \$1680.00

CRS Rice Bowl Sundays of Lent & Easter Sunday (except March 14th): \$223.75

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:

For Wilburn & Shirley Karasek in memory of the Karasek and Pavlicek families.


Flowers for the Altar: Lent

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Intentions are available on a first come, first served basis. An offering of \$5 is requested for the priest celebrating the Mass. Intentions are most often for the deceased but can also be for the living e.g., birthday blessings, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving.

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS: Intentions are available on a first come, first served basis. An offering of \$5 is requested for the candle. The candle will burn for your intentions for one week.

Please plan ahead if you want specific dates.



 <p>Seth Joe MDA WDM MJM MP Virginia Acuna Hector & Zilfa Aguilar J P & Margaret Anderson Joseph Andrews Melvin Baca Barbara Baker David Barta J.D. Bartek Gene Bartosh Lawrence Bartosh A.J. Bennetsen Cindy Bezdek Clifton Bram Frank Buxkemper Michelle Carson Rebecca Carson Estaban Castaneda Bernice Cavness Florence Chernohorsky Dustin Chudalla</p>	<p>Gracie Cordova Michael Cromeans Mark Daigle Alphonse David, Jr. Lucas Drews Drew Dunbar Gladys Dusek Joe Dusek Kenneth Dusek Stanley Dusek Anton Dybala Margaret Flagg Fred & Adlena Fojtik Sandra Fuechec Bernice Futschik Bill Gerke A.C. Grahmann Angeline Grigar Carl Gurecky Amanda Guthman Linda Habeeb Edward Halcom Ranae Hairston Walter Herrera Ben & Penny Herrera Robert Heimann Raymond Hennecke Richard Henning Mary O. Hernandez Rebecca Hewitt Jake Hiatt Marge Hlavinka Mary Hoot</p>	<p>Daniel Xavier Huidor Albina Jasek Richard B. Johech Blake Johnson Lynnlea Johnson Gene & Joan Karasek Larry Karasek Leo Kolafa, Sr. David Kopecky E.J. & Mary E. Kramr Daphne Kresta John Kubes Brandie LaFleur Braeden Landgrebe Dorothy Layton Liam Danilo Lopez Vicente Lopez Monica Losoya Patrick Macha Lauren McPherson Gertrude Majewski Alvin Marek Ray Marek Jake Marik JP Marik Margie Meeks Rudy & Cara Mekulec Linda Melnar Barbara Michalec Dianne Knippa-Mendoza Charlie & Agnes Minks Mary Montalvo</p>	<p>Margaret Moore Joe Morse Judy Mueller Raymond & Wilhelmina Muniza Gary Muniz Rusty Neuendorff Buddy Oldag Ma-Guadalupe Orozco Isidra Olvera Frankie Orsak Larry Pace Linda Parish Traci Paul Mark Pilcik Erick Patino Bernie Polansky D.R. Powers Bernice Pribyl Rose Repka Robert Rodriguez Robert Rosenbaum Emily Sanchez Pedro Sanchez Isaiah Sandoval Amy Saucedo Gayla Schimek Debbie Schneider Loraine Schneider Louis Schorlemmer Steven Sheron Roman & Georgie Sliva Albert Smaistrila</p>	<p>Jodie Smaistrila K.L. Smith Cindy Sodolak Hector Soliz Sonny Jessie Soto James Stavinoha Beatrice Stelzel Marcie Stenvall Kim Sulak Hailey Svoboda Weston Swoboda Stephen Swoboda Ed Talas Diane & Phil Teykl Victor Tichacek Deacon David Valdez Pat Vacek Irene Vasquez Dennis Viktorin Chuck Waligura Bernard (BJ) Wendel Herbert Wendel Bill Whitley Ann Doris Wicke Charlie Wicke Graysen Wieghat Theresa Wysocki Leo Zapien Brock Zimmerman Mildred Zurovec</p>
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Pray for all the sick in our parish, the home-bound, those in the hospital and in the nursing home.
Please send us a note or call us at 979-335-7551 x2 if you want to add or remove someone.

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins every
Thursday after the 7:00 A.M. Mass and closes at 7:00 PM**



Adoration!
**Look for the signpost in
back of the church.**



Faith Formation
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Regular classes

Hungerford Hall BBQ Chicken & Sausage Dinner: Sunday, March 7,2021. Serving begins at 10:30am. Drive Thru only. All proceeds benefit the upkeep of the hall.

Building Fund: Kay & Don Elliott, & Carolyn Gertson in memory of Bennie Kubicek. Joey Pitman, Carolyn Gertson, Jesse & Amy Tovar all in memory of Jerome Kucera. Carolyn Gerston in memory of Rosemary Brewer, Larry Tichacek, and Adolph Jurecek. Mary Kay Williams, Sharon Taylor, Madeleine Peace, and Carolyn Gertson all in memory of Wilburn Matthews.

Scholarship Fund: Mary Kay Williams. Sharon Taylor, Madeleine Peace, Ray Novak, & Albert & Bernadette Horelica all in memory of Jerome Kucera. Mary Kay Williams. Sharon Taylor, Madeleine Peace in memory of Larry Tichacek. C.J. & Dolores Fucik in memory of Rosemary Brewer, Sylvia Preisler, Bennie Kubicek, and Wilburn Matthews.

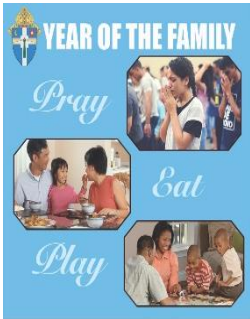
Cemetery Fund: Mary Kay Williams. Sharon Taylor, Madeleine Peace in memory of Bennie Kubicek.

KJT Society #40 Scholarship Fund: KJT #40 in memory of Jerome Kucera.

KJT Society #40 Renovation Fund: Raymond & Margie David in memory of Bennie Kubicek. Edwin C. Marik in memory of Larry Tichacek and Jerome Kucera.

Grief Support Retreat: For parents who have lost a child of any age, no matter how long ago. **Saturday, March 13,2021, 10am-4pm, 108 S, 6th Street Ganado, TX 77962**
This day will include the opportunity to pray, listen to presentations by clergy and other parents who have lost a child, and meet others on the grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything that day, and may just remain silent and listen if they'd like. For more information, please contact Patricia Hoelscher 979-257-9984, phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org or Deacon Larry Hoelscher, 979-578-3934, lhoelscher@victoriadiocese.org.

Registration is FREE and required in advance for lunch count and materials.
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support>



MARCH- Year of the Family

Covenant: God makes us family.

See February Family info. Sheet for fun activities!
Check out the diocesan website for more information:
<https://victoriadiocese.org/year-of-the-family>

March 7th: Pray: In silent prayer, reflect on God’s promises.
Eat: Remember to pray before AND after your meals!
Play: Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

You can also submit intentions for each month, anonymously, via our [digital prayer jar](https://www.victoriadiocese.org/pray)
Submit your prayers to the Diocese Digital Prayer Jar: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/pray>

St. Bernard Council, # 2500 Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Meeting Room. Please call Grand Knight Richard Carpenter at 360-606-0302 for more information. **Next meeting Tuesday, April 6th, 7:00pm.**

KJT Society #40 meet on the second Tuesday of every other month, at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall. Please call Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 for more information. **Next meeting Tuesday, March 9th 7:00pm.**

Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, meet on the third Monday of the month, in the Holy Cross Meeting Room, beginning at 7 p.m. For more info, contact Regent Henriette Jalowy, 281-989-7575. **Next meeting Monday, March 15th @ 7:00pm.**

Baptism Classes are offered quarterly: Next Class is **March 17th.**

For information call Patsy Krennek, 979-335-7551 ext.4

Every second Saturday of the month our local CARE needs help serving our less fortunate. If interested just show up. CR 291 next to EB Air.

Lent Rice Bowl collections: Due to COVID we will not pass the rice bags. The ushers will take up the regular collection then come around again for the Catholic relief Services Rice Bowl collection.

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Mass.
Catholics may NOT EAT MEAT on ALL Fridays of Lent.

Disciples on the Journey: No small groups for Lent. If you and your family would like to do weekly devotion and sharing, go to Victoria Diocese website and click on Disciples on the Journey. Teen, family, and adult booklets are available to copy. (No booklets will be available in church this year because of COVID.) **If anyone would like a hard copy, please call the office and I will print one for you.**



FISH FRY

East Bernard Knights of Columbus #2500
2021 Annual Lent Fish Fry

Location Riverside Hall East Bernard, TX	Every Friday Night February 19 - March 26 SERVING 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Location Riverside Hall East Bernard, TX
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DRIVE-THRU ONLY: \$12.00 per plate

FISH FILLETS, MAC & CHEESE, HUSH PUPPIES,
COLE SLAW, BEANS, & CONDIMENTS
\$10.00 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ALL KC MEMBERS
GRAND PRIZE - \$1000 GIFT CARD. DRAWING - APRIL 11, 2021

Proceeds To Benefit Local Scholarships and Charities.

KofC #2500 Annual Lent Fish Fry
Every Friday Night thru March 26th
Serving 5pm -7:30pm

Riverside Hall
Drive-Thru only: \$12.00 per plate

**Fish, Mac & Cheese, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw,
Beans & Condiments.**

**\$10.00 Raffle Tickets available
from all KC members**



Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Desserts for sale at the Lent Fish Fry.

THE PURIFICATION OF THE TEMPLE AND OF RELIGION

The Gospel today, tells us about the purification of the temple. It also announces the replacement of the old temple with the new one. We are the new temple, but like the old, we often need purification from all that hinders our offering up to God acceptable sacrifices.

The second reading shows what kind of purification the Church needs: St. Paul tells us that we must avoid reasoning like the "Jews" and the "Greeks". The first reading, the Decalogue, shows us concretely which sacrifices are acceptable to God. It is an invitation to purify our religion of false notions that do not give proof of our love for God and love of our neighbors.

During Lent, let us make every effort to fulfill the demands of the commandments which Jesus puts them in simple terms for us:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 15: 34)

Blessings!

Fr. Charles



LA PURIFICACIÓN DEL TEMPLO Y DE LA RELIGIÓN

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de la purificación del templo. También anuncia la sustitución del antiguo templo por el nuevo. Somos el templo nuevo, pero al igual que el antiguo, a menudo necesitamos la purificación de todo lo que obstaculiza nuestra ofrenda a los sacrificios aceptables de Dios.

La segunda lectura muestra qué tipo de purificación necesita la Iglesia: San Pablo nos dice que debemos evitar razonar como los "judíos" y los "griegos". La primera lectura, el Decálogo, nos muestra concretamente qué sacrificios son agradables a Dios. Es una invitación a purificar nuestra religión de nociones falsas que no dan prueba de nuestro amor a Dios y amor al prójimo.

Durante la Cuaresma, hagamos todo lo posible para cumplir las exigencias de los mandamientos que Jesús nos pone en términos sencillos:

"Un mandamiento nuevo les doy: que se amen los unos a los otros. Como yo los he amado, deben amarse los unos a los otros (Juan 15:34)

¡Bendiciones!

Fr. Charles