HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah, Pastor
(979)335-7551
Rectory, Cemetery and Faith Formation Offices

APRIL 25, 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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	26		NO MASS
Tuesday	27	6:00PM	+ Sophie Korenek +Louis Srubar
Wednesday	28	7:00AM	+Jimmie Losack
Thursday	29	7:00AM	+Bennie Kubicek
Friday	30	7:00AM	+Jerome Kucera
Saturday	1	5:00PM	Florence Holmes & +Dean Kemp
Sunday	2	7:00AM	+Estelle Barta
Sunday	2	9:00AM	+Margaret Smaistrla
Sunday	2	11:00AM	Parishioners

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ***If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a sub.**

Saturday, May 1 – 5:00 P.M. Mass
Servers: Jonah Kubena
Lector: Katie Barta
Ushers: Frank Kubes Fam.
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Kubena, Brian Barta
Choir: Kutach

Sunday, May 2– 7:00 A.M. Mass
Servers: Ralston Chumchal
Lector: Tara Kubena
Ushers: Dwayne Mrkwa, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: David & Susan Tomchesson
Choir: Wisdom

Sunday, May 2 – 9:00 A.M. Mass
Servers: Cavness Kids
Lector: Patricia Michulka
Ushers: Jarrod Cavness Fam.
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Michulka, Martha Prochaska
Choir: WVR

Sunday, May 2– 11:00 A.M. Spanish Mass
Servers: Emily S.
Lector: Rogelio A.
Ushers: Fam. Contreras
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria B.

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 354
Your Gift to God Last Weekend: $5,084.00
Parish Development: $500.00
Second Collection today April 24th/25th Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Alan and Cindy Pribyl in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings!

Flowers for the Altar: Easter flowers donated by our parishioners in memory and in honor of our loved ones and our special intentions.

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.

Seth
Joe
MDA
WDM
MJM
MP
Virginia Acuna
Hector & Zilfa Aguilar
Isac Aguilar
J P & Margaret Anderson
Joseph Andrews
Melvin Baca
Barbara Baker
David Barta
J.D. Bartek
Gene Bartosh
Lawrence Bartosh
Denise Bates
A.J. Bennetsen
Cindy Bezdek
Clifton Bram
Frank Buxkemper
Michelle Carson
Rebecca Carson
Estaban Castaneda
Bernice Cavness
Florence Chernohorsky
Dustin Chudalla

Gracie Cordova
Michael Cromeans
Jose Cubias
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
Gabby
Bill Gerke
A.C. Grahmann
Angeline Grigar
Carl Gurecky
Amanda Guthman
Linda Habeeb
Edward Halcom
Ben & Penny Herrera
Robert Heimann
Raymond Hennecke
Richard Henning
Mary O. Hernandez
Rebecca Hewitt
Jake Hiatt
Marge Hlavinka
Mary Hoot
Daniel Xavier Huidor
Josh Huss

Charlie Janecek
Albina Jasek
Richard B. Jochec
Blake Johnson
Lynnlea Johnson
Jordan
Gene & Joan Karasek
Larry Karasek
Leo Kolafa, Sr.
David Kopecky
E.J. & Mary E. Kramr
Daphne Kresta
Marty Krupp
John Kubes
Brandie LaFleur
Braeden Landgrebe
Dorothy Layton
Liam
Danilo Lopez
Vicente Lopez
Monica Losoya
Marley
Debbie Macha
Patrick Macha
Lauren McPherson
Gertrude Majewski
Alvin Marek
Ray Marek
Jake Marik
JP Marik
Rudy & Cara Mekulec
Linda Melnar
Barbara Michalec
Dianne Knippa-Mendoza
Charlie Minks

Mary Montalvo
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
Mary Soto Reyes
Robert Rodriguez
Robert Rosenbaum
Emily Sanchez
Pedro Sanchez
Isaiah Sandoval
Amy Saucedo
Gayla Schimek
Debbie Schneider
Loraine Schneider
Steven Sheron
Roman & Georgie Sliva
Albert Smaistrla

Jodie Smaistrla
K.L. Smith
Cindy Sodolak
Hector Soliz
Sonny
Jessie Soto
James Stavinoha
Beatrice Stelzel
Marcie Stenvall
Kim Sulak
Harry Supak
Hailey Svoboda
Weston Swoboda
Stephen Swoboda
Ed Talas
Diane & Phil Teykl
Victor Tichacek
Linda Tompson
Deacon David Valdez
Pat Vacek
Irene Vasquez
Dennis Viktorin
Chuck Waligura
Allison Warren
Bernard (BJ) Wendel
Herbert Wendel
Bill Whitley
Ann Doris Wicke
Charlie Wicke
Graysen Wieghat
Theresa Wysocki
Maria de Jesus Zamorano
Leo Zapien
Brock Zimmerman
Mildred Zurovec

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 signup sheet in back of the church.

Cemetery Fund: Ray Novak in memory of Agnes Minks. Ed & Judy Schneider in memory of Larry Minks, Louis Schorlemmer, Lester Dorris, and Agnes Minks.

Building Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Uhyrek in memory of Agnes Minks.

Scholarship Fund: Albert & Bernadette Horelica in memory of Agnes Minks.
C.J. & Dolores Fucik in memory of Larry Minks, Agnes Minks and Larry Tichacek

P. Charles viajará a Ghana este verano. Su viaje fue cancelado el año pasado debido a COVID. Si desea enviarle algo para que lo comparta con su familia, amigos y cualquier persona que lo necesite, por favor traiga los artículos a la rectoría antes de fines de abril. Los artículos serán enviados, demora alrededor de 3 meses para la entrega de los envíos. Se aceptarán artículos como ropa bonita de verano, artículos de tocador, útiles escolares / de oficina, artículos pequeños de cocina y artículos que ya no use. Las donaciones monetarias para ayudar con los gastos de viaje del padre también serían una bendición. Si lo sientes en tu corazón para compartir, ¡será muy apreciado! Si hace una donación monetaria, por favor colóquela en un sobre marcado como "Fr. Charles, viaje a casa", puede dejar el sobre en la colección o en la caja del porche o llevarlo a la oficina de la Iglesia.

Fr. Charles will be taking a trip home to Ghana this summer. His trip was canceled last year due to COVID. If you would like to send something for him to share with family, friends and anyone in need please bring items to the rectory by the end of April. The items will be shipped, it takes about 3 months for delivery of shipments. Items such as nice summer clothing, toiletries, office/school supplies, small kitchen items, items you no longer use will be accepted. Monetary donations to help with Father's travel expenses would be a blessing as well. If you feel it in your heart to share, it will be very much appreciated! If making a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope marked "Fr. Charles trip home" you may drop the envelope in the collection or in the box on the porch or bring to the Church office.

APRIL- Year of the Family

Resurrection: Jesus Lives!
See April Family info. Sheet for fun activities!
Check out the diocesan website for more information:
https://victoriadiocese.org/year-of-the-family

April 25th: Pray: Pray one Glory Be before bed every night in thanksgiving for your blessings. **Eat:** Use our April handout to start a discussion during your meal. **Play:** Participate in an at-home Easter retreat! See website for more information.

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

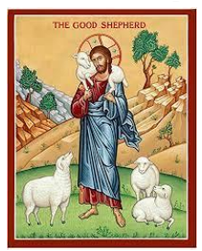
CARE: The East Bernard local CARE center is looking for board members if you are interested, please call Cynthia Klotze @ 281-881-8585.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS ONE WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

The image of the Good Shepherd was perhaps the favorite early Christian image of our Savior. Every year the Liturgy of the fourth Sunday after Easter presents the theme of the "Good Shepherd" and draws our attention to its various aspects. The Gospel of this year considers the courage of the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

The second reading tells us of the gift of life that God has bestowed on all people in this world. The Christian should not fear to give up his life because he knows that death cannot destroy the life that God has put in him; giving up one's life is necessary so that the fullness of life may be revealed. The first reading is also linked to this theme: the central part describes what happened to Christ, the "true shepherd."

Christ is still seeking out the sheep who have strayed away or have never been near him. But he needs feet to go where they are, hands to reach out to them, tongues to speak to them his warm words of invitation and welcome. We are the feet, the hands and the mouth of the Good Shepherd.



Blessings!

Fr. Charles.

EL BUEN PASTOR ES EL QUE DA SU VIDA

La imagen del Buen Pastor fue quizás la imagen cristiana primitiva favorita de nuestro Salvador. Cada año, la liturgia del cuarto domingo después de Pascua presenta el tema del "Buen Pastor" y llama nuestra atención sobre sus diversos aspectos. El Evangelio de este año considera la valentía del buen pastor que da su vida por las ovejas.

La segunda lectura nos habla del don de la vida que Dios ha otorgado a todas las personas de este mundo. El cristiano no debe temer entregar su vida porque sabe que la muerte no puede destruir la vida que Dios ha puesto en él; Es necesario renunciar a la propia vida para que se revele la plenitud de la vida. La primera lectura también está vinculada a este tema: la parte central describe lo que le sucedió a Cristo, el "verdadero pastor".

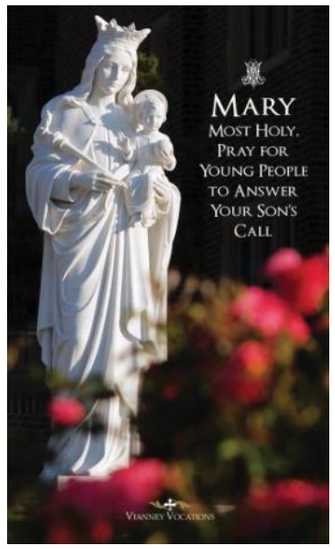
Cristo todavía está buscando a las ovejas que se han descarriado o que nunca han estado cerca de él. Pero necesita pies para ir a donde están, manos para alcanzarlos, lenguas para hablarles sus cálidas palabras de invitación y bienvenida. Somos los pies, las manos y la boca del Buen Pastor.

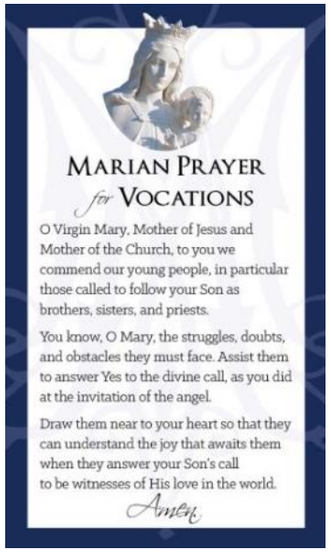
Bendiciones!

Fr. Charles.

Kolache Klobase Festival June 12th

Silent Auction items are needed Contact Janice Polak @ 979-533-0178. For Monetary Donations Contact Big Ed Marik @ 979-335-6402 or 979-282-1209. Thank you for your support!





Knights of Columbus Scholarship: The scholarship application for the Knights of Columbus #2500 is ready to be picked up at the EBHS counselor's office. If you are a KC Member, tell your child to pick up an application. If your child is being home-schooled during COVID or your child attends a different school other than EBISD, contact Donald Buxkemper at 832-259-5746 to get an application. Deadline for mailing in the scholarship application **is April 30, 2021**.

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, May 4th, 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, May 11th 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, May 17th @ 7:00pm.**

Baptism Classes are offered quarterly: **Next Class to be announced.**
For information call Patsy Krenek, 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.

Diocesan News!

Meeting for Grieving parents: Coping with the death of a child is very difficult. Parents are in a place they have never been before, often overwhelmed by the grief that follows. Grief does not end in a prescribed number of days, weeks, months, or years. We are a group of parents who have lost a child and will walk this grief journey with you whether your loss is recent or in the past.

Monthly Meetings take place from 6:30- 8:30PM at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 108 S. 6th Street, Ganado.

Meetings include the opportunity to pray, listen to presentations by clergy and other parents who have lost a child, and meet other on the grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything and may just remain silent and listen if they'd like. Registration is FREE using the online form below.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10.

Please also save the date for a weekend retreat Oct. 29-31 at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. For more information, please contact Patricia Hoelscher 979-257-9984, phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org or Deacon Larry Hoelscher, 979-578-3934, lhoelscher@victoriadiocese.org. Meeting dates and webpage for grief support: https://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support

CAMP DAVID and HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER RETREATS REGISTRATION OPEN! **https://victoriadiocese.org/high-school-retreat-2021**
https://victoriadiocese.org/camp-david

Life After Divorce: A day of reflection for anyone who has experienced divorce or separation.
Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 9am to 3:15pm at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria
All who have experienced divorce or separation are invited to a day of reflection at the Spiritual Renewal Center, the retreat center of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. Presenters will include Bishop Brendan Cahill, and there will be ample time for reflection, prayer and silence. Just $10 to register via the form below. *The address of the Spiritual Renewal Center is 718 Gussie Schmidt Rd, Victoria, TX 77905. Lunch is included with registration.*

GET YOUR TICKETS! Father Donald Calloway, MIC is the author of the worldwide phenomenon "Consecration to St. Joseph" which has sold thousands of copies all around the world. He will be coming to Victoria on **Thursday, May 27** for a presentation and book signing at the Cathedral Center of Our Lady of Victory starting at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and catechists for their dedication to our Faith Formation Program.

Rachel Kulcak
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Penny Tyler
Vicky Alvarado
Bonnie Kocurek
Pamela Youngblood
Melinda Alvarado
RoxAnn Anders
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Tori Koenig
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