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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

### Purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving

Dear friends, at every moment the earth is full of the mercy of God, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvellous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude. But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit. The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children. Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life. Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin. There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace. The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

- From a sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great

#### Our Lady of the Gulf

Monday, February 27 8:05 a.m. Special Intention by Mr & Mrs. Hoelscher

Tuesday, February 28 8:05 a.m. Jesus & Carmen Hernandez † by Family

Wednesday, March 1 8:05 a.m. Edgar & Lillian Besetzny † by Caleb Krischke

#### 3:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Confession (in back confessional)

Thursday, March 2 8:05 a.m. Melissa Weaver † by Rosy & Kenny Weaver

#### Friday, March 3 FIRST FRIDAY

8:05 a.m. Deceased Knights of Columbus Council 3253 and Catholic Daughter Court 2267 Members

10:00 a.m. @ Port Lavaca Nursing & Rehab Theresa Tran† by Sr. Theresa

#### 6:00 p.m. -

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in the back confessional

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 4 FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Confession

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass - Sandra Paul † by Family

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Confession 5:30 p.m. Matthew Kasper †

# Sunday, March 5

by Mary Kasper

8:00 a.m. Delfina Servantes † by Frank Servantes & Family

10:00 a.m. Diana Sue Garcia † by Margaret Escalante

12:00 p.m. Ramon Moreno † and Johnny Moreno † by Raymond & Mary Moreno

**First Thursday Holy Hour for Vocations:** 

The Eucharistic Holy Hours to pray for Vocations

will be hosted by a different parish each month.

Please join in whenever you can:

March 2 - 6:00 PM - St. Ann, Point Comfort

No Holy Hour in April

May 4 - 6:00 PM - Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca

June 1 - 6:00 PM - St. Patrick, Seadrift

July 6 - 6:00 PM - St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

#### St. Ann. Point Comfort

Wednesday, March 1 9:00 a.m. Juanita Hernandez †

Thursday, March 2 FIRST THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

Sunday, March 5 10:30 a.m. Betty Maeker † by Larry & Annette Matula

### St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

Tuesday, February 28 8:30 a.m. Dora De La Rosa Saenz † Saturday, March 4 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and Her Missions

#### St. Patrick, Seadrift

Thursday, March 2 9:00 a.m. Theresa and Joseph † by Sr. Theresa

Saturday, March 4 in Vietnamese 7:00 p.m. Alice King †

Sunday, March 5 8:30 a.m. George Garza † and Ray Garza † by their mother, Odilia Garza

#### Readings: Sunday, March 5, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1 - Genesis 12:1-4a Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 2:8b -10 Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

**OLG LENTEN** PENANCE SERVICE TUESDAY, MARCH 28 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Louis Bonuz, Veronica Aguilar, Josephina Velasquez, Mike Nichols, Helen Thomas, Teddy Hawes, Edwin Anderle, Robert Hilscher, Gary Weaver, Frances Benavides, Leigh Ann Falcon, Billy & Georgia Mikosh, Rogelio Sanchez Jr., Minerva Piña, Joe Piña, Irma Hughes, Claudine Saenz, Claudio Gonzales, Beverly Rodriguez, Mario & Alicia Morales, Ryon Presler, Ralph Cormier, Stephen Burke, Michael & Diane Billings, Margaret Hilscher, Janie Segura, Lisa Reyes, Jessie Perez, Jr., Leslie Sanchez, Barbara Hartwell, Ron Ripple, Joshua Cardenas, Irene Leal Ortiz, John Anthony Ruiz, Michael Birdwell, Miguel Fiero, Joseph Bowie, Barbara Holub, Benny Thomas

#### **Pray for Our Military**

Sergeant First Class Mark A. Reves, Lieutenant Commander Chris Hedrick, Senior Airman Derek Servantes, Petty Officer Robert Drapela, A1C Isaiah Falcon & Senior Airman Xaviar Archangel, Staff Sergeant Brandon Hoelscher, William Grubert, Tech Sergeant Mychal Hamilton, 3rd Petty Officer Shane A. King, Jr., Staff Sergeant Michael Dennis, Staff Sergeant Evan Padron, William Strauss, Tv DeSoto

### First Saturday Latin Mass March 4, 2023

Upcoming 2023 Latin Mass Dates: April 1, May 6 Confessions before Mass at 8:30 a.m.

### **Lenten Opportunities to grow closer to God:**

**Additional Confession Times:** 

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00 PM in the back confessional (Beginning March 1 – March 29)

Fridays: 6:00-7:00 PM in the back confessional (Beginning February 24 - March 31)

#### **Stations of the Cross:**

Wednesdays (except March 15 & April 5): 2:45 PM Fridays: 7:00 PM (Beginning February 24-March 31

> **Regular Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays: 3:00-8:30 PM



## LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 24th thru March 31st. Enjoy a delicious plate of fried fish, coleslaw, green beans and german potatoes for \$12.00 per plate. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. ALL PLATES TO GO ONLY.



OUR LADY OF THE GULF ALTAR SOCIETY HOSTS ITS **ANNUAL LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT** March 4, 8 a.m. to noon at St. Jude's Hall, 300 W. Austin St. The Rev. Richard Barfield will be the speaker. Registration from 8 to 8:45 a.m. followed by First Saturday Latin Mass. Luncheon to be served and cost is \$10. For information or to pre-register, call Nancy Thompson 361-212-5838 or Rosy Weaver 361-482-8030.

**DISCIPULOS EN JORNADA** Estudios de las escrituras de los domingos de la cuaresma. Este grupo de estudios sera miércoles a las 10:30 a.m. y domingo a las 6:30 p.m., durante la Cuaresma, en el salon de San Mateo a las 10:30 a.m. Todos son invitados.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3258 SCHOLARSHIPS

The KC's seek applicants to award two high school seniors with a \$1000.00 scholarship to each. Graduating seniors, especially those who are members of Our Lady of the Gulf or Her Missions, are encouraged to apply. Please contact your school guidance counselor's office for applications, questions and deadlines.

The Mass Intention Book will open on TUESDAY, March 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. for the months April, May & June of 2023. Any one person may schedule a maximum of two (2) weekday (Monday - Friday) Mass intentions per month and no more than one (1) weekend (Saturday or Sunday) Mass intention per month. Requests by phone are not accepted on opening day.

El Libro de intención de misa se abrirá el MARTES 21 de marzo del 2023 a las 8:30 a.m. para los meses de enero, febrero y marzo de 2023. Cualquier persona puede solicitar un máximo de dos (2) intenciones de Misa entre semana (de lunes a viernes) por mes y no más de un (1) fin de semana (sábado o domingo) de intenciones de Misa por mes. Las intenciones no son aceptadas por teléfono por este dia.

**The Easter Flower Envelopes** are due by 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 3. All offerings in honor or in memory of loved ones are used to decorate the OLG and Mission Churches at Easter. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or brought to the parish office. Print clearly.

Sobre de Ofrenda de Flores de Pascua: Las ofrendas en memoria o en honor de los seres queridos se utilizan para decorar la iglesia para la temporada de Pascua. Pueden poner los sobres en la en las canastas de la colección de fin de semana o llevarse a la oficina de la parroquia antes de las 11:00 a.m. el lunes, 3 de abril.

Help needed for cleaning of the church. You do not need to be a member of any organization to help.

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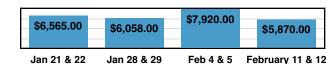
February 27 & March 3 - Conquistando Las Naciones

Contact Juana Salinas at 361-746-3285 March 6 & 10 - Altar Society

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Contact Mary Moreno at 361-553-9594

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Established in 1996 in Port Lavaca, Texas, Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School, a parochial school in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, with a current enrollment of 105 students, in grades PK-8, is actively seeking a dynamic leader to serve as principal for the 2023-2024 school term. OLG is fully accredited by the TCCB-ED (Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops-Education Department). Here are the initial qualifications:

- You must be a practicing Catholic, who will honor the unique culture, tradition, and excellence of Our Lady of the Gulf.
- You will provide the necessary leadership to take our school to the next level of achievement.
- You hold a Master's degree in Educational Administration or related field.
- You have experience as a teacher and/or administrator in the Catholic school system.

If you are interested in being a part of the OLG Catholic School legacy, you will begin the application process by sending a cover letter and resume to:

Office of Catholic Schools, Attn: Dr. John Quary, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Victoria, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901. Or, you may visit our diocesan website for more details: www.victoriadiocese.org/employment-opportunities



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