

A Message From Our Pastor

**I Will Praise
Your Name
Forever**



**My King
and My
God.**

As we enter into the fifth week of Easter, we are reminded, in Saint John's Gospel, of the words of Jesus, prior to his being handed over to the authorities for crucifixion: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." In sharing love with others, we are testifying to our faith in Jesus. Perhaps the one person with whom we choose to share kindness and love, on any particular day, will come to know Jesus through our act of charity. Love comes with a cost, but when we offer it freely, it always returns to us in abundance. Let us embrace the words and example of Jesus: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." May you have a most blessed week with the Lord.

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Father Gary



**Next Youth Mass
Sunday, May 1 — 6:00 p.m.**

Youth Needed to Assist at the Sunday Youth Mass

The Youth Mass, held the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month at 6:00 p.m., is served by our high school/college age youth and young adults. Call the Parish Office (575-4741) to volunteer to serve as greeters/ushers, lectors, gift bearers, music/choir, and altar servers. Please consider serving the Lord in this special ministry. For more information or questions please contact Kelly Aldis, Youth Minister, at kaldis@olvcathedral.org or text to 652-2943.

Special Mass ~ Blessings ~ St. Padre Pio



Father GianMaria DiGiorgio, from San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, will be celebrating Mass on **Monday, May 16**, at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary** and **Tuesday, May 17**, at 6:30 p.m. at **The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory**. After Mass at Our Lady of Victory on Tuesday evening, Father GianMaria will give a presentation on St. Padre Pio ending with individual blessings using St. Padre Pio's relics. A reception hosted by the Our Lady of Victory Altar Society will follow in the OLV Cafeteria.

Parish Collection For April 16-17

Envelopes	\$	11,298.00
Loose		<u>5,173.50</u>
Total	\$	16,471.50
Candle Stands/Book Rack	\$	365.00
Maintenance Fund	\$	153.00



Are you new to the Parish? Has your status changed? If so, stop by or call the Rectory (575-4741) and let us know.

Next Weekend



Blessing for Expectant Parents

A blessing for all expectant parents is given after Mass on the first weekend of each month asking God to bless and strengthen them and their unborn children. Join other parents at this blessing on **Saturday, April 30**, and **Sunday, May 1**. Let us pray daily for them and for the right of all children to be born.

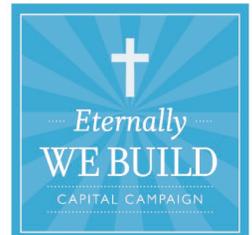
**Next Sunday is First Sunday
~ May 1 ~**

**Coffee, Fruit, & Donuts
after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.
Masses in the Cafeteria
Hosted by the Altar Society**



Something to Think About

An egg broken from the outside is the end of life. An egg broken from within is the beginning of life. Break out of your comfort zone and try serving others; it is the beginning of a happy life. Serve the Lord and begin a life of joy!



Top right side of the old J.C. Penney building is coming down. Following the removal of this portion a new roof will be installed.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation or pledge, please contact the Parish Office at 575-4741 or email Donna at dmikulenka@olvcathedral.org so we can help you in making a contribution to the **Capital Campaign**.

Book for Parish Prayer Needs: Located in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the foyer of the church is a podium containing a prayer book. In it parishioners, and others, are encouraged to write petitions seeking prayer for various needs. The guidelines request that the intentions be limited to two lines and, for privacy, list only a first name. At the end of each week, the intentions will be reverently disposed.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

– “Week at a Glance at OLV” –

Monday, April 25 – Finance Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Rectory; RCIA Classes, 7:00 p.m., Religious Education Building

Tuesday, April 26 – Mother of Grace meeting, 6:30 p.m., Early Childhood Center; Men’s ACTS Retreat Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library

Wednesday, April 27 – Teen ACTS Retreat Team Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Library; Lector Training, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cathedral

Saturday, April 30 – Blessing for Expectant Parents following 5:30 p.m. Mass

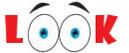
Sunday, May 1 – 6th Sunday of Easter ~
Blessing for Expectant Parents following all Masses; First Sunday Coffee, Fruit and Donuts, following 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses, Cafeteria; Youth Mass, 6:00 p.m.

Have a Blessed Week!

Parish Happenings

COME JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER FUN DAY!

Summer Fun Day – Inviting children (4 year olds – incoming 6th graders) to a fun-filled morning as they learn more about their faith through playing, music and art projects. Registration for this event will begin in May. The parish is offering this opportunity instead of Vacation Bible School which would have lasted the entire week. Watch the bulletin for more detailed information about this upcoming Summer Fun Day on **Wednesday, June 22**. For this special day to be a success and reach out to our young parishioners, we **need adults to help with the various parts of the morning’s activities**. Students in grades 7–12th are also welcome to get service hours by helping with the children. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 575-8132.



Men’s ACTS Retreat May 19-22



Registration forms are available for the next Men’s ACTS Retreat to be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Forms are available at the Rectory. Any questions, please call Jamey Bauer, Director, at 935-4566; Don Pennington, Co-Director, at 575-4333 or Jeremy DeDear, Co-Director, at 935-3473.



Hospitality Ministry: The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory is committed to being a welcoming parish to the people of faith in the Diocese of Victoria. With that in mind, we are looking for outgoing, caring people who would feel comfortable greeting parishioners and visitors before Mass. If you are interested, call or email Jenny Vincent at 575-4741 or jvincent@olvcathedral.org.



Altar Society May Church Cleaners

Estelle Flores
Jackie Gladney
Patti Stolle
Stacy Willemín

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do we call priests “Father”? You can find out a lot about the background of this on the internet. Basically, it goes back to the New Testament traditions of Peter, Paul and John, all of whom addressed the people to whom they wrote as their “children.” It signifies spiritual fatherhood.

Special Collections



Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home**.

Next weekend the second collection will be for **Retired and Need Priest of the Diocese of Victoria**. The Diocese of Victoria, like others, faces a growing need to provide for our retired and ailing priests. Some of these needs are met by the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) budget - others are not. This collection is an opportunity for those who wish to make a contribution for helping the retired and needy priests in our Diocese who have served Christ and His Church.



The parish’s **Finance Council** will meet on **Monday, April 25**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.



Mothers of Grace is a new group of women in our parish who want to raise their children with faith, morals, ethics, and a strong foundation of Catholic values. Understanding that motherhood is a ministry in the “domestic church” (the family), we are striving to strengthen our families’ faith through Bible study, presentations, and prayer. This group is open to mothers of all ages and from all walks of life who, through fellowship, shared experiences and ideas, will support each other in raising our children and keeping our families strong through God’s grace. If interested in joining this new vibrant group, the meetings are held each Tuesday, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the OLV Early Childhood Center. For more information, contact Jennifer Ruiz at jenniferschobey.ruiz@yahoo.com.



Look What’s Coming Back to OLV Need Volunteers

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Children (age 4 and older) hear the readings, discuss them in words they can understand and also participate in activities helping them to grow closer to Jesus. **We need more people to get involved.** Contact Bianca Horton at bmaries14@yahoo.com.

OLV School News



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“Big Ticket” Raffle

Friday, April 15, winner

Joe Mutschler

\$500 Hall Lighting & Design Gift Card



Friday, April 22, winner will win
Toshiba Satellite 15.6 Laptop.

Family Connection



Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus’ sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God’s glory is revealed in us when we act as the

Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family’s interactions from an outsider’s perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn’t just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples’ feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross).

Time to Sign-up for Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp

Quo Vadis Vocation Camp for young men (completed the 8th grade to 21 years of age) is sponsored by the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Victoria. It will be **July 3-6** at Cooper’s Farm near LaGrange. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese will facilitate the camp. Registration forms are available at the parish office. If you have any questions, call 573-5304 or vocations@victoriavocations.org.



TIP TO HELP YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Read and Pray with The Bible – The Bible is a gift to us from God. We can hear him speak to us personally and be continually challenged by it. If you don’t know where to start praying begin with Sacred Scripture.



Sponsor of the Week
Thank You For Your Support!

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Religious Education News

Classes have ended for the 2015-2016 school year. Classes for the 2016/2017 school year will resume Wednesday, August 31.

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the young people of the parish please consider this ministry. We will have teacher training in the summer and all materials and supplies are provided. All adults must be Safe Environment Compliant, this will be provided for you. Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

THANK YOU



The Religious Education Program for 2015/2016 has ended. We want to say thank you, to our men and women volunteers, volunteers who worked diligently, exercised kindness, patience, modeled Christian love, and shared their Catholic faith. They are indeed a special gift from God, and we ask Him to bless each one of them for their selfless service to the parish. As Pope Paul VI once wrote, “We need to be more like witnesses than teachers. We need people who will not only catechize, but evangelize our Church’s youth.” We were blessed with people who not only taught the faith but touched the heart. THANK YOU!

Dates To Remember

Early Registration for the 2016/2017 Religious Education year **closed on April 6**. Late registration for any of the limited remaining openings begins on **Wednesday, August 2**. Tuition at the time of late registration will be \$30 per student. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, August 31**.

Important Dates for those that are in the **Final Year Confirmation Program** (incoming 10th grade at St. Joseph’s High School or in the Religious Education Program).

- **Final Year Confirmation Retreat** – **Sunday, September 18**, at 1:30 p.m. and ending after the 6:00 p.m. evening Mass. This is **REQUIRED** for the candidate and their sponsor or parent. Watch the bulletin for registration details coming out early August.
- **Confirmation** will be on **Sunday, April 30, 2017**, at 2:00 p.m. Deadline for all requirements to be met and paperwork submitted to be confirmed at that time is **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**.

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
(closed 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Friday by appointment - 575-8132

Church Signs Across America:

“Never Put a Question Mark Where God Puts A Period”

Marriage Preparation

2016 Dates for To Love As God Loves Marriage Preparation Program: May 1. It is designed for couples 40 years of age and older; couples seeking convalidation of their civil marriages and couples entering a second marriage. Updated information, and the brochure with the registration form, can be downloaded from the diocesan website under the Marriage tab. Visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

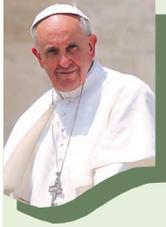


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"Love to be real, it must cost--it must hurt--it must empty us of self."

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



The Pope Speaks

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."



Has Your Marriage Been Damaged by Your Husband's Affairs or Pornography Addiction? There Is Hope!

Beginning the Journey is a 10 week Scripture-based support group for women; a safe and confidential place where women can remove their masks and share their hearts; a place where they can struggle through difficult emotions, while being accepted and loved by their sisters in Christ. For more information, call **212-0830**. Meetings will start in April, so please call soon. Sponsored by **The Emmaus Center: Counseling in the Catholic Tradition**.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEXUAL ADDICTIONS

The incidence of sexual addiction is increasing at an alarming rate across the nation. Men are disconnecting from reality to pursue the illusion of love, acceptance and affirmation they find through pornography (in all of its forms), fantasy, anonymous encounters, and affairs. To help men overcome this addiction, the Emmaus Counseling Center is offering a structured group experience called WALKING FREE. The goals of WALKING FREE include eradicating life-dominating sin patterns, establishing guiding foundations of truth, and encouraging life-changing relationships of love and trust in the lives of group members. The group meets once a week and utilizes both large and small group settings for ministry. Meetings are confidential; meeting times and locations are not publicized. For more information, please call the Emmaus Center at **212-0830**.

The Emmaus Center is open Monday thru Friday to provide Catholic-based professional counseling and spiritual direction for the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria and others seeking such services. *The Emmaus Center* assists clients in discovering that it is Christ who walks with them on their journey of life, especially during the tumultuous and painful experiences of human existence. To make an appointment, call **212-0830** or go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com.

Fun Catholic Facts

From Aggie Catholic Blog

Pope John Paul II snuck out of the Vatican more than 100 times to go skiing in the Italian Alps without anyone noticing.

Get out! Have fun!
Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night
Every Wednesday

KC Hall (Airline and Ben Wilson) doors open at 6:00 p.m. to play bingo 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Ten games of bingo is \$10 for the evening! Food and drink for sale. Proceeds benefit various KC Council #1329 projects.

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	37	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Happenings Outside the Parish

St. Patrick's (Bloomington) Spring Festival, Sunday, April 24, in the Parish Hall; BBQ Brisket plates for \$9 p/p. Plates-to-go with curbside service start at 9:00 a.m. Inside serving at 11:00 a.m. Live auction at 11:30 a.m. They will also have a cakewalk, country store, and kid games.

St Mary's Altar Society will host a **Games Party** in the St. Mary's Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St. on **Tuesday, April 26**, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 p/p. There will be door prizes, a raffle and a country store. Noon meal. For reservations, call: Ann Carver 575-2050 or Janell Kruppa 575-8166.

Gabriel Project Workshop on **Saturday, April 30**, 101 W. Convent St., (behind St. Mary's Church) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a great time to learn and discern if Christ is calling you to this ministry. For questions, call toll free number 1-866-627-9243 or Barbara at 649-1612.

Mayfest, Sunday, May 1, at **Holy Rosary Church in Hostyn**. Church hymns in church at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Polka Mass. A BBQ pork & sausage dinner, \$9 p/p; auction, 1:00 p.m.; games; music by Texas Sound Check and Czechaholics.

Holy Family Festival Sunday, May 1, at **Victoria Community Center**. A BBQ beef & sausage dinner, \$9 p/p, dine-in or curb service for plates-to-go; auction, 1:00 p.m.; music entertainment, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Scout's DJ and Rusty Steins.

Court St. Ann #369 Spring Games Party on **Thursday, May 5**, 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Admission is \$8 p/p. There will be door prizes, raffle drawings, and a silent auction. A dinner of turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert, and drink will be served. For reservations, please contact: Dolores Schroller at 575-6111 or Joan Schramek at 485-2387.

Spiritual Growth

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

Guided One Day Retreat: Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Theme: "Mary, Our Constant Contact" Presenter: Pat Hoelscher. The Retreat will include at least two reflections, liturgy or prayer service and ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting.



AMOR MEUS
 Spirituality Center

For more information on spiritual direction, private individually arranged retreats or other retreats that are available throughout the year, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers, 575-7111 at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N. E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901; or visit Amor Meus Spiritual Renewal Center website at www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

"Come and See" Discernment Weekends for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of ages on **May 14-15**, at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria. For more information call 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or visit www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information.



God's Embrace: Little Chapel of St. Mary
 1601 High Hill Road - Schulenburg, TX - (979) 561-8883
info@godsembrace.org
www.godsembrace.org

April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing Seminar - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - \$25 p/p
 Directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca
 Seating is limited.

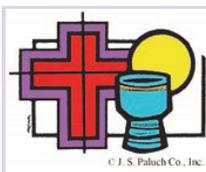
I Give You A New
Commandment:



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Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

- Sunday** Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday** Saint Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday** Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday** Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, and 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday** Saint Pius V, Pope
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday** Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14,
22-23; Jn 14:23-29



**Hospital Extraordinary
Ministers of the Eucharist**

Sunday, May 1

Citizens Hospital - Antoinette Garcia & Mike Rivera
DeTar Hospital - Elisa Sanchez & Letty Maranda



**Weekend
Liturgical Ministers**

April 30-May 1	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Servers	M. Korinek R. Reyes N. Zerangue	J. Bernal K. Ohrt B. Solis	B. Boyle H. Haug H. Haug	E. Brogger M. Brown A. Pham	C. Klekar J. Munoz R. Rivera
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Crockett D. Drost R. Easterling M. Flores-Bennett B. & D. Galvan J. & D. Gehrke	N. Hagel P. Hendryx I. Henrichs D. Rogers, V. Saenz G. Sherman J. Zamora	J. Borden W. Conaway C. Copeland M. Hernandez J. Olivares, A. Ramos S. Rangnow, L. Strauss	L. Deiss H. Ellett V. Jurica P. McCoy G. Soliz Volunteers Needed	T. Arnecke M. Flynn S. Munoz G. & L. Panza V. Pyatt, V. Saenz Volunteer Needed
Lectors	Mark Zafereo	Sheila Martinka	Roger Lawrence (L 1) Santos Figueroa (L 2)	David Brogger	Gabrielle Wenske

Mass Intentions



- Monday, April 25**
6:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Martha Solis Family
8:00 a.m. Special Intention (J. & K. O.)
Dorothy Jurena Kutchka †
- Tuesday, April 26**
6:00 a.m. James Rab †
8:00 a.m. William & Nan Sullivan †
- Wednesday, April 27**
6:00 a.m. Frances Berger † Raymond Wenske †
5:30 p.m. Beatrice Falcon (Anniv.) †
James Jurica †
- Thursday, April 28**
6:00 a.m. Calvin Bayless †
8:00 a.m. Daniel Peralez, Sr. †
- Friday, April 29**
6:00 a.m. Theresa Stefka †
5:30 p.m. Lauren Brick †
Lionso & Petra Luis & Lioso Luis, Jr. †
- Saturday, April 30**
2:00 p.m. NUPTIALS/CASARES-RANGEL
5:30 p.m. Leonard Moczzygamba †
- Sunday, May 1**
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Herman & Ortiz Families
Guadalupe Gallardo (Anniv.) †
9:00 a.m. Parishioners/Benefactors
11:30 a.m. Jimmy Baladez, Sr. †
Thomas Kocian (Anniv.) †
6:00 p.m. For Every Life/Born & Unborn
Ernie Lechuga (Anniv.) †



Weekday Mass Servers

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**
6:00 a.m. Paul Adams, Joe Ortega
- Wednesday, April 27**
5:30 p.m. A. Ramos, L. Ramos
- Thursday, Friday**
6:00 a.m. Theresa Borgohain, Veronica Pedraza
- Friday, April 29**
5:30 p.m. H. Garcia, H. Garcia