



**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- 2) Romans 10:8-13
- 3) Luke 4:1-13

**FOCUS:**

Jesus Christ freed us from the slavery of sin.

As we begin Lent, our penance and fasts seem rather small in comparison with how Jesus suffered for our salvation. Our forty days does not quite compare to his forty days in the desert. We need only to call on Jesus, and he will deliver us from our sins. Each Lent presents a new opportunity to repent and grow in our relationship with the One who gave his all so we could be his.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people to offer gifts to the Lord for their freedom from slavery in Egypt, and for God's never-ending care. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul reminds his readers that without any distinction of nationality, all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Luke's Gospel tells how Jesus withstood the temptations of the devil.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 1) Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
- 2) Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
- 3) Luke 9:28b-36

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our 40-day journey toward Easter. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, self denial, and almsgiving. During this time, we make a special effort to renew our spiritual lives. The Church offers us additional opportunities to strengthen our spiritual lives. No one can force us to attend Mass more often, partake in the Stations of the Cross, spend time in adoration, visit the sick, homebound, or our own family members, and go to confession. It is up to us as individuals to grow in our vocation as adopted Sons and Daughters of God of our Heavenly Father. Finally, as we pick out our Lenten observance/penance, we have an opportunity to choose something that is necessary or arbitrary in our lives. If you don't know what to do for Lent check out this website: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/03/01/what-should-i-do-for-lent-quiz/>. God bless!

***Penance Service***

**Our Lady of Sorrows**, Thurs., April 4, 6:30 p.m.  
**Our Lady of Victory**, Mon, April 8, 6:30 p.m.  
**Holy Family**, Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.  
**St. Patrick**, Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**, Thurs., April 11, 6:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's** Wednesday, April 3 2:00 p.m.

Please note, the change in the time of our penance service. This is to assist with those in the Victoria area and our own parishioners who are unable to drive after dark.

Other church penance services will remain in the Evening. Thank you for allowing this change to our normal schedule.

**Lenten Soup**

On Fridays during Lent the following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. To schedule for the *last* soup supper please call the Rectory at 573-4328.

The current schedule is as follows:

March 15 - KJZT #101  
March 22 – Richard & Karen Evans  
March 29 – CCD Education  
April 5 - St. Mary's Cho  
April 12 – **AVAILABLE**

**Friday Stations of the Cross & Confession**

This Lent father will offer confessions during the Stations of the Cross. Deacon Jim and our Deacon Candidate Richard Evans will lead us in the Stations. Come join our family in prayer at 6:00 p.m. (no Mass) in the Church followed

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### *Liturgy Intentions for the Week*

#### **Saturday, March 9**

7:00 Gary & Grace Wakefield Wedding Anniv  
4:00 †Allen Frazer

#### **Sunday, March 10, First Sunday in Lent**

8:00 †Abundia Reagan  
10:30 People of the Parish

#### **Monday, March 11**

6:30 †John & Mary Brom  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

#### **Tuesday, March 12**

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

#### **Thursday, March 14**

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

#### **Friday, March 15**

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service  
6:00 Station of the Cross (No Confessions)

#### **Saturday, March 16**

7:00 †Dorothy Riley  
4:00 †Theo, Leona, Lain Hermes

#### **Sunday, March 17, Second Sunday in Lent**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †Elliana May McDowell

### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

6:30 AM Monday-Wednesday & Friday  
12:05 PM Monday-Wednesday & Friday

**\*NOTE: NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAYS** (unless specified)

**PARISH CHOIR:** Regular practice after the 8am Mass on Sundays. The choir also practices on Thursday evenings in the church from 5:30 to 7:00pm in preparation for Lent and Easter services. Anyone interested in participating in music ministry is encouraged to join the choir.

### **LECTORS**

#### **Saturday, March 16**

4:00 p.m. Denise Bednorz

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris  
10:30 a.m. Clem Cantu

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Saturday, March 16**

4:00 p.m. Bertha McDowell, Judy Jabbour,  
Henry Schramek, Diana Starnes

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel, Libby Ramirez,  
Georgia West,, Michael Cuellar  
10:30 a.m. Lucinda Cavazos, Kevin & Joan  
Pfister, David Janca

### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

#### **Saturday, March 16**

4:00 p.m. Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka,  
Larry & Linda Luna

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Paul Janacek, Bohumil  
Vrana, Loyd West  
10:30 a.m. Patty Osterhout, Dennis & Linda  
Lala, John Cavazos

### **MASS SERVERS**

#### **Saturday, March 16**

4:00 p.m. J., J. & E. Rangnow

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:00 a.m. M. A. & G. Morris  
10:30 a.m. J. P. Pilkington, M. Barton

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Will be Sun. March 17, from 2-5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register by noon on Friday, March 17th

to Stephen  
+ St. Mary's Church.

Thank you for your very  
generous donation of \$3,700  
from your sharing fund. What  
a wonderful surprise!

This will help us provide  
items for the mothers and  
their babies.

God Bless You,  
Daisy Onlar  
Executive Director  
The Gabriel Project  
of the Crossroads

**Your are invited the Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #4307** will sponsor their Shrimp Etouffe and Gumbo meal, auction, and raffle on Sun Mar. 10, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Bowl—\$10.00 Served with rice—dessert and tea will be served from 10:30 a.m.. to 1:00 p.m.

**KJZT #101** will have a Bake Sale at Holy Family on March 23-24 before and after all the Masses. All proceeds will go to **Sister Rebecca - Promise Pointe**

**St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 11 in the Activity Center.** Members, new members and visitors welcome Please try to attend.

**Nazareth Academy** is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school, visit our website at [www.nazarethacademy.org](http://www.nazarethacademy.org). To set up a tour or shadow time for your child, please call Debbie Michalski at 361.573.6651 or email her at [dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org). We would love to have your join our school family! Put your faith in us!

#### ZUMBA CLASSES

The times have changed for Zumba in the St. Mary's Annex Pavilion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Everyone is invited. Call the rectory for more information.

**BEST LENT EVER\***

## DON'T GIVE UP *Chocolate* FOR LENT

Instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you . . .

- Find areas for growth
- Build better habits
- Spark lasting change

SIGN UP AT

**[DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent)**

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#### Pray for our Seminarians/Diaconate Candidates:

Seminarians: Tran Dinh, Philippe Dubourdieu, James Dvorak, Dalton Ervin, Shane Goertz, Chase Goodman, Ryan Kapavik, Caleb Krischke, John A. Le, Aaron Padilla, Luke Prihoda, Joey Sablaterra, Adam Shimek, & Richard Barfield.

Diaconate Candidate: Richard Evans

## A LENTEN JOURNEY



**This Lent our parish will again participate in**  
*Disciples on the Journey.*

**Groups are now being formed.**

**To participate or to learn more about**

*Disciples on the Journey* please call:

**Laurie Bautista (573-9561) Judy Jabbour (648-9347)  
or the Rectory (573-4328).**

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### CCD NEWS:

Classes: March 20, 27

### Amor Meus Spirituality Center

**Solemn Lenten Vespers: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2019** from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service** — March 19, (Lenten Theme) 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Contact: Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111 for more information call or check out our website at [www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org).

**Cenacle of Divine Mercy of the Holy Rosary** meet every Tuesday, at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP FEB. 16-17

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,481.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 1,127.16
On-line giving.....	\$ 605.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,213.16</b>

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP FEB. 23-24

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,434.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 858.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 615.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,907.00</b>

### RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
**Sunday, March 10 at Our Lady of Victory**  
**2:p.m.**  
**March 11-18—Spring Break**



### QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER Interested in learning how to quilt or craft?

Come meet on Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex. The Altar Society Quilters are looking for old or broken jewelry or one of a kind pieces. You can bring the items to the office or there is a box in the

### You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

### *Jesus is in Need of Adorers*

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers **8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 5 to 6 p.m. Friday.**

It is a great Lenten opportunity. If you are only able to commit for a month is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to come every week, there are substitutes available. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour per week with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510 to sign up and receive the new code for the chapel.

*"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." ~ CCC 1380 (John Paul II, Dominicae cenae. 3)*

**Altar Care for March be  
Al & Dorothy Bomba**

**St. Joseph Scholars Program**

Merit Based Scholarship Program for Incoming STJ  
Freshmen

Based on Scholastic Merit, Not Financial Need  
\$4,000/Year, Renewable Scholarship

**Applicants Will Be Considered Based On:**

\*High School Placement Exam (HSPE) Score  
\*Interview with Head of School – Finalists will be  
selected for interviews based on HPSE scores  
The HSPE will be offered on March 23  
St. Joseph High School Library, 8:30-11:30 am  
Contact Jen Korinek, STJ Director of Admissions, to  
sign-up for the exam. 361.573.2446 x217 or  
jkorinek@stjflyers.com  
\*\*Placement exams for Pre-AP English, Spanish and  
Math will be offered in May.



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1329  
Bingo Night**

Every Wednesday evening;  
Hall opens 6:00 pm; Bingo Games 7:30 pm until  
10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10  
games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline  
at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council  
charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday  
evening at 575-9214.  
Come out, have fun and meet friends



**Reporting Procedures for Suspected or  
Known Sexual Abuse of a  
Minor (person under 18 years of age) or  
Vulnerable Adult by a Member of the Clergy**

**Contact:**

• The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at  
(800) 252-5400, [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org), or local police department. **If person  
is in immediate danger call 911.**

**and**

• Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach,  
Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org).

**or**

• Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828.  
Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070,  
Victoria, TX 77903 marked "Personal and Confidential".



If sexual abuse by a member of clergy has occurred in another diocese,  
the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials.  
For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org).

**DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES**

<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	Cynthia Brewer	571-6510
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emily Janak	573-1874
<b>Altar Society</b>	Evelyn Dierlam	578-3740
<b>Baptism Prep.</b>	Diana Starnes	550-9533
<b>Bereavement Group</b>	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
<b>Disciples on the Journey</b>	Laurie Bautista	573-9561
<b>Festival Committee Chairs</b>	Kevin & Joan Pfister	576-9638
<b>Funeral Meals</b>	Adele Donalson	573-4455
<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>Marriage Prep Foccus</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
<b>Natural Family Planning</b>	Susanne Koch	(979) 488-4528
<b>Quilters</b>	Jo Ann Bone	578-7629
<b>RCIA</b>	Sr. Frances Cabrini	575-7111
<b>Religious Education</b>	Diana Starnes	550-9533
<b>Rentals</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>St. Vincent De Paul Society</b>	Faye Culak	649-0614
<b>Weekly Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Cenacle</b>	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

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the Church Office. Please call 573-4328 to  
request a statement or come by to obtain yours.

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