

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation program is held on every 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in Activity Center.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

A minimum of six months advance notice is required to complete arrangements for pre-marital preparation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or the after weekday noon mass or by appointment at any time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory and ask for a priest.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HOME

We bring the Body of the Lord to the sick and shut-ins of the parish on Fridays. Please call the Parish Office any time you wish to be included.

BULLETIN NEWS
We welcome news for our parish bulletin; by 12:00 noon Monday.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome to St. Mary's Parish Family. Please phone or come by the Parish Office to let us know you have arrived. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org.

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not carry his
own cross and
come after me
cannot be my
disciple.

Luke 14:27



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to build but did not
have the resources
to finish.'



Sunday, September 8, 2019, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time

- 1) Wisdom 9:12-18b
- 2) Philemon: 9-10, 12-17
- 3) Luke 14: 25-33

FOCUS: When we gather at the Lord's invitation as we have done today, sometimes we encounter a word that is more challenging than comforting. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for renunciation of all our possessions. Especially in our culture, this is a hard word indeed! Only God knows what it would take for each of us even to begin to follow that instruction. So let us pray today for the strength to respond to that call in order to follow Jesus more closely.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today's first reading asks who can know God's counsel, or discern what the Lord intends. Indeed, who can comprehend this created world? But God's Holy Spirit gives wisdom, which we will need to help us understand what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel. As we listen to these words of sacred scripture, let us pray for that wisdom and the will to act on it.

Sunday, September 15, 2019 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

- 1) Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 3) Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

St. Mary's Altar Society invites you and your family to the Activity Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sun. Sept. 15 for coffee, donuts, juice, fruit and fellowship.

**St. Mary's 2020 Parish Festival
Sunday February 9, 2020**

The theme of the festival will be in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At this time we are asking for monetary donations for the **Raffle**, and jewelry for the **jewelry booth**. If you have questions, please call Kevin or Joan Pfister - 576-9638.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion New and Current - Training Sessions. Those interested are invited to attend one of the two training sessions on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church or Saturday September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Call the Office at 573-4328 to sign up or for more information.

CCD year 2019-20 has begun! Class time is 6:00 - 7:15 pm, please be on time. We need ALL parents/guardians to check their child in and make sure the registration forms is properly filled out.
Sept. 11, 18, 25 - class dates

Save the Date - The Nazareth Academy Fall Festival is coming soon! It will be held Sun., Oct. 6, at the Victoria Community Center. Traditional turkey and dressing, with all the trimmings, will be served from 11:00 – 2:00 for \$10 per plate. Plates-to-go will begin at 10:30 AM. There is a raffle, silent auction, live auction, games and so much more! Come join the fun and support our awesome Catholic school! We appreciate your support!

**Office of Catechetical Ministry
32nd Annual Catholic Conference**

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Location: St. Joseph High School, Victoria
Theme: Embracing God's Family
Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Lucia Baez Luzondo, J.D. attorney and co-founder of Family Renewal Ministries, Inc.
For the first time ever, the conference will be held at St. Joseph High School in Victoria. The campus is spacious and very accommodating for this diocesan event. Additional information can be found on the Diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org or by contacting Christella Alvarez or Brunilda Ortiz at 361-573-0828

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Hall. New members and guests are welcome.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 7, Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Larry & Linda Luna's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Sister Mary Juroske
10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver

12:05 †Sharon West Bauer

Tuesday, September 10

12:05 John David McDowell

Wednesday, September 11

12:05 IWBS Sisters and the Church

Thursday, September 12

12:05 Gloria May Wearden

Friday, September 13

12:05 †Max Montez

Saturday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00 †Mary Hyak

Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †Frances Warzecka

Sunday, September 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Intention of Dee Garza

LECTORS

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Bob Bautista

10:30 a.m. Corinne Copeland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m. Pattie Stevens, Henry Schramek,
Judy Jabbour, Emily Migl

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Georgia West, Laurie Bautista,
Emily Garza, Geraldine Jurica

10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister, Lucinda
Cavazos, David Janca

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley,
Bobby & Barbara Baca

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Bohumil Vrana, Stella
Silva, Loyd West

10:30 a.m. Carolyn McConnell, O. Basaldua,
John Cavazos, Laszlo Nemes

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m. Catherine A. & John Paul. P.

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec I.

10:30 a.m. Thomas C. & Wren V. & Zackary K.

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries (VCAM) Raffle drawing for winners who purchased raffle tickets will be on September 21. You can still purchase your raffle tickets in the church office. Don't wait until it is too late.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,798.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 813.20
On-line giving.....	\$ 875.00
Total.....	\$6,486.20

Adoration Chapel Needs Adorers

The Adoration Chapel needs adorers of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 9 – 10 a.m. and Fridays from 3 – 4 p.m. The Friday 10 a.m. hour will need a temporary adorer during the summer. If you need a quiet place to pray, please feel free to come to the chapel at one of these 'open' hours.

If you would like to sign up, please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510. Upon signing up you will receive the code for the door. Thank you for prayerfully considering this devotion.

"The time I have spent before the tabernacle is the best spent time of my life." ~St. Catherine of Genoa

Bible Study Continues

Join us for our Bible study! Both the Sunday morning 9:15 a.m. class and the Wednesday 6:15 p.m. class will be studying the Gospel of Luke from Agape Catholic Bible Study

https://www.agapebiblestudy.com/Luke_Gospel/Luke_Gospel_Menu.php

Everyone is welcome! Join either class or both at St. Mary's Annex on the corner of Main and Convent streets.

Please bring your Bible; no other text is needed.



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

Come meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 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 place in the box at the entrance to the church.

The **Troops of Saint George** is a fraternal Catholic nonprofit apostolate for priests, fathers and sons looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue. Troop #18 in Victoria is gearing up for another year of camping and activities to help us grow in the Faith, seeking to become Men of God. If you are interested in more information about our upcoming Cookout on Sept 21, 2019, contact Ryan Staten at 361-649-3305 or Ty Meyer at 361-550-5390.

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week for the Special Intention of Michael & Alyssa Driver

This candle can be sponsored weekly for \$5.00.

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burn this week in memory of the Benito & Irene Menchaca by Benny Menchaca and in memory of Hazel Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer.

These candles can be sponsored weekly for \$5.00 each or both for \$10.00.

Commemoration of the Deceased

The Candle in Commemoration of the Deceased burns this week in memory of Hedwig Smolka by Frank Smolka

This candle can be sponsored weekly for \$5.00.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, a ministry of the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament**, seeks to extend their charism of **Incarnational Spirituality** through **One-Day Guided Retreats** with or without Spiritual Direction, **Overnight Silent Individual or Private Retreats** with or without Spiritual Direction, **Taize' Prayer**, **Solemn Vespers** during Advent and Lent and **One-Day Workshops** on spiritual topics. All retreats are silent to allow the retreatant to listen to God more deeply.

Amor Meus will begin 2019-2020 with a **One-Day workshop** on **September 21, 2019** for Caretakers: **"The Gift You Give Yourself"**, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."* Matt 11:28, presented by **Deacon Leo Shannon and Terry Robinson**.

The first **One-Day Guided Retreat (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)** **"You are God's Beloved Child in Whom God Delights"** will be presented on **October 5, 2019** by Mary Fraizer. **Overnight Individual/Private Retreats** can take place when registration is made a week in advance.

Call for information **361-575-7111** or email amormeus@yahoo.com to register.

Retreat for Women and Men Throughout the Diocese



"Faith That Gives Direction"



Tuesday September 17, 2019 from
8:30 am -1:45 pm

St. Mary's Activity Center
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Retreat concludes with noon Mass and lunch.

~ Retreat Presenters ~

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, STD
Terry Robinson, Exec Dir of Hospice of
South Texas

~ For more information or to register contact~

Evelyn Dierlam (652-4843)

Laurie Bautista (573-9561)

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There is no fee for the Retreat or lunch.

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RCIA

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Tuesday, September 10, 7:00—8:30: Tour of the church

JOIN US for a SMALL GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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Catholic Tour Guide: George Stephan

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SIGN UP DEADLINE: SEPT. 25, 2019

Save the Date: Pilgrimage Information Meeting Sunday, September 8, 2019

2:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes (Victoria)

Parish Hall-Basement Room Come hear about this pilgrimage and bring a Friend!! All attendees will be entered in a drawing to win \$100 toward this pilgrimage!

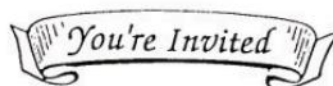
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www.amazinggracepilgrimages.com

or Evelyn at 800-842-4842

Amazing Grace Pilgrimages is a pilgrimage ministry.



To Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown Community Hall, Sun. Sept. 8, Dinner BBQ

shoulder clod & Homemade Sausage with trimmings. \$10.00 adult plate, serving starts at 10:30.

To St. Joseph Catholic Church 146th Annual Picnic, Sun. Sept. 8, Inez Community Center. Serving Fried chicken, BBQ Brisket & Sausage with trimmings starting at 11:00 a.m. All plates \$10.00

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be held September 15th from 8:30 am until sold out. NOTE: selling will not start until 8:30. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans are available for \$1.50 per pint. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. For info, call the hall Sunday morning at 575-9214.

The Catholic Daughters Court of St. Ann #369 is having a Bake Sale on September 15th in conjunction with the KC BBQ Chicken dinner.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Koerth, Texas, Sun. Sept. 29 at Sweet Home Community Center, Sweet Home, Texas. Serving Picnic Stew, Sausage and Trimmings starting at 11 a.m. \$10.00 per plate



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, 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.

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.

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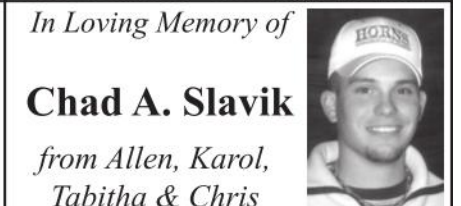
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