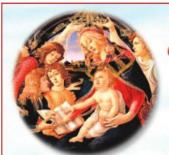
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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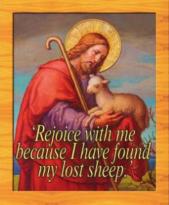
But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.

Luke 14:27





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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

Focus Today we hear the message of the Mercy of God. This is the God whom Jesus wants us to know better. As we gather today, let us make a prayer of thanksgiving for our merciful God and Father.

Liturgy of the Word: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." This criticism of Jesus is actually unintentional praise. If we are honest, we know that we are among the sinner with whom Jesus breaks bread. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us hear these stories of God's mercy and love in all three readings, and think of the times in our own lives when we were in need of such mercy. Then let us give thanks for our merciful God.

Sunday, September 22, 2019, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Amos 8:4-7
- 2) 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- 3) Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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. Sept. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 16, Saint Cornelius

12:05 †Sharon West Bauer

Tuesday, September 17

12:05 †Rube Dodd McDowell

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 †Madlyn Pargac—Twin Pines Nursing Home

12:05 †Mary G. Covarrubias

Thursday, September 19

8:10 †Avery Morgan McDowell—Nazareth Academy

12:05 †Loretta Martin

Friday, September 20, Saint Andrew and Paul

12:05 †Walter Stevens

Saturday, September 21, Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Intention of Sue Cotton

Sunday, September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 People of the Parish 10:30 †Bernice Tipton

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries (VCAM) Thank you for your support in buying VCAM raffle tickets. VCAM would like to invite all parish members to come to their Open House on Saturday, Sept. 21

LECTORS

Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. Diana Starnes

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Richard Evans 10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brewer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. Denis Bednorz, Becky Coleman, Henry Schramek, Emily Migl

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Howard Pagel, Adolph Hernandez,

Karen Evans, Diana Pagel

10:30 a.m. Heather Zamykal, Judy Gilley,

Clem Cantu, Dee Garza

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

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

Silva, Paul Janacek

10:30 a.m. Greg Brewer, Dennis & Linda Lala,

Laszlo Nemes

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. Tanner C.

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Luke H., Matthew B.

10:30 a.m. Zackery Z. Eduardo R. & Sofia V.

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Sunday Collection	\$4	,168.00
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September 15, 2019

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. If you need a quite 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. 19 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 in memory of Rocky Santos by Parents This candle can be sponsored weekly for \$5.00.

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burn this in memory of Rocky Santos by Parents and in memory of Bernice Johnson Tipton by Patrick Tipton.

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 Rocky Santos by Parents.

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Vincent DePaul

The volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul want to thank all the parishioners for their continued support of our organization both with food contributions and monetary donation. month of August, 2019 we were able to assist 143 families, 532 individuals with food, with 15 utilities and 2 rentals. We have seen a significant increase of families needing help with food and utilities to the extent of our funds being drained significantly. We are in dire need of toiletries, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, dish washing detergent, and laundry detergent. These items are not available from the food bank, so we purchase them at HEB and with our funds running low we will not be able to purchase such items. " If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" - Mother Teresa



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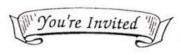
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Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be held September 15th from 8:30 am until sold out. NOTE: selling will not start until 8:30. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans are available for \$1.50 per pint. Proceeds 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

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moulton at St. Joseph's Social Center (On Church Grounds) Sun. Sept. 15, serving fried chicken & stew dinner \$10.00 per plate begins 10:30 A.M.

St. Patrick's Fall Festival, Bloomington, Sunday, September 29, at the Parish Hall. Serving Turkey and dressing with trimmings starting at 11:00 a.m. \$10.00 per plate

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meyersville, Annual Festival, Sunday September 29 serving from 11 am to 1 p.m. BBQ plates \$10.00

{EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES}



The Catholic Diocese of Victoria has the following employment opportunities available. For detailed job descriptions and qualification requirements visit:

www.victoriadiocese.org/current-job-postings.

- Director of Communications/Editor
- Director of Spiritual Renewal Center
- Maintenance Supervisor, Spiritual Renewal Center
 - Kitchen Assistant, Spiritual Renewal Center

Submit applications by Monday, September 30, 2019 to: Melissa Salinas, Director of Human Resources

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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.

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 401 S Liberty St, Victoria, TX

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)

St. Mary's Rectory (573-4328)

Retreat is sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society. There is no fee for the Retreat or lunch.



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

· 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.

· Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

 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. istance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare/a victoriadiocese.org

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