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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

For more information call the Parish Office.

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

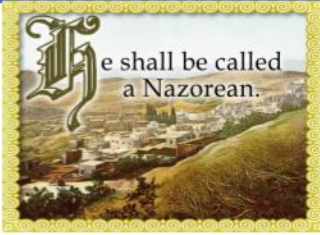
We welcome news for our parish bulletin; by 12:00 noon Monday.

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.



**FIRST CHURCH 1824
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Sunday, December 29, 2019, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the liturgical calendar in 1921, promoted as a way to honor the Christian family. So today not only do we honor the Holy Family, we also focus on our own families and consider how we

can be like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in their devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus, can be a model for our own families.

Sunday, January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

St. Mary's Altar Society will host a parish meal on January 5, 2020 after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Please come and join us in welcoming our newly installed officers for the 2020-2021 term. They are Evelyn Dierlam, President; Pattie Stevens First Vice President; Virginia Ball Second Vice President, Pat Babb Treasurer; Georgia West Recording Secretary, and Mary Ann Janacek Corresponding Secretary.

All parishioners are invited to join us in the Activity Center Hall for a meal of Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Coleslaw, Homemade Bread and desserts. We wish to share this first Sunday in the New Year with our parish family members making and renewing friendships and sharing our time together in getting to know each other more deeply as we pray together for a blessed and fruitful year ahead.

Adoration Chapel needs adorers

For the first time since the chapel reopened, we have every adoration hour filled! Praise be to God. Jesus must be very happy. However, it would be best to have at least two adorers per hour, so we're still looking.

If you are interested in signing up for an hour, please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510. Also, if you are unable to commit to a time, but would like to drop-in when you have time and need the code, please call Cindy. Thank you for prayerfully considering this devotion.

"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' ~ (Lumen gentium 11).

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Tuesday, December 31, (New Year's Eve)
4:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
10:00 am Mass

Opportunities for Plenary Indulgences

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who publicly recite the Te Deum in thanksgiving on the last day of the year. A plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who publicly recite the hymn: Veni Creator Spiritus on the first day of the year. Therefore, at St. Mary's, we will sing the Te Deum on December 31st at the end of the 4:00pm Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God. We will also sing the Veni Creator Spiritus on January 1st at the end of the 10:00am Mass of Mary, Mother of God.

In order to obtain plenary indulgences, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist; and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 28, Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 †Grace Murphy Gaffney

Sunday, December 29, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 †Daniel Vrana

10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

12:05 †Hedwig & Bohumil Smolka

Tuesday, December 31, Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

12:05 No Mass

4:00 p.m. †Josephine Sala

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, Mary Mother of God

10:00 People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2, Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

12:05 †Robert Welty

Friday, January 3

12:05 †Helen Janak

Saturday, January 4, Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 †Sam & Mary Hyak

†Charlotte Sartor

Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Society

LECTORS

Saturday, January 4

4:00 p.m. Denise Bednorz

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Bob Bautista

10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brewer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday, January 4

4:00 p.m. Henry Schramek, Becky Coleman,
Carol Dippel, Pattie Stevens

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Laurie Bautista, Adolph Hernandez,
Howard Pagel, Diana Pagel

10:30 a.m. Heather Zamykal, Dee Garza,
Lucinda Cavazos, David Janca

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

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

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

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, January 4

4:00 p.m. Tanner C. .

Sunday, January 5

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

10:30 a.m. Zackary Z., Wren V., John Paul P.,
Richard Evans

**Altar Care for January is
Sue Cotton**

The Rectory will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. If you need a priest please call the rectory.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day—it will be open for the Mass times only.



QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER

.. Interested in learning
how to quilt or craft?

Come meet on Thursday,
January 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

in the Annex.

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Christmas and New Year holidays. No Class

CCD Class time is 6:00 - 7:15 pm, please be
on time. January 8, 15, 22, 29 class dates

Confirmation—Anyone attending St. Joseph High
School or Catholic Home School and is in the
10th grade and wants to receive the sacrament of
confirmation, please contact Diana Starnes at
361-550-9533.



Adult Confirmation Course: *The Power of Christian Witness*

The Cathedral of Our Lady of
Victory will be offering an
Adult Confirmation Course
this **January - February,**
2020. This is a class for adult

Catholics in the Victoria Deanery who have
received religious education, either in a
Catholic school or through CCD classes, but
need the final preparation for the Sacrament
of Confirmation. The Course is a 5-week
commitment. **The class dates are:**
Tuesdays: January 21 and 28, and
February 4, 11 and 18, from 6:30 – 9:00
p.m. in the Cathedral Center - St. Gabriel
Hall. Registration forms are available in the
OLV parish office or by emailing Jenny
Vincent at jvincent@olvcathedral.org. The
Confirmation Mass will be held on **Tuesday,**
February 25th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.
Deadline for registration: Thursday, January
14, 2020.



A Ministry for Families of All Ages!

Kick-off Event:

**St. Don Bosco—The Saint
Who Knew How to Have Fun!**

Join us for **fun and laughter with other families** as we learn about
this amazing saint, and how he had fun sharing his faith with others!
We'll learn how to juggle, do card tricks, and more!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST IN THE ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
5:30PM POTLUCK (BRING AN ITALIAN DISH TO SHARE!)
6:15—7PM ACTIVITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

QUESTIONS? Contact Justin at 321-217-1117, reyeshj17@gmail.com



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY QUARTERLY BUNCO

The Quarterly Bunco Party hosted by the Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church will be Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 from 9:30 am til Noon. It will be held at St Peter's Parish Hall. A free lunch will be served, and game prizes & door prizes will be awarded. Please invite a friend. And enjoy visiting with ladies from our five local Catholic Churches. For information and reservations contact Ginger Wagner at (361) 550-6444.

Incarnate word Convent Health Care

is seeking L.V.N. For full time 2 p.m. –10 p.m.
Apply at 1101 N. E. Water Street or call Estela Perez, BSN.RN at 361-578-1967

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

We are still in need of jewelry for the jewelry booth. Fellow parishioners: please keep in mind the Live and Silent Auction and find a special item to donate and support our auctions at the church festival. Questions? Please contact Maggie Schaar (Live) 361-212-2452 and Jennifer Shellenberger (Silent) 361-578-5898 If you would like to help please call Kevin or Joan Pfister - 576-9638.



Nazareth Academy Open House
- You are invited to attend NA's Open House for prospective students in PK3 - 8th Grade on Tuesday, January 21, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Information about the school's history and curriculum

will be shared, tours will be given and staff will be available to answer your questions. Registration information for the 2020-2021 school year will be given. Please email dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org or call the school for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of Earl Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burn this week in memory of Deceased Members of Vrana and Janacek Families by Paul & Mary Ann Janacek and Bohumil Smolka by Frank Smolka.

Commemoration of the Deceased

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

There are some dates available for candles.

Bible Studies Continue

Join us for our Bible studies! The Sunday morning 9:15 a.m. class is studying the Gospel of Matthew and the Wednesday 6:15 p.m. class is studying the Gospel of Luke from Agape Catholic Bible Study <https://www.agapebiblestudy.com>.

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.



**Choosing to
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Live Our Vows Everyday

Want to make a New Year's resolution that will stick?? How about **Rekindle the Spark in Your Marriage?**

Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will be sponsoring a **special weekend for married couples** in the Victoria area in 2020. **Choosing to L.O.V.E.** is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence – their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage vows and desiring to strengthen the core of who they are as husband and wife. **The retreat will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, south of Victoria, on February 14-16, 2020.** Space is limited, so register now! The cost for the retreat will be \$275 per couple, which includes lodging, food, and materials. Registration forms are available at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parish Office in Victoria or by emailing jvincent@olvcathedral.org. More information can be found on the website.



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.



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.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel	Cynthia Brewer	571-6510
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