

*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2



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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.



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**They prostrated
themselves and did
him homage.**



Sunday, January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles who Paul recognized as now being copartners through the gospel, the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid him homage.

Today's readings reflect the joy of today's event-the Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah sings of the promise of post-exilic Jerusalem, receiving

people and treasures from all nations. The author of Ephesians proclaims that in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay homage to the newborn King.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-3

Matthew 3: 13-17

St. Mary's Altar Society will host a parish meal this Sunday, 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. However, it would be best to have at least two adorers per hour, so 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).



EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 6

12:05 †Earline Boltz

Tuesday, January 7

12:05 †Otto Kalischko (ANNIV)

Wednesday, January 8

12:05 †Rosa Lee Harker

Thursday, January 9

8:10 †Katie Pagel—Nazareth
Academy
12:05 †Edgardo & Antonina Cruz

Friday, January 10

12:05 William the Conqueror

Saturday, January 11 Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

4:00 †Elizabeth Betty Horn
†Edward Welder

Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 †Cecilia Vrana (ANNIV)
†Lupe Salinas
10:30 People of the Parish

**Altar Care for January is
Sue Cotton**

LECTORS

Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris

10:30 a.m. Richard Evans

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Michael Cuellar,
Georgia West, Diana Starnes

10:30 a.m. Karen Evans, Corinne Copeland,
Judy Gilley Anthony Lopez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. Larry & Linda Luna, Bobby &
Barbara Baca

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Paul Janacek, Bohumil
Vrana, Loyd West, Stella Silva

10:30 a.m. Carolyn McConnell, Laszlo Nemes,
Greg Brewer

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. Emily Janak, Catherine A.

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Alexa & Gianna M.

10:30 a.m. Thomas C., Eduardo R., Sofia V.
John Paul P.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 21-22

Sunday Collection.....\$ 5,109.00
Loose Collection.....\$ 1,085.00
On-line giving.....\$ 480.00
Total.....\$ 6,674.00



QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER

.. Interested in learning
how to quilt or craft?

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

in the Annex.

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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.



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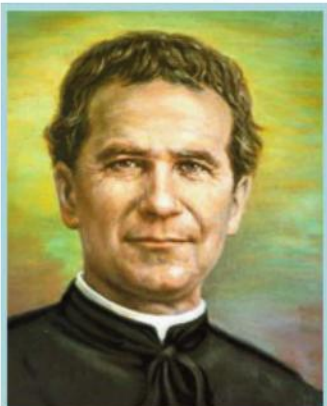
Kick-off Event:

**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



EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 Hazel Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burn this week in memory of Alan Migura by James & Denise Bednorz and **Date Available**

Commemoration of the Deceased

The Candle in Commemoration of the Deceased burns in memory of Cecilia Vrana by Paul & Mary Ann Janacek

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.

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