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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

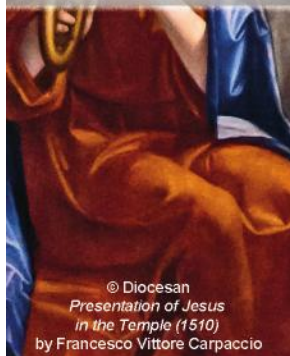
Welcome to St. Mary's Parish Family. Please phone or come by the Parish Office to let us know you have arrived. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org.



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PRESENTATION
of the LORD



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Presentation of Jesus
in the Temple (1510)
by Francesco Vittore Carpaccio



Sunday, February 2, 2020, the Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence.

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

I Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

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

The Festival is just a few weeks away. In order to have a successful Festival, please consider the following needs/donations for our Festival Day.

1. Jewelry for the jewelry booth
2. Desserts for the meal
3. Toys for the Toy Walk
4. Prizes for the Fish Pond
5. 2Liter sodas
6. Bingo Prizes- household items, etc.
7. Plants for the Plant Booth
8. Items for the Auction and Silent Auction- please also see bulletin insert for ideas/needs.

If you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

- There are Raffle tickets at the entrance of the church for purchase or for sale. Please remember to return your Raffle tickets. These can be returned at the Church office or placed in the collection basket.
- Teen volunteers who would like to help run games please contact Marie Immenhauser 572-3863.
- The festival placemat has spaces available! Contact Richard or Karen Evans for more info 361-550-9808 or 361-550-9809.
- The Country Store booth welcomes your home baked and hand made creations. We sell out everything edible every year! Please help us make this year our best ever.

If you have questions, or would like to help please call Kevin or Joan Pfister- 576-9638/676-0439.

Thank you, and we look forward to our Festival Day.

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet on Monday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Feast of St. Blaisé will be on Monday, February 3. We will have the blessing of the Throat at the 12:05 Mass .

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1, Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord

4:00 †Louis Janis, Jr.
†Delois Kilgore

Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 †Melba Rasmussen Johnston
†August Hermes
10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, February 3

12:05 †Geraldine Johns

Tuesday, February 4

12:05 †Geraldine Innocenti

Wednesday, February 5, Saint Agatha

9:30 †Adeline Hermes —Courtyard Nursing Home
12:05 †Jeff Osterhout

Thursday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki

12:05 †Marie O'Connor Sorenson

Friday, February 7

12:05 †Mark DeVos

Saturday, February 8, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †Dora Ann Halth Ortega Family
Intention of Joseph David Ladewig

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 †Hattie Zajicek (ANNIV)
†Daniel Vrana
10:30 People of the Parish

JANUARY 25-26, 2020

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 3,222.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 937.76
On-line giving.....	\$ 195.00
Total.....	\$ 4,354.76

CCD Class time is 6:00 - 7:15 pm, please be on time. Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26 class dates.

LECTORS

Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. O. Basaldua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel, Georgia West,
Geraldine Jurica, Emily Garza
10:30 a.m. Brandon Basaldua, Judy Gilley,
Dee Garza, Corinne Copeland

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Denise
Gainer, Frank Smolka

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Paul Janacek, Bohumil Vrana, Loyd
West, Stella Silva
10:30 a.m. Greg & Pam Fanelli, John Cavazos,
Laszlo Nemes

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Alexa & Gianna M.
10:30 a.m. Thomas C., Eduardo R., Sofia V.,
Richard Evans

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesday, February 4, -7:00-8:30 p.m.

The **Divine Mercy & Holy Rosary Cenacle** invites everyone to come join us to pray on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 pm in St. Mary's Chapel. Come see what it is about!



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

Come meet on Thursday,
January 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Annex.

Celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life
Sunday, February 2, 2020

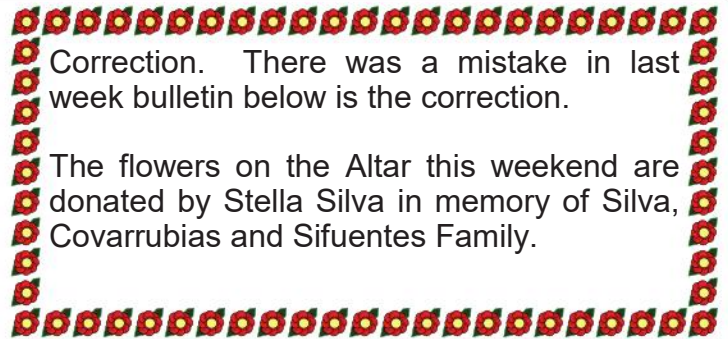
The 8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Victoria on Sunday, February 2, 2020, will be designated for "World Day for Consecrated Life" instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1997 to highlight the gift of consecrated life for the whole Church. Bishop Brendan Cahill will be the Main Celebrant. A reception will be held in Our Lady of Sorrows Trinity Hall immediately after the Mass. Sisters from the various religious communities in the Diocese of Victoria will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome. Families and especially young adults are encouraged to attend both the Mass and reception. Mark your calendars now and help spread the good news about this celebration.

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on February 3, 2020 at the KC Hall. A Rosary will be prayed at 6:10 with the meeting to follow. Secret pals will also be revealed. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Give yourself the Gift of CDA.

Your are invited to Bloomington, Knights of Columbus #10751 Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 2, chicken Barbecue plate \$10.00, 1/2 chicken with trimmings -potato salad, beans or whole BBQ chicken \$10.00 starting at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington for orders on Sunday call Parish Hall 897-1398, Thomas Pribyl (512)657-1795 pribatc@aol.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrimage!

Please join other Catholics from the Victoria/Houston area to visit the Shrines of Mexico. You will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tulpetlac (site of the fifth apparition), Teotihuacan (visit the pyramids of the sun and the moon), Puebla (Mass at the church of Santo Domino with a visit to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary) and much more. We are traveling May 11th through the 16th. \$1,750 pp double occupancy. If you are interested in joining this spiritual journey, contact Jane Lakatos at jhlakatos@gmail.com.



Correction. There was a mistake in last week bulletin below is the correction.

The flowers on the Altar this weekend are donated by Stella Silva in memory of Silva, Covarrubias and Sifuentes Family.

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A LENTEN JOURNEY



Our parish will again participate in

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Groups will be forming soon.

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) during office hours.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

www.disciplesonthejourney.org

Lent begins February 26, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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).

Altar Care for February
Margaret Clegg and Deborah Brugo

FRESH FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR EVERY WEEKEND IN 2020.

Honor our Lord and His dwelling place. St. Mary's Altar Society is seeking weekly sponsorship. We are asking that you consider a donation of \$100 to provide the flowers for a specific weekend in memory or honor of a significant event in your family; birth, wedding anniversary, first communion, confirmation, gratitude for prayers answered, in memory of a loved one, or just because you desire to share your love for your parish in this manner, etc. Your donation will be published in the bulletin issue date for which you provide the flower donation. Donations may be made to St. Mary's Altar Society and should list the date, reason for the donation/celebration information, and how the donor's name is to be listed. Forms are available at the back of the church. THANK YOU.

Holy Family Catholic Church Altar Society will host a Lenten mini-retreat on Saturday, **February 15, 2020**. It will begin with a Mass at 8:00 A.M. in the main church. The Retreat will be held in the Activity Center following the end of Mass, with Father Kristopher Fuchs leading the retreat. All are welcome, men and women. There is no fee for the retreat. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. In order to prepare enough food, we need you to please call and sign up with Betty Frederick 550-0064 or Millie Chapa 652-5630 or 576-6508.

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of Gayle, Gary, and Gary Jr. Engelmohr by Margaret Boedeker.

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burns this week in memory of George and Annie Koenning Boedeker and Sons: Emmette, Leonard, Floyd and George Jr. by Margaret Boedeker.

Commemoration of the Deceased

The Candle in Commemoration of the Deceased In memory of John and Agnes Pekar Kocian Family by Margaret Boedeker.

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.



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. Come out, have fun and meet friends.



The Emmaus Center provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective. The counseling staff are Licensed Professional Counselors and Registered Interns who devote themselves to assisting those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race, or age. To schedule any appointments or for information call (361) 212-0830 or visit <https://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com>



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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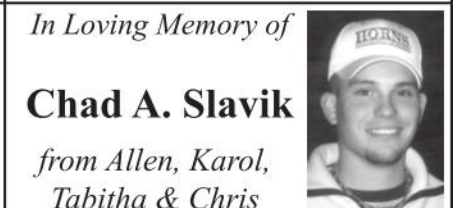
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