

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Agony in the Garden

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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

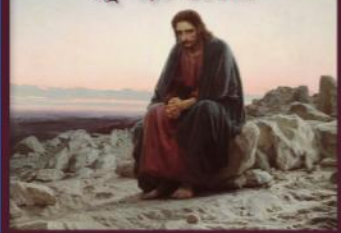
Welcome to St. Mary's Parish Family. Please phone or come by the Parish Office to let us know you have arrived. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org.



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Christ at Prayer on the Mount of Olives
Noel Coypel, 1705

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At that time Jesus
was led by the
Spirit into the
desert to be tempted
by the devil.



Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Every year on the first Sunday of Lent, the focus is on temptation. Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent in the garden of Eden. Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil. Though the temptations in our life may not be as dramatic as those in Genesis or the Gospels, they may be just as powerful. As we celebrate today's liturgy, let us pray to God for strength to resist temptation and for mercy when we fall.

The serpent tempts Eva and Adam in the garden in Eden. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Though Adam and Eve are talked into disobeying God, Jesus resists the devil's repeated attempts. Saint Paul relates the two and explains that the effects of Jesus' obedience to God's will—from the desert to the cross—far exceed the harmful effect of Adam's disobedience. Let us listen now to these stores of temptation.

Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

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.

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9 in the Activity Center.

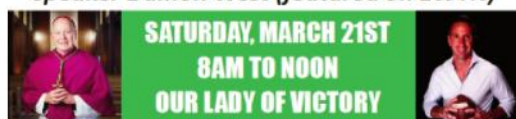
AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER HOSTS LENTEN SOLEMN VESPERS

During the season of Lent, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament** invite the public to join them in praying **Solemn Vespers** or **Evening Praise** every Sunday of Lent (**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2020**) in **Incarnate Word Convent Chapel, 1011 N.E. Water Street, Victoria**, from **5:00 – 5:45 pm** in preparation for celebrating Easter.

Vespers is the **Catholic Churches' Liturgical Evening Prayer** through which the Church, God's people, prays for the Church and the world. With brief reflections on the Lenten Scriptures during **Solemn Vespers**, the potential to open our hearts to Jesus' call to repent/change our lives, can help bring us to spiritual transformation and resurrection. **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** follows Vespers.



Featuring Mass with Bishop Cahill and guest speaker Damon West (featured on EWTN)



REGISTER IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

1. **Text** 321-217-1117 your name and e-mail
2. **E-mail** jreyes@victoriadiocese.org your name and number
3. **Visit** www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game

Tickets are \$10. Breakfast Included. Walk-ins welcome.



Painted Church Tour with Fr. Kristopher

There are still spots available for the Painted Church Tour with Fr. Kristopher from our parish festival. The tour leaves at 8:00 am from St. Mary's parking lot **on Saturday, March 7th** and returns around 3:00 pm that day. This tour includes visits to some of the beautiful "Painted Churches" in the Schulenburg area, time for prayer, a picnic lunch, a stop at either the Shiner brewery or a local winery, and lots of fun with Fr. Kristopher on the air conditioned school bus. Tickets are available for \$100 each at the Parish Office for this fundraiser. Call or come by soon to reserve your seat!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 29, Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 †Walter Stevens
†Fred Buckert

Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 †Ludwig Hajek
†Hilmer & A. Bundia Reagan
10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, March 2

12:05 †Agnes Otto

Tuesday, March 3

12:05 †Shirley Stroud

Wednesday, March 4

12:05 †Loretta Martin

Thursday, March 5

12:05 †Lupe Salinas

Friday, March 6

12:05 †Roger Ruth

Saturday, March 7, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 †Emil Kruppa
†Earl & Freda Kolle

Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 †Mary Ann Vivion
†Charles Moscatelli
10:30 People of the Parish

LECTORS

Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Bob Bautista
10:30 a.m. Corinne Copeland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m. Emily Migl, Judy Jabbour

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Adolph Hernandez, Laurie Bautista
10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Paul Janacek, Bohumil Vrana, Roy
Jurica, Stella Silva
10:30 a.m. Greg & Pam Fanelli, Greg Brewer,
Laszlo Nemes

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m. Emily Janak

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Luke H., Matthew B.
10:30 a.m. Thomas C., John Paul P. Eduardo
R., Sofia V.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP February 22-23, 2020

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 3,032.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 835.25
On-line giving.....	\$ 745.00
Total.....	\$ 4,612.25

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesday, March 3 -7:00-8:30 p.m.

CCD Class time is 6:00 - 7:15 pm, please be on time. March 4, 11, 25 class dates.

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!

Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Every Friday During Lent

Starting at 6:00pm on Fridays during Lent, we will continue the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross in the church. After Stations of the Cross, we will have a brief time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Solemn Benediction to conclude our prayer. Afterwards, all are invited to have a Lenten meal in the Activity Center.

The following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten meal on these dates. To schedule your organization/group to prepare and serve the meal on April 3rd, please call the parish office at 573-4328.

Mar. 6 - KJZT #101
Mar. 13 - CCD / Religious Education
Mar. 20 - Richard & Karen Evans
Mar. 27 - FIAT
April 3 -

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on March 3, 2020 at the KC Hall. A Rosary will be prayed at 6:10 with the meeting to follow. Bring a friend and a salad for our annual membership and salad supper meeting. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Give yourself the Gift of CDA.



Come join St. Mary's Church Choir!

The liturgies of Holy Week are rich in musical traditions that add to the beauty and meaning of each mass. Lend your voice to support and enhance our musical expressions of prayer during this special time in the liturgical year.

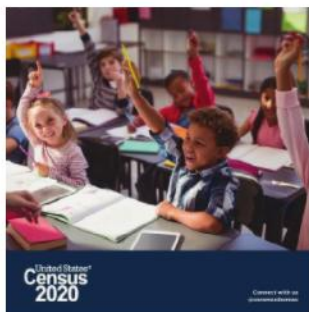
Previous choral experience and the ability to read music are assets but not required.

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 9:15am to 10:20am in the parlor of St. Mary's Hall.

If you are interested in joining the choir come to a Sunday morning rehearsal. You may also contact choir director Cathy Lowe, at cathyjlowe@yahoo.com.

You are invited the Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #4307 will sponsor their Shrimp Etouffe and Gumbo meal, auction, and raffle on Sun March 8, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Bowl—\$10.00 Served with rice—dessert and tea will be served from 10:30 a.m.. to 1:00 p.m.

Altar Care for March
Pattie Stevens and Patty Schaar



Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of fund-ing for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Learn more about

the im-portance of the #2020Census and how to participate: 2020census.gov.



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

Come meet on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

A LENTEN JOURNEY



Our parish will again participate in
Disciples on the Journey.

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 Rectorry (573-4328) during office hours.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE
www.disciplesonthejourney.org

Lent begins February 26, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Adoration Chapel News

The Adoration Chapel needs adorers of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 10 – 11 a.m.

A second Adorer is needed to share Mondays 12:30 – 1 p.m., Tuesdays 12:30 – 1 p.m., and Fridays 8 – 9 a.m., 12:30 – 1 p.m., 1 – 2 p.m., and 2 – 3 p.m.

Adorers, please pick up your new substitute lists at the back of the chapel on the table under the sign-in sheet. If you are unable to keep your hour, please call a substitute from the list.

If you are interested in signing up for an hour or would like to visit the chapel and need the code, please call Cindy at (361) 571-6510.

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

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week for the Special Intention of Sandra Morris.

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burns this week for the Special Intentions of Brianne Kennedy and Russell Kennedy.

Commemoration of the Deceased

The Candle in Commemoration of the Deceased In memory of of Deacon A. R. Wearden and Debra Wearden Hampton by Mrs. Theresa Wearden and James Wearden

There are some dates available for candles.

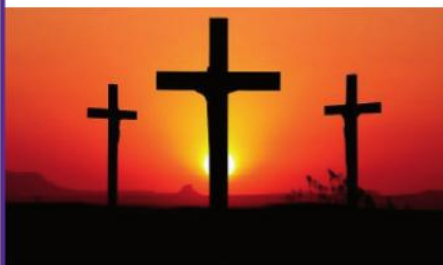
Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ

will be held March 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.



sponsors...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BREAKFAST FOR DINNER



Families, join us for Stations of the Cross featuring kid-friendly ways to participate, followed by breakfast for dinner! Pancakes with toppings bar will be served!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH
AT 6PM**

**STATIONS IN THE CHURCH
DINNER AFTER IN THE HALL**

QUESTIONS? Contact Justin at 321-217-1117





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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