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NEW TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome! Please call or come by the parish office to let us know you are here. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For Children not yet in school: Contact the parish office to inquire about baptizing your child. Parents and godparents will meet with Fr. Kristopher to prepare for the celebration. Godparents from another parish can participate in a baptism class at their own parish. Baptisms are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

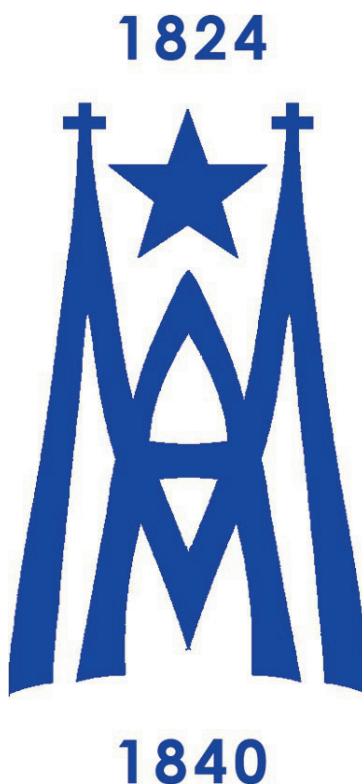
For those in school (age 5-18): Contact Diana Starnes to enroll in our CCD program.

For Adults:

Contact Fr. Kristopher to enquire about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. We are happy to resume bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound after the COVID disruptions.



THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Congratulations on your engagement! We are happy to assist you in preparing for Holy Matrimony. Please schedule an appointment to meet with Fr. Kristopher at least 6 months before the desired wedding date to begin preparing.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For high schoolers:

Preparation is completed through our CCD program, Catholic School or through the home. CCD meets on Wednesdays from 6:00–7:15 pm in the Activity Center.

For adults:

Contact Fr. Kristopher

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office and ask for a priest. If it is an emergency at a hospital and a priest from St. Mary's is unavailable, ask the nurse to call the Catholic chaplain.

BULLETIN NEWS

Please have any information for the parish bulletin in by noon on Monday. Contact Cathy at sec@stmvictoria.org or call 361-573-4328.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:30 am

Monday - Friday 12:05 pm

CONFESSIONS

After all Masses:
Monday - Saturday
and upon request

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**Saturday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Virginia Msgorski †
 5:00 pm Confessions Mary Ann Vivion †

Sunday, December 27 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Dr. Tom Moscatelli †
 Ernest Innocenti †
 10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

**Monday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Parish Office Closed**

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Clarence Atzehoffer †
 12:30 pm Confessions

**Tuesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the
Parish Office Closed Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Bill & Clara Berkman †
 12:30 pm Confessions
 3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel

**Wednesday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the
Parish Office Closed Nativity of the Lord**

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Marlene Polka †
 12:30 pm Confessions

**Thursday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave
Parish Office Closed Nativity of the Lord****No 12:05 pm Mass**

4:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Josephine Sala †

**Friday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Parish Office Closed (Holy Day of Obligation)****No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel**

9:00 am Hour of Reparation in the Church and Prayers for the New Year
 10:00 am Holy Day Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: William Tagliabue †
 5:00 pm Confessions Mary Ann Peters Janacek †

Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Daniel Jalfuka †
 Glen Bone †
 10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish
 † symbol indicates the deceased

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS
DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

The parish office is closed until Monday, January 4, 2021. For a majority of that time, Fr. Kristopher will still be available for pastoral needs. Please call the office (361) 573-4328 and leave a message for Fr. Kristopher or Dcn. Jim should any needs arise.

REGULAR OFFERTORY GIFTS

The collection totals will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Amount needed weekly to meet budget: \$8,085.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

The Mass attendance will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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or by mail to:

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or dropped off in the secure mailbox at the parish office.

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by

Victor Yanta

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IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE DECEASED**

in the chapel burns this week in
memory of

The Janacek & Vrana Families
by

Paul & Mary Ann Janacek

**THE ALTAR SOCIETY SAYS:
THANK YOU!**

St. Mary's Altar Society acknowledges with sincere gratitude your donations and weekend flower sponsorships throughout the year 2020. You have enabled us to provide fresh flowers for our Lord during this entire year. We couldn't do it without you. We have been blessed by your generosity and kindness. May God continue to bless you.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00 PM

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION IN THE CHURCH - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 9:00 AM

MASS - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 10:00 AM

We will have two Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. There will be a Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm on New Years Eve and a Mass at 10:00 am on New Years Day. As is our custom on the first Friday of the month, we will have a Holy Hour of Reparation from 9:00 am - 10:00 am before the Mass. Let us start the new year off right!

INDULGENCES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00 PM & FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 10:00 AM

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 4:00 pm Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God. We will also sing the *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1st at the end of the 10:00 am 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.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

We will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel on New Years Day. There will, however, be exposition in the church from 9:00 am - 10:00 am that day.

12-WEEK IGNATIAN RETREAT

JANUARY 6 - MARCH 24

"Finding Christ in the World"

The Amor Meus Spirituality Center, 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria, TX 77901, is offering ***"Finding Christ in the World,"*** a 12-week Ignatian Retreat, beginning **January 6, 2021** through **March 24, 2021**. Participants will meet through **Zoom** either on **Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30 AM** or **Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM**. The retreat moves through twelve themes for prayer. The persons making the retreat pray at home each day with a given scripture passage and meet for one hour each week to share. Brief notes help move the retreatant into prayer.

A stipend for the entire retreat, including a workbook, is \$8.00 a week. The retreat is limited to 10 people. Register early or inquire about this retreat at (361) 485-0866 with Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS (dignavela@gmail.com) to secure a space.

CHOOSING TO LOVE RETREAT

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2021

Looking for a Special Way to Rekindle the Spark in Your Marriage?

Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for married couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence their marriage vows.

Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will hold this retreat for married couples at the Spiritual Renewal Center, on **February 12 - 14, 2021**. The cost for the retreat is \$275.00 per couple, which includes lodging, food and materials. We are now accepting applications for registration. Space is limited, so contact Jenny Vincent at jvincent@olvcathedral.org to ensure a spot.

DONATION INFORMATION**NONPROFIT CARES ACT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION CHANGES**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which became law on March 27, 2020, made several changes to charitable contribution limitation rules for individuals and corporations. Here are the details:

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

- Individuals who take the standard deduction on their tax return (non-itemizers) can contribute up to \$300 cash to most 501(c)(3) charitable organizations and claim a new "above the-line" deduction on their 2020 taxes. Previously, there was no charitable contribution tax deduction available for taxpayers who did not itemize deductions.
- Individuals who itemize their deductions can deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash contributions to most 501(c)(3) organizations for 2020. The deduction was previously capped at 60% of AGI for cash contributions.

FOR CORPORATIONS:

- Corporate donors may also make charitable contributions, and in 2020, corporations may increase their corporate tax deduction from 15% to 25% of taxable income.
- Corporations that donate food inventory during 2020 may increase their charitable contribution deduction from 15% to 25% of taxable income.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to assist our parish, especially in these challenging days of this pandemic and as we prepare for the end of this calendar year. As always, thank you for your generosity.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY**JANUARY**

Bishop Cahill has announced a special Year of the Family! You are invited to join in monthly themes where we will explore an area of our faith and participate in activities that will help us to **Pray, Eat, and Play** together.

For the Month of January: FIAT: Mary says Yes.

Mary's "fiat" changed the eternal fate of mankind. In a similar, but lesser way, God will use our "Yes" to His invitations to change the hearts and souls known to Him. But, remember; God will not use us, if we say "no" to Him. Pray that we may never let our selfishness and fear deprive us of the privilege of being part of God's perfect plan.

Pray:

1. Pray a Hail Mary for Moms (by birth, by adopted, spiritual mothers, etc.)
2. Pray for an end to abortion.
3. Start a prayer chain at your New Year's meal. Have each person at the table say one thing for which they are thankful.
4. Pray the Angelus at a set time (6 am, noon, 6pm) daily for a week.

Eat:

1. Take pictures as you cook a meal together.
2. Take time to write out a family recipe to share with someone else.
3. Make a Saint Basil's Jewel Cake for the new year! (Details can be found at victoriadiocese.org)

Prayer after Meals:

*We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who loves and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Play:

1. Participate in the virtual 5K benefitting the Bethlehem Maternity Home. (Go to victoriadiocese.org)
2. Pick a patron saint for your family for the year.
3. Celebrate a saint's feast day with a fun dessert or special meal. Watch a video about a saint's feast day.
4. Listen for the church bells that ring during the Angelus times.
5. Celebrate Jesus' baptism by remembering your own baptism! Find out when you were baptized and mark it on the calendar.
6. Making resolutions? How about including some to grow closer to God? Attend Mass more frequently. Pray the rosary daily. Pick something that works for you!

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