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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

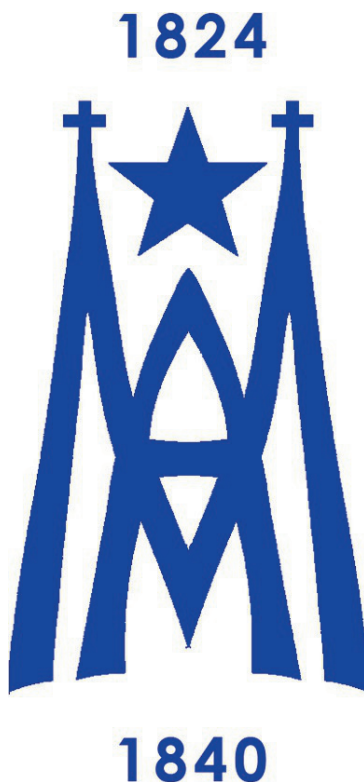
For Children not yet in school: Contact the parish office to inquire about baptizing your child. Parents and godparents will meet with Fr. Kristopher to prepare for the celebration. Godparents from another parish can participate in a baptism class at their own parish. Baptisms are scheduled at a mutually 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, February 13 Sat of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time**

2:00 p.m. Quinceanera

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Confessions

Mass Intention: Helen Janak †

Ernest, Irma & Jimmy Innocenti †

Sunday, February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Sunday Mass

Mass Intention: Gilbert Wendel †

Daniel Vrana †

10:30 am Sunday Mass

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, February 15 Mon. of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Mass Intention: Sharon West Bauer †

12:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Seminarian Parish Advisory Team Meeting—Activity Center

Tuesday, February 16 Tues. of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Mass Intention: Agnes Otto †

12:30 pm Confessions

3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel

3:30 - 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution - Annex Porte-cochère

6:00 pm Burning of the Ashes and Burial of the Alleluia

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

12:05 pm Daily Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Mass Intention: Simon Cornelius †

12:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Daily Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Mass Intention: Chester P. Lyssy †

7:30 pm Solemn Vespers with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 18 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am- 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Annex

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Mass Intention: James F. Gaffney †

12:30 pm Confessions

Friday, February 19 Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Mass Intention: Pauline Sturm †

12:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 20 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Mass Intention: Jerry & Frances Patton †

5:00 pm Confessions

Mary Ann Ohrt †

Sunday, February 21 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Sunday Mass

Mass Intention: Francis Boldt †

Lillian Obsta †

10:30 am Sunday Mass

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY GIFTS**February 2-8**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,282.25

On-line giving.....\$ 865.00

Total.....\$7,147.25*Amount needed weekly**to meet budget: \$8,085.00***MASS ATTENDANCE****5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat., Feb. 6th at 4:00 pm.....107

Sun., Feb. 7th at 8:00 am.....76

Sun., Feb. 7th at 10:30 am153

Total.....336**THANK YOU FOR
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OF THE CHURCH****Contributions can be made
through our website:
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& Debra Wearden Hampton**by
Theresa Wearden & James**THE ADORATION CANDLES**
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in honor of
Michael Brehm**THE CANDLE
IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE DECEASED**
in the chapel burns this week
in memory of
Edna Bludau
by
Sister Mary Jean Bludau**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY**

this weekend are in honor of

**Father Kristopher, Deacon Jim,
Deacon Richard, and Seminarian Ryan**
by St. Mary's Altar Society and various donors

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:05 pm Daily Mass with Imposition of Ashes

6:00 pm Daily Mass with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 pm Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Imposition of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

6:00 PM EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Starting at 6:00 pm 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. We will not have the typical Lenten meal afterwards this year.

The only exception to Stations and Benediction will be March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. More details about this special day will be forthcoming.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA MEN'S GATHERING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

Bishop Brendan Cahill will be joined by Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ: EWTN Personality, and Sam Meier: speaker, author, counselor at the Diocese of Victoria Men's Gathering at the Cathedral Center in Victoria. In following COVID-19 safety protocols, capacity will be limited to 250 participants, so purchase your ticket soon before space runs out! Each ticket is just \$25, and the fifth ticket is free. Online registration is simple and easy at www.victoriadiocese.org/arise.

ALTAR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER - POTATO SOUP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AND 28TH AFTER ALL MASSES

Due to the cancelation of previous fundraisers for the altar society due to COVID, the St. Mary's Altar Society will be sponsoring a fundraising event by selling a to go lunch bag of a pint of potato soup, garlic bread, and cookies for \$8 after each of the three Masses on the weekend of February 27th and 28th. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

NAZARETH ACADEMY ENROLLMENT

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for new students at Nazareth Academy has begun for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child in PK3 - 8th grade and would like more information or a tour, please email dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org or call 361-573-6651. We look forward to hearing from you.

A note from Fr. Kristopher:

Often, parishioners do not have a chance to see the “behind-the-scenes” work that I do here in the parish. The only encounter many have with the priest might be for the time on Sunday at Mass. While there is much happening here at St. Mary's, I thought I would highlight one ministry in particular: how couples are prepared for marriage.

Within the past almost 2 years since I have been here, there have been 27 weddings at St. Mary's, with 15 more already on the calendar, preparing for that special day. Although some of these involve people who no longer live here in Victoria, many of them do live here, and I've had the opportunity to help prepare many of these couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

But, honestly, I have felt that something has been missing in the marriage preparation process. I have questioned how I have been preparing couples and wonder if I was always giving the engaged couple everything they need. Although I think my efforts have been ok, I know I could do better. I also think about the great opportunity for St. Mary's to help the Faith journey of all these couples. This has led me to explore some possibilities. With the help of Justin Reyes, a parishioner of St. Mary's and head of the Diocesan Office of Family Evangelization, I think there is a wonderful way for us to better help our engaged couples. It is a new marriage program that was created in Lafayette, Louisiana, called Witness to Love. We are truly excited that this program could give us an element that has been missing: integrating these couples into parish life.

You see, integration into parish life is what most marriage programs lack.

Most couples that approach us are younger and, for some, their faith and going to Mass haven't always been in the forefront of their lives. Others are at a point in their life where they want to find a parish of their own. Still, others are just new to Victoria. Many of the couples don't have a solid foundation in a parish at this point and don't know how to go about establishing one. Witness to Love fills that void and helps them not only prepare for a life together, but also a life within the Church as a married couple. The main practical difference in this program is that the engaged couple gets to choose their own mentor couple. The mentor couple they chose must be parishioners of St. Mary's who have been married for at least 5 years, active in parish life, and are in full communion with the Church. The mentor couple is then trained in their role during one of the sessions with the engaged couple. The main role of the mentor couple is to be a positive example for the engaged couple while helping to integrate them into parish life. They will be given a “scavenger hunt list” of to do items. This may entail tasks such as: attending Mass at least twice a month with their mentor couple, having a date night with their mentor couple, and engaging in a work of the parish with their mentor couple. The goal is that after the literal honeymoon is over, the newly married couple will feel comfortable and established in our parish and become active members of St. Mary's. This program, with a few variations, can also help couples who have been civilly married but now wish to have their marriage in the Catholic Church.

It will take a few months to get this program started in our parish and there will be some learning curves along the way. However, I pray that the end result will be happily married couples that keep God as the foundation in their relationship and this parish as part of their faith family. I am particularly grateful to our seminarian, Ryan Kapavik, who is heading the practical efforts to making this a reality at St. Mary's.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - "CULTIVATING A DEEPER PRAYER LIFE"

MARCH 19-21, 2021

Sign up for a Lenten Retreat with Sister Frances Cabrini Janvier of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament (IWBS) - Even Jesus knew the importance of drawing away to a quiet place and praying with our Father. Join us at the beautiful Spiritual Renewal Center to learn how to deepen your own prayer, and build a habit of prayer for the rest of your life. All women ages 18 and up are welcome.

Retreat Details

Location: Spiritual Renewal Center (718 Gussie Schmidt Rd, Victoria, TX 77905)

Cost: \$250 if rooming alone, \$205 if sharing a room with another person of your choice

Includes: Mass, Confession, spiritual direction, 5 talks, lodging, meals, fellowship, and retreat materials

Register Online at www.victoriadiocese.org/womenretreats

Questions? Contact Anita at anita.christensen@att.net or 979-541-3132

This retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria Office of Family Evangelization

ARTWORK ON THE FRONT COVER

Today's Gospel reading is more than just a story of healing a sick man. Leprosy refers not just to the physical illness showing symptoms of a skin disease, it is also symbolic for a person, who was considered to be unclean spiritually, a sinner. Thus we can read this passage replacing the word 'leprosy' with 'sin'. Just like leprosy, sin spreads, is contagious, destroys a person, affects our communities, and needs to be healed.

Jewish laws at the time, demanded that lepers moved out of the communities they lived in, and to live separately in ghettos far removed from the cities. Within those ghettos, we witness how leprosy broke down the racial, geographical and religious barriers. They were all dealing with their illness together. Yes, desperation and adversity break down barriers that often divide people. Adversity unites. So the leper in our Gospel reading is there as much as an individual, as he is as a representative of a whole community: all of us, who are sinners and spiritually unclean.

Jesus, after he has healed the leper, instructs him to see a priest, complying with the Jewish laws of the time. By doing so two things happened: the priest would have confirmed in an objective way that the leprosy was healed, thus giving expert confirmation to the authenticity of the miracle. And also, the priest, by confirming that the man was healed, would implicitly re-instate the leper into society. Christ's healing and mercy re-instates us not only with God, but also with our community...

Today's artwork is a detailed photograph of a mosaic at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Monreale, Sicily. The inscription above the scene reads IESUS SANAVIT LEPROSUM DICENTEM DOMINE SI VIS POTES ME MUNDARE, "Jesus healed the leper who said 'Lord, if you wish you can cleanse me'.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

FEBRUARY

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 February: Universal: Jesus Welcomes All

Lent is a time for all to turn to Jesus, including us! Sometimes in life, we can get distracted from God. Lent is a great time to re-focus on what's really important – faith, family and freedom from sin or anything that prevents us from being who we are called to be as children of God.

Pray:

1. Pray our Our Father every time you hear about or experience an injustice.
2. Ask God what He would like for you to do to draw closer to Him during Lent.
3. Make a plan to get to confession during Lent – maybe even before the penance service!
4. Offer a prayer to your guardian angel before you go to sleep.
5. Encourage the men in your family to attend the diocesan men's gathering on February 20th! Information & registration online: www.victoriadiocese.org/arise

Eat:

1. Fast from sweets for one day as a family, as a sacrifice for others. Fasting is a key aspect of Lent.
2. Ask each person at the table to share their favorite part of the day.
3. Think of a creative way to share a meal with someone else. Maybe a Facetime meal together, maybe donating to a food bank, maybe making a bag of goodies to give to someone in need.

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. Don't give up on your New Year's Resolutions – especially those that bring you closer to God!
2. Go for a 10-15 minute walk outside.
3. Pick a boardgame and play it with your family. By yourself? Call a friend or family member and catch up!
4. Research your baptism date and mark it on the calendar. Make plans to celebrate it like you would your birthday!
5. Share a positive message of God's love on a post-it note for someone to see!
6. Invite someone to Mass! Even if they have to sit socially distanced from your family, remind them that Jesus welcomes all!
7. Download the new "DOV Family Podcast" on your favorite podcast app. Also available on YouTube. Weekly uplifting episodes for families!

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