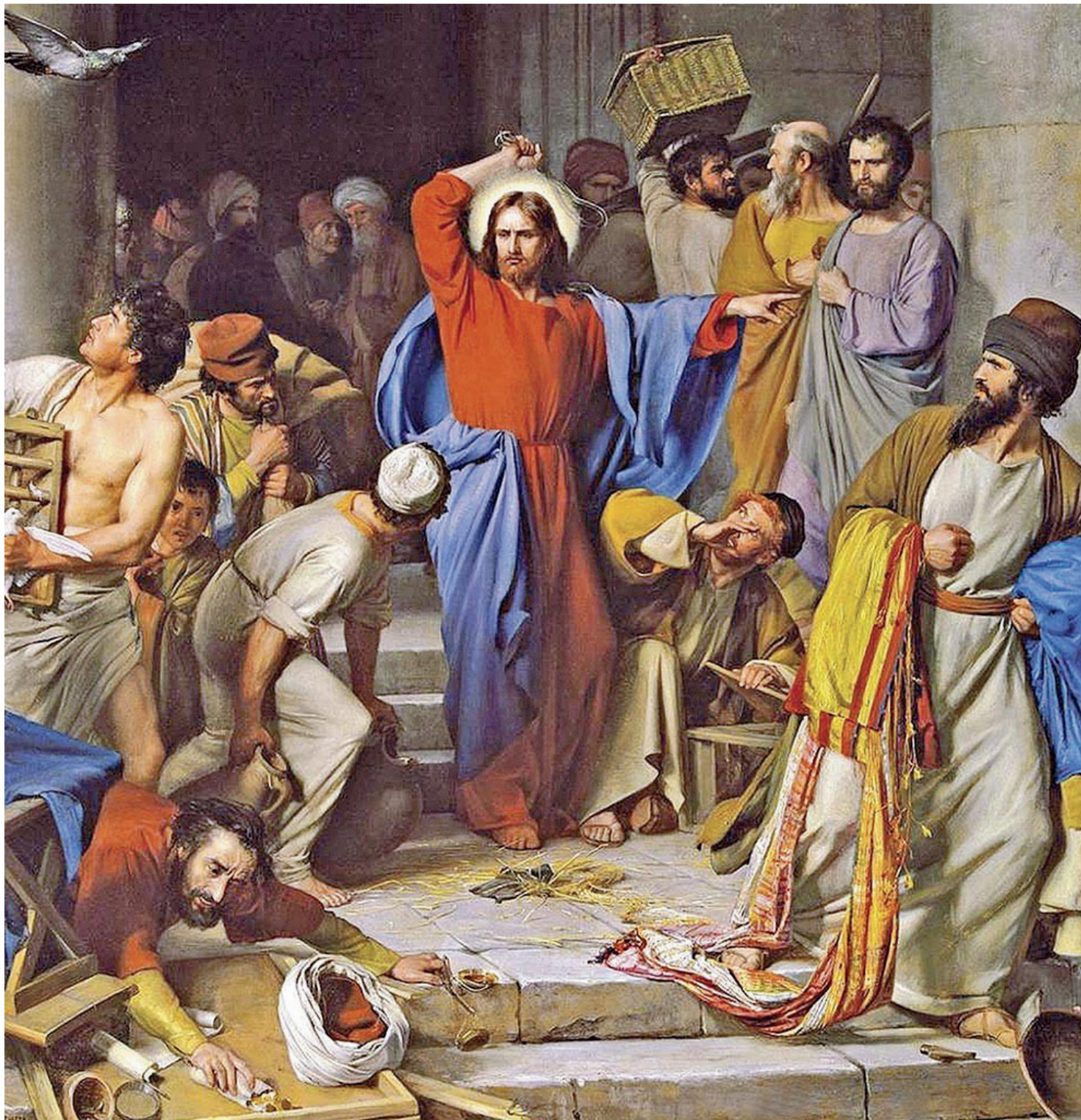


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

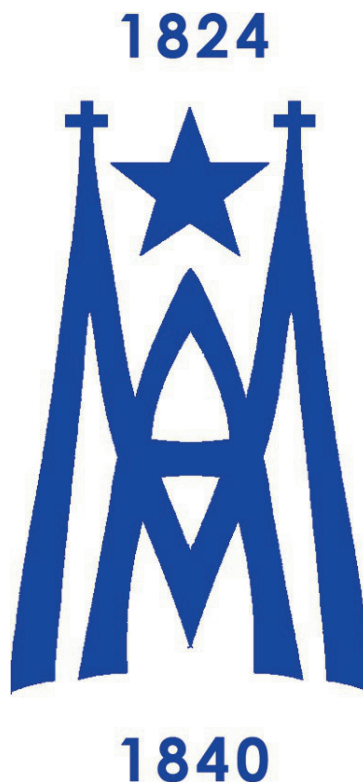
For Children not yet in school: Contact the parish office to inquire about baptizing your child. Parents and godparents will meet with Fr. Kristopher to prepare for the celebration. Godparents from another parish can participate in a baptism class at their own parish. Baptisms are scheduled at a mutually 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, March 6** **Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Freda & Earl Kolle †
 5:00 pm Confessions Joan Bianchi †

Sunday, March 7 **Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: John B. Sala. Sr. †
 Evelyn Kolle †

9:45 am Holy Face Devotions in the Chapel
 10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish
 4:00 pm Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral
 7:00 pm Basketball Night at the Annex Pavilion

Monday, March 8 **Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Elizabeth Jaschke †
 12:35 pm Confessions
 12:35 pm Communal Rosary
 2:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 9 **Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Martha Hamel †
 12:35 pm Confessions
 12:35 pm Communal Rosary
 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
 7:00 pm A Basic Course in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) in the Activity Center

Wednesday, March 10 **Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Dr. Tom Moscatelli †
 12:35 pm Confessions
 12:35 pm Communal Rosary
 6:00 pm CCD Classes - 1st Communion and Confirmation Students Only

Thursday, March 11 **Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Annex
 9:45 am - Nazareth Academy Confessions in the Church
 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Bill & Clara Berkman †
 12:35 pm Confessions
 12:35 pm Communal Rosary

Friday, March 12 **Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Wm Truman Cotton †
 12:35 pm Confessions
 12:35 pm Communal Rosary
 2:35 pm Nazareth Academy Stations of the Cross
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, March 13 **Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent**

1:00 p.m. Barrios/Hernandez Wedding
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Daniel Jalfuka †
 5:00 pm Confessions Irene Heibel †

Sunday, March 14 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Dolores Vrana †
 Edwin Orsak †
 9:00 am Buzek Baptism
 9:45 am Holy Face Devotions in the Chapel
 10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish
 4:00 pm Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral
 7:00 pm Basketball Night at the Annex Pavilion

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY GIFTS**February 23-March 1**

Sunday Collection.....\$5,277.19
 On-line giving.....\$1,300.00
Total.....\$6,577.19

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

MASS ATTENDANCE**2nd Sunday of Lent**

Sat., Feb. 27th at 4:00 pm.....116
 Sun., Feb. 28th at 8:00 am.....73
 Sun., Feb. 28th at 10:30 am ...148
Total.....337

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 by
Patrick Tipton

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ALTAR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER - POTATO SOUP

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased the Potato Soup To-Go lunches this past weekend in support of St. Mary's Altar Society fundraiser, as well as all who couldn't but donated instead. We had no idea of how supportive all of you would be and we underestimated your ability to make our efforts so successful. We apologize for not having enough lunches available. We promise to make up for it the next! With love and sincerely appreciation, - St. Mary's Altar Society

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

FORMS AND ENVELOPES ARE IN THE CHURCH

St. Mary's Altar Society is now accepting donations for decorating our church for Easter in thanksgiving for our Lord's Sacrifice and Resurrection. Forms and envelopes are located behind the back pews of the church. Any amount in honor or memory of your loved one(s) is appreciated. Acknowledgment of your memorial donation will appear in our Easter weekend church bulletin.

Your support in giving honor to our Lord is greatly appreciated.

HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS

BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY AT 9:45 AM IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Come join us on Sundays in making reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus. Starting at 9:45 am, there will be a time of recited prayers and silent adoration, in reparation for atheism, blasphemy and sins against the sanctity of Sunday. For an overview of the devotion to the Holy Face, visit www.holyfacedevotion.com

For more information, contact Faith Barton at 361-212-0189 or faith.barton@protonmail.com.

SOLEMN VESPERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAYS DURING LENT AT 4:00 PM

Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) is celebrated on Sundays during Lent at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory within Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This ancient form of prayer of the Church is a beautiful way to conclude the Lord's Day.

LIVE-STREAMED SOLEMN VESPERS

SUNDAYS DURING LENT AT 5:00 PM

Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, Texas is inviting you to join us online for Solemn Vespers by "liking" us on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/iwbs.victoria> March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2021. Solemn Vespers will be followed by Benediction from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm.

BASKETBALL NIGHTS WITH SEMINARIAN RYAN

SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Come and spend Sunday nights playing basketball with Seminarian Ryan Kapavik at St. Mary's Annex building. Any adult age 18 and up are invited to play pick-up basketball games. All those who are under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. We hope to see you there!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

THIS MONDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 2:00 PM

St. Mary's Altar Society will have their regular meeting this Monday, March 8th at 2:00 pm in the Activity Center. There are many ways that you can help the parish through the Altar Society. For more information, contact Evelyn Dierlam at 578-3740.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL**TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

St. Mary's has exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. The chapel is also available for private prayer with the Reserved Sacrament on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Contact the parish office to obtain the code to enter. If you are interested in signing up for a regular hour of adoration, contact Cindy Brewer at 361-571-6510.

A BASIC COURSE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH**THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 7:00 PM**

Fr. Kristopher Fuchs is leading a basic course in the Catholic Faith this year at St. Mary's in the Parish Hall. This course is for adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion, Confirmation) as well as for Catholics who would just like to study the basics of the Catholic Faith.

At this time, we are studying the Sacraments. Come and check it out!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION**6:00 PM EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

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.

RETREAT FOR THOSE IN GRIEF WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD**SATURDAY, MARCH 13 IN GANADO**

Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a child? On Saturday, March 13th, the Diocese of Victoria will be offering a one-day retreat in Ganado for parents who have lost a child of any age, no matter how long ago. The day will feature talks by clergy parents, time for prayer and group discussion, and lunch. Registration is free of charge at www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support or by calling 361-573-0828 x2665

LENTEN RETREAT**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 FROM 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, TX is offering a silent Lenten Retreat, The Pandemic and the Passion, at Incarnate Word Convent Auditorium Saturday, March 27, 2021, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. It will be facilitated by Fr. Albert Yankey. The retreat is limited to 20 persons. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please call (361)575-7111 to register. There is no fee; however, a free-will offering will be accepted.



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>



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PRAY

In silent prayer, reflect on God's promises.

Read a passage about God's covenants: Genesis 9:8-17; Hebrews 8:6-13.

Plan to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter.

Ask your child(ren) (grandchildren, godchildren, nieces/nephews) to lead a prayer. Listen. Be intentional about praying for and with them.

Attend daily Mass as a family. If unable to attend daily Mass, read the daily readings together. bible.usccb.org



EAT

Remember to pray before AND after your meals!

No meat on Fridays!

Pick at least one meal each week to eat at home with your family around the table.

Prepare for Good Friday and discuss ways your family can fast together.

Gather ingredients from a favorite family meal and take them to your local food pantry. Don't forget to include the recipe!

PLAY

Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

Plant a garden with your family. It can be as small or big as you like! Consider planting fruits, vegetables, or even flowers!

Be on the lookout for a rainbow this month! Remember that God keeps promises!

Send a card to someone. Who doesn't love mail?!

Make plans to take a drive and see some Texas wildflowers! Enjoy the beauty of God's creation in our diocese.

Listen to the DOV Family Podcast on any of the podcast apps or on DOV Family Evangelization YouTube page.

Celebrate these saints on their feast days this month!
St. Patrick – March 17th
St. Joseph – March 19th

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