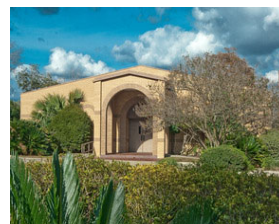


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THE JUDEAN
DESERT
WESTERN ISRAEL

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

MATTHEW 4:1

MARCH 1
2020

firstsunday
OF LENT

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The story of Adam and Eve, in Genesis 2 and 3, considers the origins of the trials and sufferings that we experience in human life. Part of the problem, the story suggests, is the human effort to be like God. Humans are therefore forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story is quite a contrast to Genesis 1, which proclaims that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and called to seek to become more like God. This creates a tension that points to a challenge in our life of faith: we are created both to embody God by developing our God-given human capacities, and also to live in radical trust and dependence on God. We are called to embrace and to live into this tension.

GOD'S BELOVED

When the people of Israel were freed from Egypt, they were declared to be God's chosen and beloved people. They wandered in the desert for forty years, often with great resistance, as God prepared them to enter the Promised Land.

Jesus' forty days in the desert echo their story, and offer a

contrast. At his baptism, just before being led into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was declared by a voice from the heavens to be God's "beloved Son." So, twice in today's passage, he is lured with the words "If you are the Son of God . . ." The devil tempts Jesus to redefine his sonship of God on his own terms, instead of following his Father. Israel had failed to understand its identity as God's people, but Jesus demonstrates how to live as God's Beloved.

These contrasting stories of Israel and of Jesus present us with a challenge. We are regularly tempted to redefine our identity as Christians on our own terms, to make faith comfortable and non-threatening. This Lenten season can re-mind us to allow God to transform our minds and hearts on God's terms.

Today's Readings: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †
10:00 am - Bette Clarke Janda †

MONDAY - March 2

8:00 am - Joe & Adella Mullino, Linda Uthoff †

TUESDAY - March 3

8:00 am - Wilbert A. Lemke †

WEDNESDAY - March 4

8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

THURSDAY - March 5

8:00 am - Joe Mares †

FIRST FRIDAY - March 6

8:00 am - Carlos Santos †
5:30 pm - Special Intention (Jeanne Krenek)



FIRST SATURDAY - March 7

8:00 am - Jackie Post †
4:00 pm - Gleinser/Jolly Family Members (Living & Deceased)

SUNDAY - March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Daylight
Savings Time
Begins on
March 8



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Judge Whayland & Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemin, Cheryl Flood, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, Dennis Boehm, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, Steve Serrill, Michael Johnson, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Rena Richter, Cheryl Barker, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Eunice Dove, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - First Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs/Maintenance
Rice Bag Collection

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

FIRST FRIDAY - Day of Abstinence

World Day of Prayer
ADORATION - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
5:30 Mass, Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Supper
by Holy Name Society

FIRST SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal
Rice Bag Collection

NEXT WEEKEND - March 7/8 2020

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Harvin Suggs
Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Dennis Boehm
Joy Loest, Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - GERALYN BIEDIGER, David Post
Standby x2

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Clayton E., Joshua Z., Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Jace S., Joseph V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Patrick Krenek, Joe Ryan



Questions of the Week

When was the last time I gave in to temptation?
What wisdom have I gained since then?

WEEKEND of February 22/23, 2020

Count - 507
Total Operating Income \$ 3,883.00
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,343.00

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PREVIEW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

- ⇒ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- ⇒ **FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS**
- ⇒ **PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS**
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY**
- ⇒ **EASTER TRIDUUM**



Stations of the Cross Lenten Soup Supper Schedule

March 6, 2019	Holy Name Society
March 13, 2019	Social Group
March 20, 2019	Choir
March 27, 2019	Pot Luck
April 3 2019	Catechists

VICTORIA DEANERY LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24 - Our Lady of Sorrows @ 6:30 pm
 Monday, March 30 - Our Lady of Victory @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 31 - Our Lady of Lourdes @ 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 1 - Bloomington @ 6:00 pm
 Thursday, April 2 - Holy Family @ 6:30 pm
 Friday, April 3 - St. Mary @ 4:00 pm



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.

"GET IN THE GAME" Men's Gathering

Featuring Mass with Bishop Brendan Cahill
 & guest speaker Damon West (featured on EWTN)
 Saturday, March 21, from 8 am to noon
 Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center

Register in one of three ways:

Text 321-217-1117 with your name and e-mail address

E-mail jreyes@victoriadiocese.org with your name and number

Visit www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game

Tickets are \$10, breakfast included.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS)

Our parish is taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local anti-poverty programs. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

Weekend Retreat

Spiritual Wisdom from the Deep Wells of Christian Tradition - Principles for Living a Mystically-Driven Life

March 27-29, 2020

Spiritual Renewal Center (Victoria, TX)

Presenter: **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**

(For additional information on Fr. Rolheiser, visit his website at www.ronrolheiser.com)

The retreat cost is \$230.00 per person which includes all meals and lodging. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday. Space is limited and will be reserved in the order deposits are received (\$50.00/non-refundable). **The balance is due March 2.** Partial grants are available should finances be a problem. This retreat is open to men, women and couples of all faiths.

Make checks payable to Spirit Wind Ministry and mail to: Susan Oakley, 103 Woodmere, Victoria, TX 77904. Please include your name, address, telephone number and email address with your deposit. For additional information, contact Susan Oakley at 361-649-6391 or email: smoak53@msn.com.

AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER HOSTS LENTEN SOLEMN VESPERS

During the season of Lent, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament** invite you 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.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on **March 4**. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 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.



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Sunday, March 8, 2020

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