

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**105 N. William Street • Victoria, Texas 77901**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday  
May 17, 2020**

Today's Gospel and liturgical readings call for a response on at least two points, namely to recall Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit that gives confidence to the conscience of each believer that he, Jesus, has "conquered the world", all opposing forces, and gives confidence and peace in believing, and secondly, not to forget the advice of St Peter in the second reading today: have a good knowledge of your religion "Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that is in you; but give it with courtesy and respect".



## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY - May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am - Evelyn G. Spann †  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

### MONDAY - May 18

8:00 am - Teresa Berger Dodson †

### TUESDAY - May 19

8:00 am - Viola Wagner †

### WEDNESDAY - May 20

8:00 am - Living & Deceased Family Members †

### THURSDAY - May 21

8:00 am - Genoveva Salinas & Erick Salinas †

### FRIDAY - May 22

8:00 am - Catalina Arenillo †

### SATURDAY - May 23

8:00 am - Teresa Berger Dodson †  
4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

### SUNDAY - May 24 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30 am - Evelyn G. Spann †  
10:00 am - Frank & Julia Kalinowski †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.” -- St. Pope John Paul II



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

### Mass with a Congregation Began on May 1, 2020

(Please read the following restrictions)

- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to continue participating from home.
- People with chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, chronic heart disease, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, liver disease, or weakened immune system or who have other underlying at-risk conditions, are encouraged to continue participating from home. All Masses will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- Dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass in person is extended through the entire month of May, especially with respect to people who may be considered physically well to attend, yet believe it best to stay at home.
- Parishioners should take their temperatures before coming to Mass and should not attend if exhibiting any signs of sickness.
- Only 25% of the church's capacity will be allowed to enter the church. The Church Hall (Basement) will be set up for overflow.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked to wear a face mask, bandana, scarf, or other covering for the mouth and nose while on church grounds.
- At this point, there will be **NO** Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors.
- There will be a basket at the entrance of the church to place your offertory contribution when you enter or exit the building. A one time use handout with the music and readings for Mass will also be available.
- Certain pews will be marked as unavailable to sit in. Please sit towards the ends of the **available** pews and leave at least 6 feet of space in-between people of different households.
- The priest will distribute Holy Communion to the congregation who will remain in the pews. It is encouraged that Holy Communion be received in the hand. If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please contact Fr. Kristopher 573-4328 as soon as possible to make arrangements for this to happen.
- If you are not able to come to Mass, you may make arrangements with Fr. Kristopher to receive Holy Communion at another time. Please call him at 573-4328.

Please follow all civil orders: [www.VictoriaTXOEM.org](http://www.VictoriaTXOEM.org)

For sacramental needs (especially confession, anointing of the sick and viaticum), please contact St. Mary's parish office at 361-573-4328 to speak with a priest.

### Questions of the Week

In the second reading, Peter tells his readers that they should “always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15). Can I explain to others, “gently and reverently,” why I hope?

We continue to live stream all the weekend and daily Masses, as well as other devotionals. In order to authentically participate in these liturgies, please view them live, while they are happening. Watching them at later times can be helpful for further reflection or if your situation makes it impossible to view live. All Masses and services can be watched live by going to [www.lourdesvictoria.org](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org). Please visit the church website for instructions and updates.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020:

The Rev. Christopher Kwame Korang is appointed parochial vicar of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Shiner, Texas, and is relieved of his duties as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Victoria, Texas.

*We are thankful that we have the opportunity to have Fr. Christopher lead us in our liturgies at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. He is a blessing to all of us. We thank Fr. Christopher for his priestly commitment and ministering to us and wish him only the best in his future endeavors. Thank you, Fr. Christopher!*



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course".

(Quote from Pope Francis letter for the month of May 2020).



**New Online Giving System**

We have a new online giving system through our website. Click the Online Giving link and you will be taken to a secure site for payment. For you who have been giving online, you will notice a different look. For you who haven't yet given online, now might be a good opportunity to start. As we livestream Masses and keep you all in prayer, please remember that the expenses and charity requests to our parish continue. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION  
OF THE CHURCH**

On-line contributions can be made through our website:  
[www.lourdesvictoria.org](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org)  
or by mail to  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
105. N. William Street  
Victoria, Texas 77901

**Summer Activities for Youth**

There will be no diocesan sponsored events for youth effective immediately through June 30, 2020. A decision regarding diocesan sponsored events scheduled through July 31, 2020, will be made and announced by May 31, 2020.

Pastors may decide at a parish level if any events for youth may be allowed onsite or off-site through the summer of 2020. If any events are scheduled to take place, all guidelines from local, state, and federal officials should be followed, including proper social distancing and hygiene guidelines. Virtual events are encouraged to continue ministry. Please consult the Office of Communications for policies and guidelines regarding social media and technology releases.

If you would like help or more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (361) 573-0828.

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Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

**Eastertide Reflections** are available in English and Spanish and e-mailed daily. These short, simple reflections can help adults of all ages. Sign up here: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/eastertide-reflections>

Let's focus on hope during these 50 days, the longest liturgical season of the church.

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension\*Diocese of Victoria, Ascension has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

**Remain vigilant. The crisis phase of the pandemic is passing. We are moving heaven and earth to bring you back to Church.**

**Parish Staff**

**Rev. Kristopher Fuchs, Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Christopher Korang, Parochial Vicar**

Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary

Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper

Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator

Tammy Fikac, PCL

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