



**World
Marriage
Day**

**First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016**

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*
—Romans 10:8



Masses for
the Week



SUNDAY - February 14 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Margie Brosch †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

MONDAY - February 15

8:00 am - Vincent Rippamonti †

TUESDAY - February 16

8:00 am - B. J. Berger †

**WED. - Feb 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of
the Servite Order**

8:00 am -Oscar Welfel †

THURSDAY - February 18

8:00 am - Kathy Bianchi †

FRIDAY - February 19

ABSTINENCE

8:00 am - Randal Lau
5:30 pm - Virgie Henry
6:00 pm - STATIONS of the CROSS - followed by SOUP SUPPER
Prepared by: OLL ALTAR SOCIETY

SATURDAY - February 20

8:00 am - Kite Bomersbach: for healing
5:00 pm - Gene Jolly †

SUNDAY - February 21 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy
10:00 am - †Gianna & †Walter Gillig

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tue: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1[3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

NEXT WEEKEND - February 20 & 21

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Geriann Neuman, *Volunteer*
Helen John, *Volunteer*
Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols, *Che Sanchez*
Cliff/Yvonne Moczygemba
Sun. 10:00 am - John Vecera, *Joe Nevlud*
Howard/Carol Bludau

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Amaya/Alfredo Briseno, Noah & Nadia Vasquez
Sun 7:30 am - Katelyn John, Cameron & Jenny Marbach
Sun 10:00 am - David Post, Joel & Jace Stevens

USHERS:

5:00 pm - M John, Frank Motal, Tom Goslin, R Dominguez
7:30 am - Frank Marbach, James Novak, Michael Fikac
10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Al Schoener, Harrison Raska

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Evelyn Simper & *Volunteer*

OLL Altar Society Valentine's BAKE SALE
after all Weekend Masses
SUNDAY - First Sunday of Lent
Weekly Stewardship + Lenten Almsgiving (Rice Bowl)
2nd Collection: D. S. A.
MONDAY - Holy Name Society meeting - 7 pm
WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.



FRIDAY

Masses: 8:00am & 5:30pm
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
followed by a *Lenten Soup Supper*
prepared by: **OLL Altar Society**

SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Lent
Weekly Stewardship + Lenten Almsgiving (Rice Bowl)

**Jubilee Year of Mercy
First Sunday of Lent February 14, 2016**


On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned "Missionaries of Mercy," priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of [God's] pardon." In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become "missionaries of mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 18) by living Lent in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* "more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*MV*, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah's words our own: "God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins" (Micah 7:18, 19). Having experienced God's mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God's boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God's unconditional love for them.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
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Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	
	WEEKEND of 02-06/07-16	Count - 530
	Envelopes.....	\$ 3,691.00
	Loose.....	799.50
	Other Donations.....	943.00
	Total Operating Income.....	\$ 5,433.50
	2nd Collection:.....(Building Repairs).....	\$ 1,166.00


Please Pray for Our Sick

Tina Moya, Betty Echeveste, Cheryl Barker, Carolyn Goldman, Bob Bochat, Brad Blanton, Johnnie Ressman, Amy Wuest, Frances LeJune



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

Feb 14 - GOF Class
 Feb 21 - GOF Class
 Feb 28 - GOF Class
 Mar 6 - GOF Class
 Mar 13 - No Class: Spring Break
 Mar 20 - GOF Class & Palm Sunday
 Mar 27 - No Class: Easter *Alleluia!*



DynamicCatholic.com announces its **Best Lent Ever** program, based on Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*, and available to every parishioner, at no cost, and the perfect opportunity for all parishes to experience a transformative Lent. Here is how it works: Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at **DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver**. Participants receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of the team who guides them through the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus*. You will discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus and your **best Lent ever**.

News Around Town 

St. Mary Catholic Church - 192nd Anny. PARISH FESTIVAL -- SUNDAY, FEB. 14, 2016
Victoria Community Center --- 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Roast Beef, Gravy, Green Beans, Country Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Dessert, Tea, Water or Coffee

Serving Meal 11:00a to 1:30p - Live Auction 12:30p
Raffle Tickets-20 Fabulous Prizes-Available at the Festival

God's Embrace Ministry: Upcoming Events at Little Chapel of St. Mary, 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg, TX is offering a **SEMINAR SERIES** directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca, 9a-4p.
February 27 - Practicing the Presence of God;
March 19 - The Mass; April 2 - Catholic Family Life;
April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing
RETREAT:
March 11-13 - Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria, TX
"God's Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection" For more information call 979-561-8883 or email info@godsembrace.org

SOLEMN LENTEN VESPERS: February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20, 5:00 pm -5:45 pm. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. Evening Praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Location Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, TX (361) -575-7111 or see <http://www.iwbsvictoria.org>
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: AmorMeus offers opportunities for guidance and discussion of one's spiritual journey with experienced spiritual directors. Call for appt. 361-575-7111
GUIDED ONE DAY RETREAT: March 5, 2016 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Theme: "The Challenge of Letting Go" Pre-senter: Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS. To register, call 361-575-7111

THE EMMAUS CENTER
Counseling in the Catholic Tradition
 Diocese of Victoria in Texas
 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, TX 77901
For counseling or spiritual direction appointments, go to
www.emmauscounselingcenter.com - or call 361-212-0830
Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Emmaus Center, is seeking part-time volunteer support to fill morning, afternoon, or evening hours currently not covered by our volunteer receptionists. If you are looking for administrative experience in health care, this is a great opportunity for your resume. Considering a future in becoming a Catholic counselor, this could help you to discern what it might be like to work in a counseling center. Seeking to fill your days with meaningful and rewarding opportunities, then consider spending some time volunteering with great counselors and staff in a faith filled environment. If you are interested in volunteering as a receptionist, call John at 361-212-0830 or email him at jlenihan@victoriadiocese.org.

OLL ALTAR SOCIETY VALENTINE DAY BAKE SALE
February 13th & 14th - After Each Mass
Buy Some Sweets To Share with Your Loved Ones

From the Desk of Fr. Albert.....
VOCATION CRUCIFIX
 The Holy Year of Consecrated Life has come to an end, but at OLL we will take it from here to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Families will pray while in possession of a dedicated **VOCATION CRUCIFIX**. At the 5:00 pm Mass, the **Johnston** family of Billy, Edie & Cole will take possession and continue our prayer.

40 Cans for Lent
 Consider giving up a CAN of food each DAY. Through the **Food for Families** program of the *Knights of Columbus*, you can help feed the hungry. For those wishing to donate a canned good or non-perishable item, there will be drop boxes located at the back of the church. Need more info? call 361-649-9556

Dear Fr. Albert, Fr. John and Parishioners,
 We thank you for your special Mass and Reception on Sunday, February 7. As you paid special tribute to Our Lady of Lourdes, you also honored and thanked all religious in Consecrated Life for their life and service. We felt so privileged, supported and appreciated by you. We Sisters will remember each of you in prayer and ask that you do the same for us. God Bless You.
 Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament,
 Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary

Know Your Jubilee Year Committee....
MEMBERS ARE: SR. MIRIAM PEREZ
CLAUDIA SCHOENER ** HARVIN SUGGS
ELAINE MAYER ** LAURIE BAUTISTA
JULIUS CANO ** TRAVIS SCHAAR

Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT- JANUARY 2016

VCAM	\$ 200.00
UTILITIES	550.00
RENT	373.65
FOOD	244.80
MEDICAL/prescriptions	225.00
Transportation-Car Gas Card	
CELL PHONE	48.87
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 1,642.32
BLACK BAG COLLECTION.....	\$ 1,320.50
TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED.....	49

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