

Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness. — *Psalm 103:8*

Masses for
the Week



SUNDAY - February 28 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Vivian Strelczyk †
10:00 am - Gene Jolly †

MONDAY - February 29

8:00 am - Tamara Flynn

TUESDAY - March 1

8:00 am - Bettie Clarke Janda †

WEDNESDAY - March 2

8:00 am - Vincent Rippamonti †

THURSDAY - March 3 - St Katherine Drexel, *Virgin*

8:00 am - Ed Faxlanger †

FRIDAY - March 4 - St Casimir

ABSTINENCE

8:00 am - Jeffrey Barton ADORATION - 8:30AM - 12:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 9AM - 10AM

5:30 pm - Margie Brosch †

6:00 pm - STATIONS of the CROSS - followed by SOUP SUPPER

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 8PM - 9 PM

SATURDAY - March 5

8:00 am - Beatrice Treviño †

10:00 am - Mass w/Healing Service - *Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant*

5:00 pm - Jessica/Ryan Soorholtz

SUNDAY - March 6 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*

10:00 am - Billy Yandell, Jr †

11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community- Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: *Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9*

Mon: *2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30*

Tue: *Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35*

Wed: *Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19*

Thu: *Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23*

Fri: *Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34*

Sat: *Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14*

Sun: *Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

NEXT WEEKEND - March 5 & 6

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lori Ballard, **Bob Bautista**
Joe Lara, *Volunteer*

Sun. 7:30 am - Connie Novak, **Claudia Schoener**
Dennis/Dorothy Boehm

Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann, **Carol Bludau**
Andy/Olivia Aguilar

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - James Record, Carson Miller, *Volunteer*

Sun 7:30 am - Kaden Fikac, Kylee Fikac, Kalynn Fikac

Sun 10:00 am - Aaron, Abigail & Renee Bradicich

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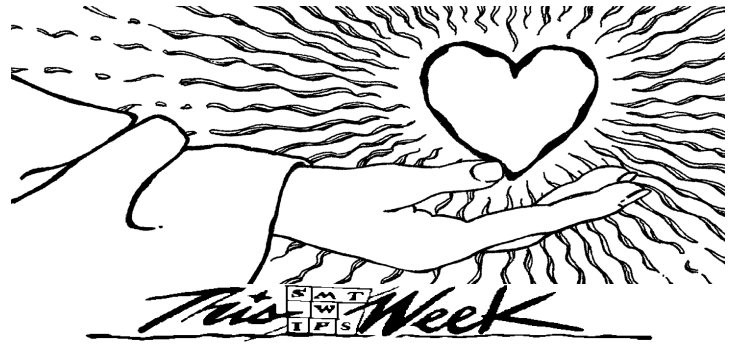
5:00 pm - Norman Schoener, *Volunteer, Volunteer*

7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, *Volunteer*

10:00 am - Howard Bludau, *Volunteer, Volunteer*

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Donna Parsons & *Volunteer*



SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Lent

1st Collection: Weekly Stewardship

2nd Collection: StVdP Charity "Black Bag"

WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.



FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION - 8:30AM - 12:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 9AM - 10AM & 8PM - 9 PM

Masses: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

followed by a *Lenten Supper* - prepared by: GOF Catechists

SATURDAY - 10:00 am - Mass w/ Healing Service - *Fr. Phi*
Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Collection: Weekly Stewardship + Catholic Relief Serv

2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maint.

11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community* - *Fr. Phi, Celebrant*

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016


Pope Francis wants "Twenty-four Hours for the Lord," around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended "tenderness," the sacrament is "a source of true interior peace," says Francis, enabling people "to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening—or restoring—our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten springtime that Master Gardener can use even life's manure (the parable's "fertilizer") to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren—us! Parishes preparing catechumens may choose John's Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman's lifelong neighbors thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news—and Jesus—with those very neighbors, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and "missionary of mercy."

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Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	WEEKEND of 02-20/21-16	Count - 490
Envelopes.....			\$ 2,707.00
Loose.....			775.85
Other Donations.....			930.00
Total Operating Income.....			\$ 4,412.85
Extra Envelope:.....(DSA-2/14/)			\$ 290.00
Extra Envelope:.....(Altr Srvr Edu.Fund)			\$ 345.00
Lenten Almsgiving.....(Rice Bowl)			\$ 511.80


Please Pray for Our Sick.....

Tina Moya, Betty Eceveste, Cheryl Barker, Carolyn Goldman, Johnnie Ressler, Amy Wuest, Frances Le June, Fr. Dan Morales, and Cecilia Edwards.




Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

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!*




In connection with the Jubilee Year of Mercy
ALL PARISHES IN THIS DIOCESE
will offer
 the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) on
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 from
9:00 - 10:00 AM & 8:00 - 9:00 PM.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **8:30am to 12:30pm** has been reopened.
The next First Friday will be March the 4 th.
 If you wish to sign up, please call Leona Sedlar at 575-3160 or place your name and contact number on the sheet on the table at the front of the church.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The Holy Year of Consecrated Life has come to an end, but at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 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 10 am Mass, **Janet & Howard Book** will take possession and continue our prayers.



40 Cans for Lent

What are you giving up for Lent this season? Consider giving up a **CAN** of food each **DAY** for **"40 Cans for Lent"** Many people are faced with hunger. Through the **Food for Families** program, the **Knights of Columbus** are in a position to help. For those wishing to donate, simply drop off your canned good or non-perishable item here at church. There is a drop box located at the entrance of the church.

BEST LENT EVER

DynamicCatholic.com announces its *Best Lent Ever* program, based on Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. It is available to every parish and every parishioner, at no cost, and is the perfect opportunity to experience a transformative Lent. Here is how it works: Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at **DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver**. You will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a team member 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.

Bishop Cahill Lent Video Messages - Now available for sharing and viewing on Diocesan Facebook page and website. Every Monday of Lent a new message will be added. Please share them.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA meets each Wednesday
 7 pm - 9pm ~ in the Rel Ed Bldg.


Congratulations to
Alison Gonzales, Emily Podschelne & Oscar Taburo
 Who celebrated the
Rites of Sending & Call to Continuing Conversion
 In their journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Church.

For more info, about RCIA, please contact:
 Bob/Laurie Bautista—573-9561 or the Rectory—575-3813

News Around Town

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS & HEALING SERVICE
10:00 AM - MAR. 5, 2016

Come be pray with us at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as Fr. Phi Nguyen, chaplain at IWBS convent, celebrates Mass and Healing Prayer.



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, 9am-4pm. **March 19 - The Mass; April 2 - Catholic Family Life; April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing**
RETREAT: March 11-13 - Spiritual Renewal Cntr, Victoria, "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: Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, & 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. <http://www.iwbsvictoria.org>

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

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 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.