

First Sunday of Lent March 5, 2017

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”

— Matthew 4:10

Masses for the Week



SUNDAY- March 5 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Randal Lau †
10:00 am - Jessica & Adam Soorholtz
11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community Mass* - Fr. Phi, *Celebrant*

MONDAY - March 6

8:00 am - Melody Vecera: *Birthday*

TUESDAY - March 7 - Ss Perpetua & Felicity, *Martyrs*

8:00 am - Charlie Tater, Jr. †

WEDNESDAY - March 8 - St John of God, *Religious*

8:00 am - Sr. Miriam & Mildred Perez: *Birthday*

THURSDAY - March 9 - St Frances of Rome, *Religious*

8:00 am - J. U. Myers †

FRIDAY - March 10

Abstinence

8:00 am - Matthew Spann †
5:30 pm - Billy Yandell Jr. †
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
{followed by Lenten Soup Supper}

SATURDAY - March 11

8:00 am - †Eric & †Genoveva Salinas
5:00 pm - Timothy Tyng †

SUNDAY- March 12 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Francine Murray †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19 [12,17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

NEXT WEEKEND - March 11 & 12, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Harvin Suggs
Liz Lemke, Helen John
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Dennis Boehm
Joy Loest, Dorothy Boehm
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Jeff Nunley
Alvin/Claudia Schoener

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm - (3) *Volunteers*
Sun. 7:30 am - Austin Kainer, Clayton & Nicole Easley
Sun. 10:00 am - Allison & Ross Nunley, Jace Stevens

USHERS:

5:00 pm - James Hill, Norman Schoener
7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl
10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Howard Bludau



This Week

SUNDAY- 1st Sunday of Lent - *Almsgiving: Rice Bags*

2nd Collection: Building Maint/Repair

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8am mass

WEDNESDAY - RCIA 7:00 pm - R.E. Bldg.

FRIDAY - 8:00 am Mass

5:30 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper:

Prepared & served by members of the Friday Social Group

SATURDAY - Confessions: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY- 2nd Sunday of Lent - *Almsgiving: Rice Bags*

2nd Collection: D. S. A.

Weekly Offering	WEEKEND of 02- 25/26 -17	Count - 497
	Total Operating Income.....	\$ 3,872.25
	2nd Collection:...(SVdP"BlackBag").....	\$ 1,083.00
	ExtraEnvlps.....(D.S.A.).....	\$ 325.00
Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.		

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tina Moya, Cheryl Barker, Amy Bernhard,
Amy Jo Wuest, Jewell Correll, Baby Rachel Wiesner,
Shirley Coghlan, Cecilia Edwards, Kite Bomersbach, Luke
Wenske, JoAnn Hough, Betty Escheveste, Clifton Lau,
Dora Schilhab, Ann Hagel, Fr. John Kollannur, Mary Ann
Leblanc, Ben Mikulik, Jr, Patsy Wieland,
Mimi Waida and Fr. Frank Lenz



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

- Mar 5 GOF Class—1st Sunday of Lent
- Mar 12 No GOF Spring Break
- Mar 19 No GOF Spring Break
- Mar 26 GOF Class



News Around Town

ALL YOUR PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER ARE WAITING FOR YOU at the Sisters gift shop..... Shop for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and all occasions at the **Incarnate Word Religious Goods Shop**, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX. M-F 8:30a-4:30p & Sat. 9:30a-3:30p.

St Joseph High School OPEN ENROLLMENT for grades 9-12--space is limited! Campus tours Mon-Thurs 10a - 2p. Contact Jen Korinek to schedule tour, 573-2446x217 or jkorinek@stjvictoria.com. Visit STJvictoria.com/admissions

NAZARETH ACADEMY is enrolling new students for the 2017 -2018 school year. Nazareth would be proud to assist parents with their children's education. Call 573-6651 or visit www.nazarethacademy.org for more information.

YOU ARE INVITED !! Join us on the 100th Anniversary, at the home of Veronica Pedraza. We will be hosting **Our Lady of Fatima's Pilgrim Statue** for all to venerate, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 315 Teakwood Dr. Victoria, TX. *Don't miss this unique opportunity.* For more information call 361-652-8604 or 361-578-6429.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369 will meet Monday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall. Prayer at 6:10. This is the annual event members are encouraged to bring a prospective member. Hope to see you there.

KJZT 101 will have a **Bake Sale** at Holy Family Church on March 18 and 19. All proceeds go to Christ Kitchen.

Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Blessing, Texas will sponsor **ANNUAL FISH FRY-AUCTION-RAFFLE** on Sun. March 12, 2017 at St.Peter's Church Parish Hall. Serving from 10:30a till 1:00p Plates \$10 & includes dessert/drink.

Lead Me Retreat - God's Embrace Ministries invites you to attend this retreat to be held at God's Embrace Retreat Center located at 1601 High Hill Rd. Schulenburg, TX. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat weekend begins 5 pm Friday, March 24, and concludes Sunday March 26 with 12:30 pm Mass held at St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill. Open to couples and singles. Call 979-561-8883. Space limited.

VICTORIA GABRIEL PROJECT General Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm, 101 Convent St., Victoria, TX. Anyone interested in saving the least among us, our vulnerable unborn babies, come, hear and become informed. All are welcome and a light supper is provided.

KofC Council #1329 BINGO NIGHT - Every Wednesday evening. Hall opens 6:00pm. Bingo 7:30 pm until 10 pm. Food & Drinks available. Info? Call 575-9214 Wed. evening

CATHOLIC FAITH IN ACTION ADVOCACY DAY 2017
 The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the *Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day*, on **April 4, 2017 at the Texas Capitol in Austin.** Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join with thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. If you are interested in participating, call Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at 361-573-0828. For more info email: chancellor@victoriadiocese.org or visit website at: <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day>

Lent 2017 at OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ALL Fridays in Lent

- ♦ 8:00 am Mass
- ♦ 5:30 pm Mass
- ♦ 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- ♦ 6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper



Save the Dates

MARCH 26 - 29, 2017

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Check your Bulletin weekly for more information.

from the Chancellor's Office.....

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

The season of Lent began Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The Lenten *Fast and Abstinence Regulations* are, as follows:

1. Fasting and abstinence from meat, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those 14 years of age and older.
3. The law of the fast means only one full meal may be taken during the day. Two light meals are permitted, but are not to equal one full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.
4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.
5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of which is turning away from sin and returning to God, includes some form of penance, in order for a Christian to remain on the narrow path and be saved.

Lent also affords a special opportunity for families to grow deeper in their commitment to Christ. Within the family, penitential practices and devotions can be conducted, including the use of Scripture, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other forms of family prayer and devotion.

May this holy season of Lent be a time of conversion and renewal for all of us.

In Christ,
 Rev. Gary Janak, Chancellor

VOCATION CRUCIFIX
 At the 5:00 pm Mass Joe & Suzie Ryan will take possession and continue our prayers. **NEXT** to take possession on March 12th at the 10:00 am Mass is the **Grant & Krystal Murray family.**

