

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipation) ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 9:00 a.m.
Monday at Ganado Nursing Home ----- 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday ----- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Friday ----- 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister ----- Joey Sablatura
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Parish Secretary ----- Karen Klaus
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: ----- 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Call the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, and to register for a class. 2018 Baptism class schedule: **January 9, April 3, July 24, October 16.**

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

January 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6. *The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Psalms 72. *"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. *The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.*

Matthew 2:1-12. *We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

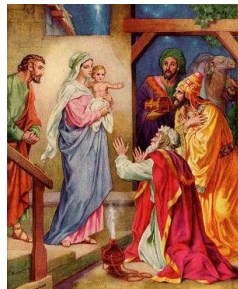
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lord? Is there something I realize now that I should change?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Isaiah 55:1-11
Mark 1:7-11
Tues: 1 Samuel 1:9-20
Mark 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Mark 1:29-39
Thurs: 1 Samuel 4:1-11
Mark 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 101-22
Mark 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mark 2:13-17
Sun: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
John 1:35-42

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. I invite you to adopt the custom of asking God's blessing on your home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use **chalk** to write above the home's entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 18**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 7
9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving by Alvin Kollaja

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 10

Thursday, January 11

Friday, January 12
8:00 a.m. †Connie Janssen

Saturday, January 13
5:00 p.m. †Lillie Bures

Sunday, January 14
9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sign-up calendars for 2018 are available on the cabinets at both the back doors and on the wall by the Reconciliation room. Please sign up for your special days throughout the year. Your monetary donation helps provide flowers for the Altar and the candle for the Tabernacle. There is an insert in today's bulletin with the Poinsettia donors and a 2017 income and expense report for the Altar Society.

PRIEST RETREAT

Please keep Father Kirby and all the Priests of the Victoria Diocese in your prayers while they are on retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Father Kirby will take the following Mass Intentions with him: Agnes Supak, Clara Kaspar, Sophie Kazmir, and Msgr. Larry Matula.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

❖ In memory of Alicia Rodriguez, Loretta Chytka, Bruce Sulak, Bernice Hajovsky by Friends

BULLETIN SPONSOR

Theresa Hicks

MEMORIALS

In grateful appreciation we want to acknowledge memorials received in December

CHURCH memorial fund:

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| In memory of Msgr. Anthony Matula | \$50.00 |
| In memory of Alan Vajdos | \$10.00 |
| In memory of Lillie Bures | \$35.00 |

MAINTENANCE memorial fund:

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| In memory of Alan Vajdos | \$20.00 |
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ASSUMPTION of the B.V.M. SHIRTS

Just in time for the New Year – here's your chance to own a shirt with the Assumption picture & parish name! Order forms are located on the cabinets in Church to place your order for either a polo or t-shirt. Details are on the order form. The standard color of shirt will be khaki, but you may contact Creative Things and More to choose a different color.



The Epiphany of the Lord

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Monday, January 8:**
Guadalupana Society 5:30 p.m. - JPIL
ACTS Core 6:00 p.m. – JPIL
- **Tuesday, January 9:**
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. – JPIL
- **Wednesday, January 10:**
Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30 p.m. - JPIL
RCIA 7:00 p.m. – JPIL
- **Thursday, January 11:**
Knights of Columbus
Cooking Committee: David Muegge, Bubba Toman, Matthew Sulak, Ben Soto



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members are reminded to pay their 2018 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2018. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado KofC, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 11 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.

The KC have delicious smoked hams ready for pickup at \$20 each. Please contact David Muegge (782-1552) or Wayne Bubela (771-5693) for information.

KC FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the GHS gym. All contestants are required to furnish a birth certificate. The KC Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Ages 18-30 Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Family Center. For more information contact: Rachel Chovanec (771-8012) Megan Taylor, (771-8237) Jenny Vesely (771-6452).



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CCD CLASSES:

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31

- ❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- ❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Theresa Hicks, Daren & Jennifer Kingsbury, Brayson Kingsbury, Edith Galow, Luis Garza, Sylvia Falcon, Vicky Pena, Brandon Janak, Luke Fridel, Joe & Mary Martinez, Terry Harris ❖ Christi Brown Voldan, Gayle Engelmohr, Regina Gutierrez, Troy Don Jones, Ben Muniz, Kathy Tomanek, Jace Muncrief, Wanda Porche, Edwin Fiala ❖ Josephine Schneider, Debbie Larson Fowler, ❖ Jo Ann Andel, Susan Ulcak, Billy Mader, Diana McDowell ❖ Diane Young, Marty Rucker, Junior Webernich, Danny Morrison, Joseph Janecek, Jr., Marcella Janecek, Michelle Benavides, Lindsey Fowler ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

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PRAYER

When the Magi arrived at the place where Jesus was born, they immediately recognized him as their Savior and “prostrated themselves and did him homage” (Matthew 2:11). They saw this innocent child, their Lord, and offered him their best gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do you have to offer to Christ? Do you offer to him from your excess or do you offer him all that you are? The best you can give to Jesus is your very self – your heart. Have you offered it to him? What is holding you back from giving the infant Jesus your heart today? Take some time to reread through today’s Gospel. If a word or phrase jumps out at you, pause and take time to pray and reflect. Listen to the words God wants to speak to you.

RESOLUTION

The story of the Magi’s journey is truly remarkable. They are an example of a profound humility and trust in God. What area do you need to focus on this week? The first way we can model the example of the Magi is to do our part in studying and learning the Faith. The second is by practicing humility and being open to what God wants to show us, especially when it isn’t part of our own plan. The third is to detach from the busyness of our daily lives and follow Christ. And finally, offer your heart to Christ. Don’t hold back from giving him your best. He longs for you, just as you are. Make a commitment to choose one of the four attributes of the Wise Men to live out this week.

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 13 & 14

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Maria Vorajakkmol
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Frances Toman

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Robert & Missie Landry
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Mary Martinez & Carol Roznovsky

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Callen Hajovsky, Liam & Nick Carruthers
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Trace Roznovsky, Logan & Brianna Riojas

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Joe Verver, Chuck Hasdorff, Harlan Tegeler, Robert Landry
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Victor Martinez, Dale Staff, Michael Roznovsky

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 23 & 24

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| Envelopes – \$4,755.37 | Loose – \$457.64 |
| Harvest - \$100.00 | Youth Ministry - \$20.00 |
| Maintenance - \$525.00 | Christmas - \$6,813.75 |

December 30 & 31

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| Envelopes – \$3,202.00 | Loose – \$762.00 |
| Harvest - \$75.00 | Youth Ministry - \$20.00 |
| Maintenance - \$130.00 | New Year's - \$830.00 |

Monday Morning Bankers – **January 8**
Bea Perez & Georgie Kruse

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 20 & 21 – Church in Latin America
January 27 & 28 – Matthew 25 Ministry

Readings for January 14: SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.