

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
ymabvmchurch@ykc.com Youth Office: 771-3200

Parish Secretary ----- Karen Klaus
abvmchurch@ykc.com Parish Office: 771-3425

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 28, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20. *I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.*

Psalms 95. *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

1 Corinthians 7:32-35. *A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.*

Mark 1:21-28. *He taught them as one having authority.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What kind of "unclean spirits" afflicting some people do I encounter? Do I risk becoming unclean myself when encountering those who are afflicted? Can I overcome that risk?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 20; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

Tues: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30--19:3
Mark 5:21-43

Wed: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Mark 5:1-6

Thurs: f1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Fri: Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Mark Luke 2:22-40

Sat: 1 Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

Sun: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

As you know, the Diocese of Victoria asks us to take a Mass attendance count for the weekend Masses in May and October of each year. We have been doing this for quite some time. At our last deanery meeting, we were given the numbers. In our area, commonly known as the Edna Deanery, there was an overall decrease in Mass attendance. This trend was true throughout the whole diocese. It should be said that this is also a national trend.

Recently, I asked the Diocese to provide me with the numbers specifically for our parish. They are listed to the side.

As you can see, we too are trending downward. This is true even though we were offering parish retreats designed to bring people back into active participation in the Church. I am sure there are other factors that contribute to the decline in Mass attendance. We should all be concerned.

May God give us the grace to be good examples of our faith. Let us practice and profess our faith with hope and joy.

Father Kirby Hlavaty

ASSUMPTION of the BVM MASS COUNTS

	MAY	OCTOBER
2007	517	430
2008	483	424
2009	481	446
2010	516	441
2011	446	389
2012	387	372
2013	349	339
2014	327	283
2015	334	237
2016	312	398
2017	446	388

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, January 28**
9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors
- Monday, January 29 (Ganado Nursing Home)**
10:00 a.m. †Raymond Sprencl
- Tuesday, January 30**
8:00 a.m. †Ruth Richards
- Wednesday, January 31**
6:00 p.m. †John & Dorothea Bubela
- Thursday, February 1**
8:00 a.m. †Josephine Schneider
- First Friday, February 2**
8:00 a.m. †Robert Dodds
- Saturday, February 3**
5:00 p.m. †V.B. & Annie Mae Chanek
- Sunday, February 4**
9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

❖In thanksgiving for their 56th wedding anniversary by Leo & Lanoe Macha

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Richard & Jeanie Bures

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



January 27/28
After each Mass

Please note: \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Anyone 75 years or older is considered an honorary member with no dues required, please just sign up.

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. The Altar flowers are \$30.00 and the Sanctuary candle is \$5.00.

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, January 30:**
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. – JPll
- **Wednesday, January 31:**
RCIA 7:00 p.m. – JPll
- **Thursday, February 1:**
KJZT Society 3:00 p.m. – Parish Hall
- **Friday, February 2:**
Young Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. – JPll



MUSIC MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping with music ministry for Saturday Mass, please contact Father Kirby at the Parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for people who are interested in learning how to run the sound board. It's not as hard as you think, don't be intimidated! The goal is to have enough people to make a schedule to rotate once a month. We can't all play instruments or lead singing but you can learn to be a sound tech! Please contact Blake Petrash (361-771-6550) for more details or to volunteer.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: February 11

We will honor couples who have celebrated special anniversaries: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+ during the past year (February 2017-2018). Call the Parish office (771-3425) to register for a certificate signed by Bishop Brendan Cahill.



SENIOR CITIZENS VALENTINE PARTY



Tuesday, February 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish hall. Entertainment, refreshments, peanut auction. All Senior Citizens of our community are invited and encouraged to join in the fun. The chair is Maria Vorajakmol (771-5337). You may call Maria or the Parish Office to volunteer to bring sandwiches, dessert, chip & dip, or items for the peanut auction.



JOEY SABLATURA, YM
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CCD CLASSES:

Wednesdays, January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Please keep the children preparing for First Holy Communion in your prayers, as well as the adults in the RCIA program.

PALM BRANCHES

If you have dried Palm branches from years past, they can be brought to the Church to be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a vase by each door into the Church for collection. Deadline: **Friday, February 9.**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Veronica Spalek, Ruth Stephenson, Billy Allen, Bennie Matcek, Bennie Cykala, Jr., Christi Brown Voldan, Gayle Engelmohr, Troy Don Jones, Kathy Tomanek, Wanda Porche, Edwin Fiala ❖ Kyle Bures-Guerrero, Carl Zajicek, Theresa Jo Ann Everett, Jo Ann Anandel, Diana McDowell ❖ Sylvia Hubenak, Marty Rucker, Junior Webernick, Danny Morrison, Joseph Janecek, Jr., Marcella Janecek, Michelle Benavides, Lindsey Fowler ❖ Theresa Hicks, Brandon Janak, Joe & Mary Martinez, Terry Harris ❖ Josephine Schneider, ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEEKEND
MARRIAGE RETREAT
Choosing to Live Our
Vows Everyday



This weekend retreat is for couples who want to strengthen their couple spirituality and discover ways to live their vows on a daily basis. There are two upcoming retreats: February 9-11 in Palacios and February 16-18 in Victoria. Cost is \$250 per couple. Check-in is on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Concludes with Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. Registration forms with more information, for both retreat options, are on the cabinet in Church located in front of the Divine Mercy Chapel.

MINISTRIES for FEBRUARY 3 & 4

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Melissa Fowler
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Diane Bubela

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jeff & Sharon Carroll
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Michael & Terri Sulak

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM –Stephen & Hannah Kelly,
Peyton Green
Sun.- 9:00 AM – David & Juan Almeda,
Emily & Michael Bubela

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Mike Van Pelt, Gilbert Luera, Jr.
Joe Verver, Jeff Carroll, Jesse Rosalez
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Clinton Wooldridge, Harlan Tegeler
Bubba Toman, Tony Juarez

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 21

Envelopes – \$3,225.00 Loose – \$458.00
Youth Ministry - \$40.00 Maintenance - \$155.00
Church in Latin America - \$97.02

Monday Morning Bankers – **January 29**
Frances Toman & Janie Threet

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 27 & 28 – Matthew 25 Ministry

MEN WANTED

Being a Knight is a great way to contribute to the parish and diocese. Our meetings are the second Thursday of each month, \$30 yearly dues, brotherhood, charity, and a free "knight" for the wives. Any men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Brian Kelly at 361-676-2783 or Robert Landry 361-676-2035.

Readings for FEBRUARY 4: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

