

Diocesan Services Appeal: A request

Did you receive an envelope from the Diocese requesting funds? Have you ever wondered why we take up a second collection every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation? The answer to both questions is the Diocesan Services Appeal. But what is that exactly? Hopefully, this little explanation can help.

Every Catholic parish is a part of a diocese, which is a geographical region overseen by a bishop. Our bishop is Bishop Brendan Cahill and our diocese is the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, which extends west to Goliad, east to Wharton, and north to Hostyn (just south of La Grange). The Diocesan Offices located in the chancery next to Our Lady of Victory help support and govern all the parishes in the Diocese, providing events, resources, and expertise to ensure we are equipped to care for the flock entrusted to us.

Some of the services that the Diocese provides include training for our catechists, disaster relief in times of emergency, formation for our seminarians, Catholic counseling at the Emmaus Center, and a space to hold retreats at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For Our Lady of Sorrows and Santísima Trinidad, the Diocese has been assisting us in making insurance claims after the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey as well as coordinating bids with contractors for needed repairs on our buildings. But for the Diocese to function, it costs money.

The Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is the way the parishes of the Diocese fund the operation of the Diocese. Normally, the way this happens is that every March each parish is assessed a certain amount of money they are responsible for covering. ***We have been assessed \$108,943 for 2019.*** The Diocese obtains these funds in two ways. The first way is by sending letters to parishioners across the Diocese with a statement

from the bishop requesting support in the form of a single donation or a monthly pledge.

The second way is that if parishioners do not donate directly to the DSA, the parish they are registered with must pay the remainder. But most are probably unaware of the DSA or how important it is to give directly to it, which the numbers seem to suggest. In fact, with a parish of around 1500 families, we only had 46 directly participate in the DSA in 2018. What happens, then, is that the parish ends up with a bigger bill. It's also the reason why we have a second collection every weekend since most of these collections are put toward paying off the remainder of the assessment.

This brings me to my request. There are many generous parishioners here and I greatly appreciate your constant support of our parish but also **please think about directly supporting the annual DSA.** If you have received an envelope from the Diocese, *consider making a pledge.* If you haven't received an envelope for the DSA, *support the second collection.* You can also contact the diocese at 361-573-0828 and explain that you would like to begin pledging for Our Lady of Sorrows. The annual assessment may seem like a high number, but if every family contributed at least \$10 per month towards DSA, it would be paid off in no time. We have an incredible Diocese. Know that your money will go to a good cause that not only builds up the greater community, but also really helps the parish in the long run. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Weekly Parish Support
For Week Ending March 31, 2019

| | OLS | ST |
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| 1 st Collection | \$7,929.23 | \$1,778.50 |
| DSA | \$1,044.93 | \$523.10 |
| Debt Reduction | \$2,399.00 | \$243.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$62.00 | \$97.00 |
| Candles | \$101.00 | \$22.90 |
| Maintenance | \$23.00 | \$0.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL 3-31-19 | \$11,559.16 | \$2,664.50 |
| STJ/NA Collection | \$12.00 | \$0.00 |
| Rice Bowl | \$580.22 | \$90.00 |
| Catholic Relief | \$17.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grand Total | \$12,168.38 | \$2,754.50 |



EVERY FRIDAY except Good Friday

- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

PENANCE SERVICES at 6:30pm

- April 8, Mon – Our Lady of Victory
- April 9, Tue – Holy Family
- April 10, Wed – St. Patrick's in Bloomington
- April 11, Thurs – Our Lady of Lourdes

PALM SUNDAY processions

- 10:30am OLS – Mass will begin at Trinity Hall
- 11:30am ST – Mass will begin at Silver City Social Center

TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday
 - o 7pm Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows and Santísima Trinidad
- Good Friday
 - o 12:15pm Living Stations and Service at Santísima Trinidad
 - o 3pm Service at Our Lady of Sorrows
- Easter Vigil
 - o 8pm Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows

EASTER SUNDAY/DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Our Lady of Sorrows:
8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Capilla de la Santísima Trinidad
9:30 a.m. y 11:30 a.m.



*Stations of the Cross:
Fridays of Lent 6:30 p.m.
Sorrows ~ English
Santísima ~ Spanish.*

Vía Crucis cada Viernes de Cuaresma



It's Show Time! Join us for an evening full of great entertainment with "The Award Winning Our Lady of Sorrows Ballet Folklorico" Annual Show. Beautiful costumes and energizing songs that will make you want to get up and dance.

Place: Leo Welder Center for the Performing Arts

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 1:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10. per person

Tickets may be purchased from any dancer or at the door.



Easter Flower Donors will be acknowledged in the bulletin.

Patrocinadores de las flores de Pascua van a ser publicados en el boletín



Our Lady of Sorrows Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Anyssa Sepulveda

By-Family

Vela del Santuario de Santísima Trinidad

In memoria de Francisca Garza

De: Familia

Masses for the Week/ Misas de la Semana

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| sábado | 5 p.m. | Pat Barrera |
| Sunday | 8:30 am. | Francisco/Margarita Alvarado |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Lupita Hernandez |
| | 1 p.m. | Ricky Balli |
| domingo | 9:30 a.m. | For all Parishioners |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Juanita Presas/ Jose J. Casas |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. | Frank E. Garcia |
| martes | 6:00 p.m. | Santos Guerra |
| Wednesday | 7:00 a.m | Beatrice Bargas |
| Thursday | 7:00 a.m | Maria Rosita/ Felipe Sanchez |
| Friday | 8:15 am. | Frank R. Garcia |
| sábado | 5 p.m | Kiko/Beatrice B. Trevino |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Cora Govea |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Julian C. Garcia |
| | 1:00 p.m | Gabriel Soliz |
| Domingo | 9:30 a.m. | Raymond Sr. Rosalinda/Raul Jimenez |
| | 11:30 a.m | Viviano Escalona |



Baptismal Preparation Class
Clase de Preparación de Bautismo
April 14th at 6 p.m. inside the Church. This will be the last class until July and will be bilingual.

El Domingo 14 Abril a las 6 de la tarde adentro de la Iglesia. Esta es la última clase hasta Julio y va ser bilingüe.



Readings for the Week
Lecturas de la Semana

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn
8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



*Please pray for the repose souls of
Manuel Rodriguez and Henry Vasquez
May their souls be at rest and their
Families be comforted.*

*Favor de rezar por las almas de
Manuel Rodríguez y Henry Vasquez
fieles difuntos.*

*Que sus almas descansen en paz y que
Sus familias reciben su consuelo.*

Thy Kingdom Come!



Litany of Forgiveness

Lord Jesus, who are mercy and forgiveness, R. grant
me Lord, a heart like yours.

Toward those who have insulted me, R. grant me
Lord, a heart like yours

Toward those who have forgotten me,

Toward those who have despised me,

Toward those whose blindness has injured me,

Toward those whose decisions have wounded me,

Toward those whose sins have impacted me,

Toward those whose selfishness has deprived me,

Toward those whose failings have made obstacles for
me,

Toward those who have betrayed me,

Toward those who have misunderstood me,

Toward those who have criticized me,

For those I have injured by my pride, R. grant them
Lord, to forgive me.

For those I have hurt with my words and actions,

For those I neglected in my indifference,

For those I disdained in my arrogance,

For those I forgot in my self-centeredness,

For those I insulted in my callousness,

For those I did not seek to understand,

For those I scandalized by my sins,

For those who were counting on me and I failed them,
For those to whom I was afraid to be a witness of
your love,

For those for whom I made no place in my heart,
Jesus meek and humble of heart, R. make my heart
more like yours.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are mercy and forgiveness.
You never cease to love me unconditionally and are
always ready to forgive me. Strengthen my will and
soften my heart so that, with a love ever more like
yours, I may truly forgive all those who have hurt me
in any way and always be ready to seek forgiveness
from anyone I have harmed. Amen.



Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school, visit our website at www.nazarethacademy.org. To set up a tour or shadow time for your child, please call Debbie Michalski at 361.573.6652 or email her at dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We would love to have you join our school family!



JESUS IS IN NEED OF ADORERS

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers for we need the following Dates and Times;
Wednesdays 1-2 pm
Fridays 8-9 am.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour per week with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the church office 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510 to sign up and receive the new code for the chapel.



Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of the Clergy

Contact:

- The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within 48 hours, at (800) 252-5400, www.txabusehotline.org, or local police department. If person is in immediate danger call 911.

and

- Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

or

- Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828. Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 marked "Personal and Confidential".



If sexual abuse by a member of clergy has occurred in another diocese, the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials. For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.



Every Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00pm; Bingo Games 7:30pm until 10:00pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games Proceeds benefit various council charity projects.
 Location is Airline at Ben Wilson.