



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- 3) Luke 6:27-38

**FOCUS:** Jesus challenges us to act with love.

Being a Christian – truly following Jesus – isn't easy. Today's Gospel is a reminder of that fact. Jesus describes what it means to act with love. He challenges us to do what seems humanly impossible: to love our enemies and forgive those who hurt us. These are not easy tasks! Only

with the help of Jesus can we truly do what he commands.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, David does not allow anyone to harm Saul when they have the opportunity to do so, and makes it clear to Saul's troops what he did. In Corinthians, Paul describes Jesus as the second Adam, the spiritual man. Jesus, in the Gospel, explains to his disciples all that the commandment "to love" entails.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Sirach 27:4-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
- 3) Luke 6:39-45

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for attending the Parish Family Meal. It was a wonderful event with delicious food (& desserts!), family, and fellowship. I wish to thank the Altar Society for hosting the meal and providing all of the needs for the event.

As part of our Parish Sharing Collection, we presented the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads a check for \$3716.77. Thank you for your support to this vital pro-life cause in our community. Please know you are in my prayers. May God bless ya'll!

*Fr. Stephen*

**St. Mary's Penance Service Update**

To assist with those in the Victoria area and our own parishioners who are unable to drive after dark, this year's Penance Service has been moved to an earlier time of the day. Please note, the service will be on Wednesday April 3rd at 2 pm. Other church penance services will remain in the Evening and will be posted in the near future. Thank you for allowing this change to our normal schedule. God bless!

**Lenten Soup**

On Fridays during Lent the following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. To schedule your organization/group to prepare and serve the soup on a Friday please call the rectory at 573-4328.

The current schedule is as follows:

Mar. 8 - St. Mary's Altar Society

Mar. 15 - KJZT #101

Mar. 22 – **available**

March 29 – CCD Education

Apr. 5 - **available**

Apr. 12 – **available**

**Friday Stations of the Cross & Confession**

This Lent father will offer confessions during the Stations of the Cross. Deacon Jim and our Deacon Candidate Richard Evans will lead us in the Stations. Come join our family in prayer at 6:00 p.m. (no Mass) in the Church followed by the Lenten Soup.

*We invite all St. Mary's Festival workers on Mon. Feb. 25 to the Appreciation Supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Desserts are welcome!*

**SIEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Saturday, February 23, Saint Polycarp**

7:00 †Charles Moody  
4:00 †Walter Stevens

**Sunday, February 24, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †Oscar Richard Rosse

**Monday, February 25**

6:30 †Jerry Patton  
12:05 †Rose Lee Harker

**Tuesday, February 26**

6:30 †Tony Innocenti  
12:05 †John B. Sala, Jr. (ANNIV)

**Wednesday, February 27**

6:30 †Mary Otto  
12:05 †Deacon A. R. Wearden—Debra Hampton

**Thursday, February 28**

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service  
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

**Friday, March 1**

6:30 †James T. Meletio  
12:05 †Charles Moscatelli

**Saturday, March 2**

7:00 †Raymond Leita  
4:00 †Freda Kolle (ANNIV)

**Sunday, March 3, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †Joe & Lillie Zaplac

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 a.m. Richard Evans  
10:30 a.m. O. Basaldua

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 p.m. Patty Stevens, Heather Zamykal,  
Diana Starnes, Emily Migl,

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 a.m. Karen Evans, Libby Ramirez,  
Georgia West, Adolph Hernandez  
10:30 a.m. Lucinda Cavazos, Brandon  
Basaldua, David Janca, Clem Cantu

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 p.m. Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka,  
Larry & Linda Luna

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Paul Janacek, Bohumil  
Vrana, Stella Silva  
10:30 a.m. Carolyn McConnell, John Cavazos,  
Patty Osterhout, Laszlo Nemes

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 p.m. Z. Zamykal, C. Alstrom

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 a.m. J. P. Pilkington, L. Hernandez  
10:30 a.m. W. Villarreal, M. Barton

**PARISH CHOIR:**

Regular practice after the 8am Mass on Sundays. The choir also practices on Thursday evenings in the church from 5:30 to 7:00pm in preparation for Lent and Easter services. Anyone interested in participating in music ministry is encouraged to join the choir.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

6:30 AM Monday-Wednesday & Friday  
12:05 PM Monday-Wednesday & Friday  
**\*NOTE: NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS  
ON THURSDAYS** (unless specified)

Dear St. Mary's Parish,

This year's festival was very amazing day. We would like to thank each and everyone who has prayed the Novena with us, and/or came out and enjoyed a meal and the festivities at our festival. We would also like to thank **all** who contributed time, work, items, and donations of any kind. We especially would like to recognize and thank the 2019 festival chairpersons for their teams and their hard work and enthusiasm toward our festival. We hope to see you all at the appreciation dinner 2-25-19 at 6:30pm in the activity center.

Thank you all for all that you did-recognizing our Chairpersons and the teams that worked:

Al Bomba, Ron Sumbera, Adele Donalson, Fred Kloesel, Michael Starnes, David Janca, Jeremy and Anne Martin, James Wearden, Karen and Richard Evans, Denise Gainer and Jo Ann Bone, Barbara and Patricia Vahalik, David Janca, Cici Janak, Heather Zamykal, Marie & Brandon Immenhauser & Family, Rose Curtis, James West, Kathy Dornak, Oscar and Patricia Montelongo, Joe Rainosek, Joan Hairell, Howard Pagel, Paul Janacek, Jennifer and Donny Schellenbarger, Jerry and Loretta Stockbauer, Susan Sonntag, Cathy Fojtik, and Maggie Schaar, and Family, Tonie Garcia, Zac and Lisa Kainer, Silver and Emily Garza, Valerie Barton and Family, .

Thank you Father Stephen Vacek and Deacon Koenig for all of your spiritual support, and prayers,

We thank God and our Blessed Mother and all the saints and angels, and we thank you for a wonderful day,

Peace, Love and Prayers,

*Kevin and Joan Pfister*

### **2019 Camino de Santiago pilgrimage!**

Please join other Catholics from the diocese to hike the Camino de Santiago along the countryside of Spain. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés to converge on Santiago de Compostela. Tour includes hotel, airfare, two meals each day, luggage shuttled while you hike, a hiking guide, and training to get you physically ready. There are spots available for the following 2019 dates: June 2-13th and October 2-14th. If you are interested in joining either of these spiritual journeys, contact Jane Lakatos at [jhlakatos@gmail.com](mailto:jhlakatos@gmail.com) to get more information.

### **A LENTEN JOURNEY**



**This Lent our parish will again participate in**

***Disciples on the Journey.***

**Groups are now being formed.**

**To participate or to learn more about**

***Disciples on the Journey* please call:**

**Laurie Bautista (573-9561) Judy Jabbour (648-9347)  
or the Rectory (573-4328).**

**Lent begins March 6, 2019**

**Holy Family's Lenten Mini-Retreat  
Will be on the morning of Saturday, March  
2nd (the Saturday before Ash Wednesday) in  
St. Peter's Hall.**

The Holy Family Altar Society will sponsor this retreat, which will begin with Mass at 8:00 am in the church. Fr. Patrick Knippenberg will be the facilitator, sharing reflections on "Pondering These Things in Our Hearts." The retreat will conclude with lunch served at 11:30 am. There is no fee to attend this event, but we ask for your help with our headcount by leaving a voicemail RSVP at 361-576-6508. Contact person is Gail Janecka, 361 -550-0981, if you have questions.

**Bible Study is continuing**

**Please feel free to come**

Dynamic Catholic's Nine-Week Bible Study on the *Turning Point – The book of John, Eight Encounters with Jesus that will Change your Life!* You won't be dozing off during these engaging videos as Dr. Allen Hunt will help you experience the stories from a fresh perspective.

**Come to either:**

Sundays at 9 a.m. and/or Wednesdays at 6 p.m., in the St. Mary's Annex building (across Convent St. from St. Mary's parking lot) Fr. Stephen encourages CCD parents to come while your children attend CCD.

Come to either one or all. If you miss one, that's o.k., come to the next. Coffee will still be provided: ***"A little bit of Coffee - a Whole Lot of Jesus!"***

**RCIA**

**(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 26, Rite of election**

**SIEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CCD NEWS:**

Classes: Feb. 27 March 6, 20, 27

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center**

**Guided One-Day Retreat: Becoming Spiritually Deeper and More Generous Disciples** – Sister Marian Sturm, IWBS Saturday, **March 9, 2019** - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. In Lent we remember Jesus being moved by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted and wrestled with what his mission was to be. We also are tempted and struggle with our meaning and mission as disciples, while attempting to answer these two questions: “What do I want to let go of?” and “What do I want to give myself to?” This Lenten retreat will offer an opportunity to ponder prayerfully these two questions in the stillness of the day. Guided Retreats include at least two reflections, ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available for \$5.00 we invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX for more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

**Solemn Lenten Vespers: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2019** from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service** — March 19, (Lenten Theme) 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Contact: Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111 for more information call or check out our website at [www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org).

**Altar Care for February will be Margaret Clegg and Deborah Brugo**



**QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER**  
**Interested in learning how to quilt or craft?**

Come meet on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex. The Altar Society Quilters are looking for old or broken jewelry or one of a kind pieces. You can bring the items to the office or there is a box in the entrance to the church.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**  
**FEB. 9-10**

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 5,033.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 830.29
On-line giving.....	\$ 345.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,208.29</b>

**Sanctuary Candles**

Feb. 25-Mar. 3—Special Intention of Brice Driver  
Mar. 4-10—In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti  
Mar. 11-17—Special Intention of Sandra Morris  
Mar 18 -24—In memory of Bessie Morris  
Mar 25- 31– In memory of Earl Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer  
April 1– 7 In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti

**Adoration Candles**

Feb. 25-Mar. 3– Special Intention of Spencer Driver  
Mar. 4-10—In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti  
Mar. 11-17—Special Intention of Karen Driver  
Mar 18 -24- In memory of Chad Slavik by Allen, Karol, Tabitha and Chris Slavik  
Mar. 25-31– In memory of Bohumil Smolka by Frank Smolka  
Apr. 1-7—In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti

**Your are invited to Vanderbilt**

St. John Bosco’s Mardi Gras Spring Fling is on Saturday, March 2, at Trinity Family Center in Vanderbilt starting at 6:00 p.m.



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1329  
Bingo Night**

Every Wednesday evening;  
Hall opens 6:00 pm; Bingo Games 7:30 pm until  
10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10  
games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline  
at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council  
charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday  
evening at 575-9214.  
Come out, have fun and meet friends

**St. Joseph Scholars Program**

Merit Based Scholarship Program for Incoming STJ  
Freshmen

Based on Scholastic Merit, Not Financial Need  
\$4,000/Year, Renewable Scholarship

**Applicants Will Be Considered Based On:**

- \*High School Placement Exam (HSPE) Score
- \*Interview with Head of School – Finalists will be  
selected for interviews based on HPSE scores  
The HSPE will be offered on February 23, March 2  
and March 23 – choose one date  
St. Joseph High School Library, 8:30-11:30 am  
Contact Jen Korinek, STJ Director of Admissions, to  
sign-up for the exam. 361.573.2446 x217 or  
jkorinek@stjflyers.com  
\*\*Placement exams for Pre-AP English, Spanish and  
Math will be offered in May.



**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org).

**DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES**

<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	Cynthia Brewer	571-6510
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emily Janak	573-1874
<b>Altar Society</b>	Evelyn Dierlam	578-3740
<b>Baptism Prep.</b>	Diana Starnes	550-9533
<b>Bereavement Group</b>	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
<b>Disciples on the Journey</b>	Laurie Bautista	573-9561
<b>Festival Committee Chairs</b>	Kevin & Joan Pfister	576-9638
<b>Funeral Meals</b>	Adele Donalson	573-4455
<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>Marriage Prep Foccus</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
<b>Natural Family Planning</b>	Susanne Koch	(979) 488-4528
<b>Quilters</b>	Jo Ann Bone	578-7629
<b>RCIA</b>	Sr. Frances Cabrini	575-7111
<b>Religious Education</b>	Diana Starnes	550-9533
<b>Rentals</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
<b>St. Vincent De Paul Society</b>	Faye Culak	649-0614
<b>Weekly Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Cenacle</b>	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

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request a statement or come by to obtain yours.

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