



Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) Isaiah 43:16-21
- 2) Philippians 3:8-14
- 3) John 8:1-11

FOCUS: God is always doing something new – he is mercy and forgiveness for those who seek him.

Today's psalm speaks of the *great things* that God has done. Among them is his giving us the promise to forgive all who come before him with true contrition and who seek his mercy. Through and in Jesus we have the ability to do this, and when we do, we allow God to "re-create" in us – to do something new in us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah assures the people of Israel that the Lord is *doing something new*.

Saint Paul professes to the community at Philippi that he considers all things as loss in comparison to knowing Jesus Christ and pursuing the goal of attaining the resurrection of the dead. In the Gospel, Jesus saves from stoning, and forgives, the woman caught in adultery.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 1) Luke 19:28-40
- 2) Isaiah 50:4-7
- 3) Philippians 2:6-11



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: St. Mary's Altar Society is now accepting donations for Easter Flowers. Any donation made in honor of or memory of your loved one(s) is accepted. Forms and envelopes are located on the back of the last pew on either side of the church. Please complete and return in the collection basket, to the church office, or mail to the address shown on the envelope. Please assist in decorating our church this Easter. Donations received after Monday, April 15, 2019 after 4:30 P.M. will not be published in the Easter Weekend Bulletin insert.

Penance Services

Our Lady of Victory, Mon, April 8, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Family, Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
St. Patrick, Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Thurs., April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Stephen Farewell Reception

There will be three opportunities to bid Fr. Stephen farewell and thank him for all he has done for our parish in a very short time. A catered meal will be held on **April 6th** after the 4:00 P.M. Mass.

Please join us after the morning Mass on Sunday **April 7th**; after the 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Masses. These will be coffee, doughnuts, fruit and juice socials. Come and spend time with Fr. Stephen and wish him well on his next assignment at Our Lady of Victory which will begin on April 29th

Lenten Soup

On Fridays during Lent the following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. The current schedule is as follows:
April 12 – Mrs. Van Paen Flores

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.

St. Padre Pio prayer group

Will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 In the Adoration Chapel. Please join them after the 7:00 a.m. Mass for Adoration and prayer in devotion to this amazing saint.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 6

7:00 †Helen Stuekerjuergen
4:00 †Regina Bianchi

Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Emil Kruppa

Monday, April 8

6:30 †May Moscatelli
12:05 †Miss Ann & Joe Jurica

Tuesday, April 9

6:30 †Lillian Obsta
12:05 In Honor of Our Lady of Good Remedy

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 †Ivan & Leo Vyvjala
9:30 †Madlyn Pargac - Twin Pines Nursing Home
12:05 †Barbara Love Minton

Thursday, April 11

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service
9:00 †Jim Culak - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

Friday, April 12

6:30 †Bohumil Vrana, Sr.
12:05 †Meghan Schexnayder Greco
6:00 Station of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

7:00 †Bernice Tipton
4:00 †Matthew Small

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

8:00 †Agnes Hajek
10:30 People of the Parish

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 AM Monday-Wednesday & Friday
12:05 PM Monday-Wednesday & Friday

***NOTE: NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAYS** (unless specified)

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.

LECTORS

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. Richard Evans

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Henry Schramek, Patty Stevens

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Georgia West, Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Karen Evans, Corinne Copeland

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Stella Silva, Loyd West, Paul Janacek
10:30 a.m. Carolyn McConnell, Greg Brewer, Laszlo Nemes Joe Baugh

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. J. P. Pilkington & C. Alstrom

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. M., A. & G. Morris
10:30 a.m. T. Copeland, E. Rodriguez, S. Verastegui

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of the Holy Rosary meet every Tuesday, at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

**Altar Care for April be
Evelyn Dierlam & Connie Johnson**

6 Day Pilgrimage with Fr. Stephen Vacek

June 9-14

Fr. Stephen Vacek will lead a 6-day pilgrimage to EWTN (Alabama) by motorcoach. The pilgrimage includes Mass and a visit to St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral in Beaumont; an overnight stay in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; visiting the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the tomb of Mother Angelica; attending a live recording of Fr. Mitch Pacwa's show "Scripture & Tradition" and attend Mass at EWTN Studios which will be broadcast live on June 13. The group then returns to Victoria making an overnight stop in New Orleans where they will attend Mass at the National Shrine of the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

The \$939 per person cost includes daily breakfast and dinner and one lunch. For a more detailed itinerary or if you have any questions, contact Dora Silva at dsilva4415@gmail.com or 550-0103.

Sanctuary Candles

April 8-14— Special Intention of Reagan Brehm
April 15-21—In memory of Hazel Schmeltzer, by Denise Gainer
Apr. 22-28 —Special Intention of Brittany Brehm

Adoration Candles

April 8-14— Special Intention of Brianne Kennedy /In memory of Earl Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer
April 15-21—In memory of Hedwig Smolka by Frank Smolka/ In memory of Hazel Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer
Apr. 22-28 —In memory of Benito & Irene Menchaca by Benny Menchaca/In memory of Bohumil Smolka by Frank Smolka

Commemoration of the Deceased

April 8-14- Dec. Mem of Janacek & Vrana Families by Paul & Mary Ann Janacek
April 15-21 - In memory of Mary Hyak by Kathy Sandidge
Apr. 22-28- In memory of Earl Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer

Bible and Catholic Book Study Continue

You are invited at anytime to Faith Sharing on Sunday mornings following the 8 am Mass. Faith Sharing is an opportunity to share how the readings for the week have affected your life as a Christian. We meet at the annex and coffee is provided. Please take the opportunity to share your faith with others! For information contact 979-216-8195. The Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. class is reading and studying "*The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*" by Dynamic Catholic's Matthew Kelly. Please join either or both groups in St. Mary's Annex on Main and Convent streets.

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sunday, April 14, - Palm Sunday

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 361.573.6651 or email her at dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We would love to have your join our school family! Put your faith in us!

St. Mary's is having its annual GAMES PARTY, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019, 11:30 am to 4 pm at the Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St. Admission \$8.00. Lunch, Door Prizes, Raffle, Country Store & Fun!
Reservations: Dorothy Bomba 361-573-3569 or Eunice Dove 361-576-1856.

Jesus Needs Adorers

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel needs adorers Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. and Fridays 8-9 a.m. Don't worry about making this commitment; we've got substitutes who can fill in when you are unable to keep your time. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour per week with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510 to sign up and receive the new code for the chapel. "*The time I have spent before the tabernacle is the best spent time of my life.*" St. Catherine of Genoa

CCD NEWS:

Classes: April 10, 17, 24 Last Class

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

Solemn Lenten Vespers: 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.



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

Come meet on Thursday, April 11 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.

St. Mary's Altar Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, at 2:00 pm at the Activity Center.

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Camp David is a fun-filled retreat offered for junior high age (student entering sixth or finishing eighth grade). Registration is Now Open! Save the dates: Jr. High- Session 1: June 9-11, 2019 / Jr. High-Session 2: June 12-14, 2019 / Elementary Day Camp: June 12 For more information and registration forms, go to www.victoriadiocese.org/camp-david

Rocky Mountain High - Registration is now OPEN! RMH will take place July 13 - July 21, 2019. Registration forms are at the Rectory.



FREE SHOWING!!!

ONE REMAINING SHOWING

Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2PM
 St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church,
 Schulenburg
 1010 Lyons Ave, Schulenburg, TX 78956

"Power In My Hands" is a film that uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the rosary. Its primary purpose is to help viewers understand the power to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis, and instill an active response to the Blessed Mother's plea for prayer. Hope through Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of this film.

ALL SHOWINGS ARE FREE

VIEW TRAILER AT
www.powerinmyhandsthemovie.com

Singles
 Couples
 Families
 Everyone is welcome!

Call 361-827-7171 for more information.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP
 MARCH 23-24**

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,364.80
Loose Collection.....	\$ 852.43
On-line giving.....	\$ 470.00
Total.....	\$4,687.23

Your are Invited to

The Catholic Daughters Court #2546 of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blessing, Texas is sponsoring a CHICKEN SPAGHETTI plate meal. It will be held on Sunday, April 07, 2019 at St Peter's Catholic Church hall in Blessing. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. The meal consists of chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, and dessert. Plates are \$8.00 each (dine in or to go). Tea with dine-in only.

A raffle will also be held during the afternoon. Raffle tickets can be obtained from any member.

The proceeds will benefit the Catholic Daughter scholarships and charities.



**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



**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.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

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