



**Take this
and share
it among
yourselves**

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
- 4) Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

FOCUS: We are invited to accompany Jesus as he faces betrayal, abandonment, suffering and death.

Today we commemorate the passion of Jesus. Through the Gospel reading, we are invited into the story, to be present with Jesus as he experiences his arrest, suffering and death. We reflect upon the various figures in the Gospel, those who actively contributed to his persecution, those who stood at a distance, and those who would not partake of the evil that was done. As Christians, we are called to remember the events of Palm Sunday whenever we encounter suffering, whether our own or others.

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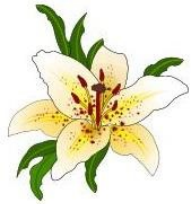
In the procession with palms, Luke recounts the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where people proclaimed, *Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord*. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies about the Lord's servant. In the second reading from Philippians, Paul quotes a hymn that tells of the "emptying" and

subsequent exaltation of Christ. In the Gospel, Luke recounts the events of Christ's passion: from the meal with his Apostles, to his agony on the Mount of Olives, and then his arrest, crucifixion, death and burial.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

- 1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
- 3) John 20:1-9
or Luke 24:1-12 (41)



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 Donations received after Monday, April 15, 2019 after 4:30 P.M. will not be published in the Easter Weekend Bulletin insert.

EASTER CHURCH DECORATING

Decorating of the Church for Easter will take place on Holy Saturday, April 20th starting at 10:00 A.M. All are invited to participate.

The Adoration Chapel and Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
JOIN US**

Celebrate God's Greatest Attribute on
April 28, 2019 St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Victoria

2-3:45 pm - Confession

**2-4 pm - Reflections on Mercy Divine Mercy,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Prayers and
Devotions Veneration of Image, Adoration
and Benediction**

4pm Mass (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

**Collection for Education of Seminarians of the
Diocese of Victoria**

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians: On April 18, at the celebration of the Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our Diocesan Services Appeal campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Thank you for supporting our Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 †Sharon West Bauer
12:05 Prayer and Communion Services
(Chrism Mass)

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 †Fr. Kelly Nemeck
8:10 †Charles Moscatelli - Nazareth Academy
Children's Liturgy
12:05 †Mary Hyak

Thursday, April 18, Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Priests and
Seminarians

Friday, April 19, Good Friday

12:00 The Passion and Death of the Lord

Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

8:00 Fr. Stephen Vacek Intentions

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Edwin Orsak

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Hospitality and Mass Servers are need to participate during Holy Week and the Easter Sunday Liturgies. Please call the Office at 573-4328 to volunteer for this very special Holy Week Service.

The Chrism Mass

All Are Invited to Attend the Chrism Mass on April 16, 2019: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory on April 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. During the Mass, Bishop Cahill will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. Traditionally, bishops have blessed oil since the early Church. Since the Bishop is the only minister in the diocese who can consecrate The Oil of Chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and union with the entire presbyterate. The Chrism Mass will also offer the priests of the diocese the opportunity to publicly renew their priestly promises, in the presence of Bishop Cahill. Make plans to attend this beautiful celebration of faith.



HOLY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper** and *Agape Meal* to follow in the Activity Center. All are invited to bring a meat dish and one other dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) to the Activity Center. Please bring the food to the center before Mass. (Please label your dishes Thank You!)

IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO BECAUSE OF SICKNESS OR DISABILITY cannot participate in the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 18 please call the office by Tuesday to give the name and address. We would like to include them in the celebration of our parish family by having a Eucharistic Minister bring the Body of Christ to their homes.

GOOD FRIDAY



12:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Please remember that today is a day of **fast and abstinence.**



EASTER VIGIL

The Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. with the Lighting of the new fire at the entrance to the Church. Followed by the Service of Light, Word, Christian Initiation, Eucharist.



Easter Schedule

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

PARISH CHOIR: Regular practice after the 8am Mass on Sundays. Anyone interested in participating in music ministry is encouraged to join the choir.

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.

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

2nd Annual Roast and Toast

Benefiting The Emmaus Center will be held on Friday, May 10, starting at 6:00 p.m. at The Cathedral Center. This year's honoree is Bishop Brendan Cahill. Please call the office at (361) 212-0830 to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets.

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

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 is \$8.00. Lunch, Door Prizes, Raffle, Country Store & Fun, Enjoy
Reservations: Dorothy Bomba 361-573-3569 or

Pray for our Seminarians/Diaconate Candidates:
Seminarians: Tran Dinh, Philippe Dubourdiou, James Dvorak, Dalton Ervin, Shane Goertz, Chase Goodman, Ryan Kapavik, Caleb Krischke, John A. Le, Aaron Padilla, Luke Prihoda, Joey Sablatu-
ra, Adam Shimek, & Richard Barfield.

Diaconate Candidate: Richard Evans

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 Dynamic Catholic group is studying "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly on Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. If you already have the book, please read chapters 7 through 9 prior to meeting. All are welcome even if you don't have the book.

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 20—Easter Vigil, baptism, and acceptance into full communion with the Church.

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 you join our school family! Put your faith in us!

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.

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CCD NEWS:

Classes: April 17, 24 Last Class

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

Solemn Lenten Vespers: April 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 18 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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Knights of Columbus SQUIRES Youth Organization

Now accepting applications for boys to Join Columbian Squires®

The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for young catholic men ages 10-18 yrs. old. Being a member of the Squires enables you to better serve your parish, help those in need & grow your faith.

Squire circles are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but are run by and for young men, under the guidance of several Knights, who serve as counselors. Squire counselors are Safe Environment certified. Membership is open to all parishes and schools in Victoria.

For more information in joining, please contact Donald Shellenbarger @ 361-649-9556, Joe Rainosek @ 361-550-3113 or email kcsquiresvictoria@gmail.com

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP MARCH 30-31

Sunday Collection.....	\$5,880.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 629.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 595.00
Total.....	\$7,104.00



The Emmaus Center provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective.

The counseling staff are Licensed Professional Counselors and Registered Interns who devote themselves to assisting those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race, or age. To schedule any appointments or for information call (361) 212-0830 or visit <https://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com>



**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

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel	Cynthia Brewer	571-6510
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St. Vincent De Paul Society	Faye Culak	649-0614
Weekly Rosary & Divine Mercy Cenacle	Tina Rabalais	541-9295



**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.

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