

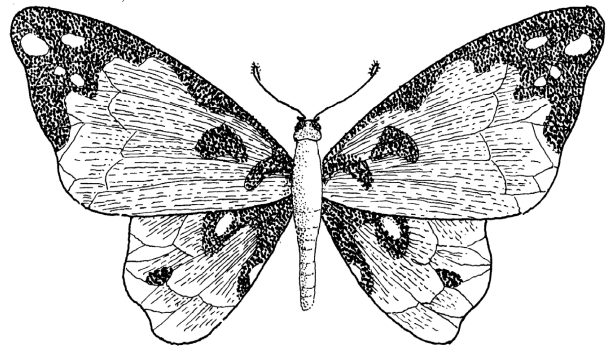
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

Masses for
the Week



This Week

SUNDAY - March 6 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy
10:00 am - Billy Yandell, Jr †
11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community* - Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant

MONDAY - March 7 - Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 am - Special Intention

TUESDAY - March 8 - St John of God, Religious

8:00 am - Gene Jolly †

WEDNESDAY - March 9 - St Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 am - Alvin V. Schoener †

THURSDAY - March 10

8:00 am - Carolyn Goldman: *for healing*

FRIDAY - March 11

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory †
5:30 pm - Paul Bittlebrun †
6:00 pm - STATIONS of the CROSS - followed by SOUP SUPPER
PREPARED BY: *Friday Social Grp*

ABSTINENCE

SATURDAY - March 12

8:00 am - †Genoveva Salinas & †Eric Salinas
5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

SUNDAY - March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Donald Yanta †
10:00 am - Joe & Suzie Ryan: *34th Wedd. Annv.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

NEXT WEEKEND - March 12 & 13

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Harvin Suggs
Mary Bianchi, Volunteer
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Dennis Boehm
Joy Loest, Volunteer
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Jeff Nunley
Alvin/Claudia Schoener

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Lacie Linam, Suzie Ryan, Volunteer
Sun 7:30 am - Nicole Easley, Austin Kainer, Clayton Easley
Sun 10:00 am - Allison Nunley, Ross Nunley, E/R Tibiletto

USHERS:

5:00 pm - Norman Schoener, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Volunteer
10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Volunteer, Volunteer

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Pat Gisler & Monica Huddleston

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Collection: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maint.

11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community* - Fr. Phi, Celebrant

WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.



FRIDAY - Masses: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - followed by a

Lenten Soup Supper - prepared by: *Friday Social Group*

SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Collection: Weekly Stewardship

+Rice Bowl

2nd Collection: D. S. A.

Start
Daylight
Savings
Time



Jubilee Year of Mercy

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On *Laetare* Sunday, we rejoice as Luke's Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable's prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual "shaming" when the father "shames" himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared "act of contrition." By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, "of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what." Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, "who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing," his judgment "severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). If John's Gospel is proclaimed, the "religiously observant" people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J.S.Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright © 2015, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*.

Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	WEEKEND of 02-27/28-16	Count - 461
Envelopes.....			\$ 2,614.00
Loose.....			569.95
Other Donations.....			550.00
Total Operating Income.....			\$ 3,733.95
LentenAlms/ExtrEnv:.....(StVdP Black Bag).....			\$ 1,602.50
Easter Flower Fund.....			\$ 25.00


Please Pray for Our Sick.....

Tina Moya, Betty Eceveste, Cheryl Barker, Johnnie Ressman,
Amy Wuest, Frances Le June, Cecilia Edwards,
Fr. Dan Morales, Sharon T aylor, Mary Pawlik



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

Feb 28 - GOF Class
 Mar 6 - GOF Class
 Mar 13 - No Class: Spring Break
 Mar 20 - GOF Class & Palm Sunday
 Mar 27 - No Class: Easter *Alleluia!*



News Around Town

SOLEMN LENTEN VESPERS: Mar. 6, 13, & 20, 5:00 pm -5:45 pm. 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. Solemn Evening Praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Location: Incarnate Word Convent 1101 NE Water St. Victoria, TX. <http://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org>

GOD'S EMBRACE MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS
 Little Chapel of St Mary, 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg TX is offering a SEMINAR SERIES directed by:
Dr. Michael Fonseca, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
 March 19 - *The Mass*;
 April 2 - *Catholic Family Life*;
 April 30 - *Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing*

RETREAT: March 11-13 Spiritual Renewal Cntr, Victoria, "God's Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection" For more information call 979-561-8883 or email info@godsembrace.org


Now enrolling new students at **NAZARETH ACADEMY CATHOLIC SCHOOL!** Registration forms and information are available at nazarethacademy.org or contact the school office at 361-573-6651.

St. Joseph CDA-Court of St. Joseph--Protector of Mary, Court #2475 is sponsoring a **GAMES PARTY** at St Joseph's Parish Hall in Inez, TX - Sunday, March 13th, from 1pm - 5pm. Donation \$8.00 per person. Bring your players and games. There will be door prizes, Raffle, & Take a Chance. A dinner of Chicken Spaghetti, Salad & Rolls, Tea & Coffee will be served. Reservations required. Contact Kathy P. 361-575-3559; Donna D. 361-935-3890 or Karen F. 361-573-9029/361-550-5183

Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Blessing, TX will sponsor their annual Lenten Fish Fry, Auction, and Raffle on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Fried catfish with all the trimmings will be served from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm. Plates/\$10 each. Everyone is invited.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The Holy Year of Consecrated Life has come to an end, but at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish we will take it from here to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Families will pray while in possession of a dedicated **VOCATION CRUCIFIX**. At the 7:30 am Mass, **Dennis & Dorothy Boehm** will take possession and continue our prayers.



40 Cans for Lent

What are you giving up for Lent this season? Consider giving up a CAN of food each DAY for "40 Cans for Lent" Many people are faced with hunger. Through the **Food for Families** program, the *Knights of Columbus* are in a position to help. For those wishing to donate, simply drop off your canned good or non-perishable item here at church. There is a drop box located at the entrance of the church.

Bishop Cahill Lent Video Messages

Now available for sharing and viewing on Diocesan Facebook page and website. Every Monday of Lent a new message will be added. Please share them.

BEST LENT EVER

DynamicCatholic.com announces its *Best Lent Ever* program, based on Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. It is available to every parish and every parishioner, at no cost, and is the perfect opportunity to experience a transformative Lent. Here is how it works: Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver. You will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a team member who guides them through the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus*. You will discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus and your best Lent ever.

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 7 pm-9pm ~ in the Rel Ed Bldg.

For more info, please contact: Bob/Laurie Bautista-573-9561 laurie.bautista@gmail.com, or Rectory -575-3813

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Emmaus Center, is seeking part-time volunteer support to fill morning, afternoon, or evening hours currently not covered by our volunteer receptionists. Considering a future in becoming a Catholic counselor, this could help you to discern what it might be like to work in a counseling center. Consider spending some time volunteering with great counselors and staff in a faith filled environment. If you are interested in volunteering as a receptionist, call John at 361-212-0830 or email him at jlenihan@victoriadiocese.org.



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