

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 3, 2016**

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.
— Revelation 1:18a

Masses for
the Week



SUNDAY - April 3 - Sunday of Divine Mercy
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*
10:00 am - Abel De Leon, Sr †
11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community mass*- Fr Phi Nguyen, *Celebrant*

MONDAY - April 4 - The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 am - James Janecka

TUESDAY - April 5 - St Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:00 am - Margie Brosch †

WEDNESDAY - April 6
8:00 am - Johnny Aguillon †

THURSDAY - April 7 - St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

FRIDAY - April 8
8:00 am - Personal Intention

SATURDAY - April 9
8:00 am - Louis Polasek †
5:00 pm - Victor Neisser, Sr. †

SUNDAY - April 10 - Third Sunday of Easter
7:30 am - Donald Yanta †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*
Confirmation Sunday - Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer

NEXT WEEKEND - April 9 & 10

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION** and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Kathleen Edwards
Mary Bianchi, *Volunteer*
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, James Novak
Joy Loest, *Volunteer*
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Edie Wilson-Johnston
Alvin/Claudia Schoener

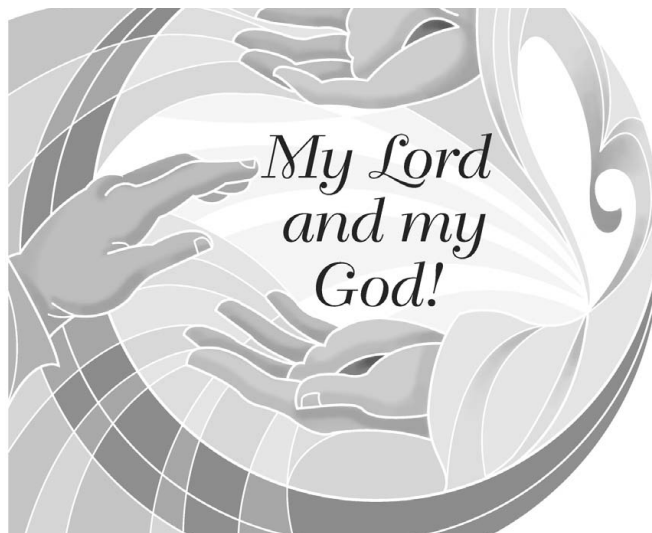
ALTAR SERVERS:
Sat 5:00 pm - Lacie Linam, Suzie Ryan, *Volunteer*
Sun 7:30 am - Austin Kainer, Nicole Easley, Clayton Easley
Sun 10:00 am - Allison Nunley, Ross Nunley, E/R Tibiletti

USHERS:
5:00 pm - Mike John, Frank Motal, Tom Goslin, R. Dominguez
7:30 am - Frank Marbach, James Novak, Michael Fikac
10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Alvin Schoener, Harrison Raska

Please Pray for Our Sick..... Tina Moya, Betty Esceveste, Cheryl Barker, Cecilia Edwards, Fr. Dan Morales, Sharon Traylor, Mary Louise Bittlebrun, Norman Schoener, Fredaline Najvar, Clifton Lau & Jackie Mahan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; Rv 1:9-11a,12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Mon: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



This Week

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance
11:30am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen
WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.
FRIDAY - Parish Social - 6:30 pm (Basement)
SATURDAY - 9:00am - Confirmation Practice
Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Easter
2nd Collection: D. S. A.

Jubilee Year of Mercy April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. “At times how hard it seems to forgive!” he acknowledges. “And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? “To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge.” May Divine Mercy Sunday in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	
	WEEKEND of 03-19/20-16	Count - 541
	Envelopes.....	\$ 3,142.00
	Loose.....	792.35
	Other Donations.....	1,080.00
	Total Operating Income.....	\$ 5,014.35
	ExtraEnvlp:..... <i>AltrSrvrEdu.Fnd.....</i>	\$ 221.00
	Lenten Almsgiving-Rice Bowl.....	\$ 588.60
	Easter Flower Fund.....	\$ 175.00
	D.S.A. Contribution.....	\$ 120.00

Our Lady of Lourdes
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Annual Chicken/Sausage Dinner
April 3rd
Serving Starts 11:00 am
Adult Inside/ToGo Plates \$9.00
Child Plates Inside \$3.00
Thank you for your support!



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

Apr 3 - GOF Class
 Apr 10 - GOF Class / Confirmation at 10 am
 Apr 17 - GOF Class / 1st Communion at 10 am
 Apr 24 - GOF Class
 May 1 - GOF Class (Last Class until August)

*Welcome & Congratulations to all who
 celebrated Sacraments at the Easter Vigil
 Baptism*

Alison Gonzales, Marcus Garcia & Rolando Sanchez

*Profession of Faith in Catholic Church
 Emily Podschelne and Elizabeth Giles*

Confirmation

Alison Gonzales & Emily Podschelne

First Communion

*Alison Gonzales, Emily Podschelne
 & Elizabeth Giles*



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 10:00 am

Mass, **John & Cindy Smith and grandchildren, Emily and Jacob** will take possession and continue our prayers. Next to take possession April 10th, at the 5:00 pm Mass is Robert & Jackie Schumann.

Altar Society NEWS ---- NOMINATIONS

for Member of the Year are due by April 13th. Either drop into the collection basket and marked "member of year" or get nomination to either Ann Hagel, Merrell Johnston or Donna Parsons. She will be announced at the April 18th meeting and honored at May meeting. Thank you and God Bless, *Josie Marbach*, Pres.

HOLY THURSDAY 3-24-16 Count 134
Special Collection: Edu. of Dioc. Seminarians.....\$ 1,892.00
GOOD FRIDAY 3-25-16
Special Collection: Preservation of Holy Land.....\$ 1,088.00

THANK YOU Your Generosity is Appreciated
WEEKEND of 3-26/27-16 Count - 658
 Envelopes..... \$ 3,443.00
 Loose..... 1,269.00
 Other Donations..... 570.00
Total Operating Income.....\$ 5,282.00
Easter Flower Fund.....\$ 60.00
2nd Collection.....(StVdP "Black Bag").....\$ 1,321.00



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory**. Catholic faithful from around the Victoria deanery will gather to commemorate the divine mercy of our Lord with Eucharistic Adoration. It will include prayer, silent reflection, music, litanies, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us join together with **Bishop Cahill** in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, as we ask the Lord for an outpouring of His Divine Mercy.

News Around Town

ALTAR SOCIETY QUARTERLY BUNCO: Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society invites all ladies to the Quarterly Bunco Party to be held April 13, 2016, 9:00 - 11:30 am. A light lunch will be served. For reservations, call Dorothy Boehm, 574-8569; or Helen John, 575-6058 by April 11th.

St. Joseph High School Hosts "A CLOSER LOOK AT STJ" from 6:15-7:30 pm on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Meet us in the Flyer Dome--take a campus tour and learn about advanced placement/dual credit courses, tuition assistance, athletics, STJ summer camp registration, and enjoy refreshments with the Flyer Family. For more information, please contact Jen Korinek, Admissions Coordinator, jkorinek@stjvictoria.com or at 361-573-2446 x217

SPIRIT WIND MINISTRY is pleased to present a weekend retreat led by lecturer, columnist, author Fr. Ronald Rolheiser April 8-10, 2016 at Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria, TX Theme: *Living the Ups and Downs of our Dark Nights and Doubt, a Failure of Faith or a Failure of Imagination?* The retreat begins Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday, and is open to men, women and couples. Space is limited. Contact Susan Oakley for more information, 649-6391.

GUIDED-ONE DAY RETREAT: Incarnate Word Convent 1101 NE Water St., April 9, 2016 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Theme: *"Finding the Sacred in Each Day"*. Presenter: Sr. Emilie Eilers, IWBS. To register or for more info call 575-7111.

GOD'S EMBRACE MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS Little Chapel of St Mary, 1601 High Hill Rd. Schulenburg TX is offering a **SEMINAR** directed by: **Dr. Michael Fonseca**. *Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing* April 30 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For info call 979-561-8883.

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An Expression of 'Thanks'

Thank you for your generous support of the various Lenten Special Collections including the Catholic Relief Services Collection (Operation Rice Bowl), The Holy Land Collection, and your donations to the Education and Formation fund for our Diocesan Seminarians. Through your generosity, families will have vital humanitarian needs met, the friars of St Francis will continue their mission of maintaining and preserving the Holy Land, and the education fund of our future priests will be augmented. Your support is *greatly* appreciated.