**Chrism Mass celebrated**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me.* ~Isaiah 61:1

(A) Bishop Fellhauer blesses the oil at Chrism Mass. (B) Bishop Fellhauer and priests after Mass. (C) Priests renew ordination promises.

After celebrating Palm Sunday, a special Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria, signified a renewal of priestly promises and consecration of the Holy Chrism. Bishop David E. Fellhauer served as celebrant. Assisting at chair was Msgr. John Peters. Deacons of the Mass were Jacob Koether and Scott Hill. Masters of ceremonies were Fr. Tommy Chen and Jacob Mendoza. Seated in the Sanctuary were Fr. Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, Fr. Timothy Kosler, Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, Fr. Charles Dwomoh, Fr. Greg Korenek, and Fr. Roger Hawes. Altar servers included diocesan seminarians and students from Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca. Lectors were Ellie Hanes of Nazareth Academy. Victoria and Hailey Herzik of Sacred Heart, Hallettsville. Deacons of the oils were Edward Molina, Joe Duplan, Chuck Glynn, Larry Hoelscher, Michael Vieira, Fred Soto, and Lawrence Rossow. Music was provided by the diocesan liturgical commission and choirs from various diocesan parishes. Oils used in sacramental celebrations were blessed and included consecration of the Holy Chrism to be used for service to anoint those receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders; oil for the sick to be used for those in need of healing and oil for catechumens to be used in anointing those preparing for baptism. Also, during Mass, priests renewed promises made at their ordinations. Those in attendance celebrated the Liturgy of the Word and the Holy Eucharist.

**Never outgrowing going to Mass**

Each Saturday evening St. Joseph Catholic Church, Yoakum, has a worshipper who is quite special: Mrs. Marie Luecke. She recently marked a very significant milestone in her life- she turned 105 years young! Originally from the LaGrange area where she lived with her late husband the majority of her life, she moved to Yoakum in the last few years to be near her great nephew and his wife. They attend weekend Mass together. Apart from bad weather or sickness, one can always count on seeing her in church giving thanks for the Lord’s many blessings in her life!

Left to right: Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, judicial vicar and pastor of St. Joseph’s parish, Yoakum; Marie Luecke and her great nephew, Mike Heller.

Easter is characterized by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: *Alleluia!* All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith.” (1 Cor 15:14)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum- though chronologically 3 days, they are liturgically 1 day unfolding for us the unity of Christ’s Paschal Mystery.
Bishop Fellhauer’s Schedule

April

10  1:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria
12  10:00a.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Victoria
     2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner
14  11:00 a.m. Mass, Texas Catholic Correctional Ministers, Spiritual Renewal Center
15  6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Wharton
17  7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bay City
18  4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church, New Taiton
19  10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Wharton, including St. Joseph, Boling and St. John, Hungerford
     2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
22  10:00 a.m. Priests’ Study Day, Holy Family, Victoria
     7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Michael Church, Weimar
24  7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, El Campo
25  6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Victoria
26  9:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Inez
     5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca
28  6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Andrew Church, Hillje
29  6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Rose of Lima Church, Schulenburg
30  7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Bishop’s Awards, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria

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Thank you note

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:
I extend my gratitude for the contribution of $35,426.22 from the Catholic Relief Services Collection of the Diocese of Victoria. The collection supports 6 Catholic agencies whose programs help families suffering from war, famine, poverty, and natural disasters. They also aid victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors, and immigrants trying to reunite with family members. Please convey to your priests and parishioners our heartfelt gratitude for their commitment and generosity.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati
Chairman, Committee on National Collections

About the front page

Front page photo: Pope Francis walks past flowers as he leaves after celebrating Easter Mass in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican. (CNS photo/ Paul Haring)

Correction

Seminarians Chase Goodman and James Dvorak’s classifications and seminary were incorrectly printed in the previous edition. Chase is in Pre-Theology II. James is in College IV. Both attend Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

Corrections were made to TCL online version.

DSA update

2015 Diocesan Services Appeal
Diocesan Goal: $ 1,826,700.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $ 325,033.96
Parish Contribution Totals: $ 228,075.33
Number of Parish Families Participating: 1,359
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Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received. Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to: DIOCESE OF VICTORIA • SEMINARY BURSES • P. O. BOX 4070 • VICTORIA, TX 77903.

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World Day of Prayer

Utilize the resources found at www.victoriadiocese.org during the Year of Consecrated Life, especially on Good Shepherd Sunday, Apr. 26th, The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Parishes that have regularly scheduled Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are encouraged to include the Holy Hour for Vocations on Apr. 26th. We encourage vocations and devotion to our Eucharistic Lord.

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The Girl Scout Religious Awards ceremony was held last month at Our Lady of Victory, Victoria. Bishop Fellhauer celebrated a special Mass with the scouts and award recipients. (A) Left to right: Frances Cervantes of The Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas and OLV parishioner; Bishop Fellhauer; and LeeAnn Hathaway, Troop Leader #9579 and OLV parishioner. Both received the St. Anne Medal for Adults having served Girl Scouts and the Church for 7 years. (B) Front row, left to right: Baylee Young, OLV Troop #9579; Madison Chandler, Troop #95003 (Christ the Victor Lutheran Church member), Rianna Twilley, OLV Troop #9579. Back row, left to right: Emily Rodriguez, Kimberly Hathaway, Bishop Fellhauer, Mary Grace Konarik, and Ronnie Reyna; all from OLV Troop #9579. Madison earned the God and Me religious medal for Girl Scouts in grades 2-3. The remaining girls earned the Mary, The First Disciple religious medal for junior and high school Girl Scouts. Not pictured are Caitlin Walsh and Dana Malik from OLV Troop #9579 who also earned the Mary, The First Disciple religious medal.
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Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other church personnel, you can register a complaint.

• Call the bishop or the chancellor at the Chancery at (361) 573-0828;  
• Call Fr. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach;  
• Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
  Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903  
  Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.  
If you are unsure about bringing forth a complaint or need more information, please contact: Fr. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.

Forty Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, students will compete in 58 events at the 2015 Private Schools Interscholastic Association Academic (PSIA) State Meet April 25th at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. These students qualified by placing 1st or 2nd individually in one or more contests at the recent PSIA District Meet hosted by OLV Catholic School. Students advancing to the state competition include bottom row, left to right: Heidi Taylor, Mia Mabray, Abigail Lehnert, Ava Carson, Luis Ramos, Hailey Urban, Grace Janak, Reice Tibletti, Hannah Zimmerman, and Kylie McNally. 2nd row, left to right: Morgan Korinek, Jacob Pyatt, Sarah Ybarra, Lauren Theriot, Mackenzie Straarup, Camryn Petru, Quinn Jones, Gabe Weaver, and Andres Ramos. 3rd row, left to right: Alex Angerstein, Cole Rather, Eric Tibletti, Cole Jacob, Matthew Janak, Cobey Wasicsek, Mariana Valdivia, Grace Hammad, and Elaina Lee. Top row, left to right: Michael Choi, Therese Eamiguel, Seth Theriot, Pranav Jain, Neha Chandna, Reed Rivera, Connor Schilhab, Angelina Vincent, and Karishma Parikh. Not pictured are Mariana Vallejo, Aleeze Malik, and Benjie Corpuz.

In observance of National JCDA Day this recent February 15th, JCDA Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, baked approximately 35 dozen cookies and delivered them to residents at the Shiner Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Front row, left to right: Elyssa Wagner, Rebecca Wagner, Trinity Garza, Faith Machart, Seryna Garza, Chesney Machacek, and Julianna Davis. Middle row, left to right: Anna Adamek, Grace Irvin, Hope Kapavik, Taylor Wenske, Lauryn Kubenka, and Sydney Hermann. Back row, left to right: Angelette Siegel, Kayla Kubenka, Abby Irvin, Monington Clark, Kayla McCarthy, Keely McCarthy, and Bailey Machacek. Not pictured are Delynn Pesek, Dallyn Pesek, and Christine Wagner.

Members of the Maristian Life Community (MLC) at St. Joseph High School, Victoria, provided baby supplies to The Gabriel Project. The donation was made possible from a grant MLC received from The Meadows Foundation Charitable Schools Program.

Three members of the JCDA Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, received Mary, The First Disciple religious pins. Fr. Kirby Hlavaty, pastor of Sts. Cyril & Methodius and society chaplain, blessed the medals and presented them to the recipients. Left to right: Fr. Kirby Hlavaty, Hope Kapavik, Sydney Hermann, and Anna Adamek.

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If you know or suspect a child or person has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency within 48 hours. If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

JCDA #206, Yoakum, recently held their 5th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. Members danced the night away with their favorite positive role model which included dads, grandpas, uncles, and godfathers. The special night showcased the lives of young girls in forming healthy relationships with God and others.
Meet a Deacon
(a TLC series)

by Deacon Patrick Kubala

I was born in Wharton, Dec. 12, 1954. I am the second of 3 children born to Robert and Dorothy Kubala. I graduated from El Campo High School in 1973, attended Wharton County Jr. College, and graduated from Texas A & M in 1977. My wife, Becky, of 36 years, and I reside in the Jones Creek area of New Taiton. We have 2 children.

My religious background includes being a ‘cradle Catholic’. I started serving as an altar boy in the early 1960's at St. Mary’s parish in Hamshire-Fannett, Beaumont diocese. Fr. Rabroker was the pastor and at that time I responded in Latin. Msgr. Julius Petru, St. John’s-New Taiton, asked me to be a minister of the Eucharist after becoming a parishioner, along with 3 other gentlemen. Kirby Hlavaty, now Fr. Kirby, was one of the 3 along with Donald Naiser, and the late John Drozd.

The journey to be a deacon is a calling. It is not something you just decide to do. For me, it was a spiritual journey that was the most beautiful trip. You just trust in and follow the calling of God. As a deacon, it is the most wonderful, fulfilling experience in serving God’s people. It is all about service. Diakonia, a service to God’s people in communion with the Bishop and his body of priests. Being a deacon requires obedience. Obedience, first and foremost, to our humble Bishop, and then to our priests. At ordination we received the Gospel of Christ, whose herald we are to become. We are to believe what we read, teach what we believe, and practice what we teach.

At my home parish in St John’s-New Taiton, I baptize, assist at Mass, funerals, weddings, and handle wake services. I also am on the Cemetery Committee. My employment is serving as the Wharton County Tax Assessor Collector. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, and playing golf. My most favorite time of the day is praying the Liturgy of the Hours. This is where I get away from all the noise, hustle, and bustle and spend some quiet, peaceful time with my Creator.
Marie Ridgeway, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville; and John Quary, superintendent of Victoria; Bishop Fellhauer; Craig Pflughaupt, St. Anthony, Columbus; Ronald and Rodriguez, Nazareth Academy, Victoria; Corinne Copeland, Our Lady of Victory, Victoria. Standing, left to right: Charles Nagel, St. Michael, Cuero; Zaragoza ‘Gus’ Michael, Weimar; Anne Pesek, Shiner; and Anna Barbara Sainz, St. Joseph, Victoria.


About 50 people recently participated in the parish vision and practice for being a ‘family of families’ workshop in Hostyn. The focus was on welcoming families into the diocese as well as youth and young adults. Support was offered for those in need of sharing faith not only at home, but within diocesan parishes.

The workshop, Engaging Parents-Forming Family Faith, was presented by The Center for Ministry Development. It was sponsored by the Offices of Catechetical Leadership and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. It was designed for all parish, diocesan and Catholic school leaders whose ministries touch the family-including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation and catechists, sacramental preparation leaders, family ministers, service/social concerns leaders, Catholic school principals and teachers.

The guest speaker, with more than 20 years of experience in working with high school youth, was Jane Angha, coordinator of youth ministry services and project coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action.

A remarkable life, an enormous amount of love

To countless people within the diocese, Fr. Charles W. Kram, Jr. needs no introduction. He was born in Shiner in 1929 and attended Bunjes School and St. Ludmila Academy prior to entering St. John’s Seminary in San Antonio. He began his studies for the priesthood in 1946. In 1952, he was stricken with polio. It left him as a quadriplegic. His journey through life in the face of adversity and enormous sufferings are topics in a newly released book, Gladly Will I Glory in My Infirmities by Anthony Warzech. It is a story about Fr. Kram who served for nearly 25 years as the hospital chaplain at Yoakum Community Hospital doing what he enjoyed most in life- serving God and neighbor with an enormous amount of love.

By never complaining about his suffering of pain and the humiliation of his dependency, he raised suffering to the dignity of the divine. Incredibly, he accepted the circumstances of his life as the will of God. To complain against the will of God would certainly be unworthy of a true Christian. His life was quite remarkable. Although he went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 13, 2000, he remains alive in the hearts of the many lives he touched. Sainthood, indeed, may be possible.


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Sponsorships may be mailed to the Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 by April 2, 2015. Please view poster sample below and selection of seminarians. For golf tournament information, contact Ron Sitka at (361) 550-1314. For sponsorship information, contact Monroe Rieger at (361) 571-6535.

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Knights of Columbus Council #9088 of Holy Family, Victoria, recently recognized the Family and Knight of the Year for 2014. (A) Left to right: Robert and Bernie Seale, Family of the Year award recipients, and Harvey Kocian, grand knight. (B) Left to right: Harvey Kocian and Emory Migura, Knight of the Year award recipient.

This architectural rendering shows how the $400 million Museum of the Bible will look. Set to open in Washington, D.C. in 2017, the 8-story, 430,000 sq. ft. museum is being designed by the lead architectural group that created the International Spy Museum, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, and the soon-to-open National Museum of African American History and Culture. (CNS photo/courtesy Smith Group JJR)

The Diocese of Victoria participated in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day on Mar. 24th in Austin. The Catholic Bishops of Texas developed their Texas legislative priorities addressing institutional concerns of the Catholic Church in Texas, issues related to Catholic moral and social teachings, and calling to action the faithful Texas Catholics. At the state capitol, participants joined more than 3,000 Catholics from throughout the state of Texas at a rally emphasizing issues important to the Bishops of Texas and to visit with those representing the counties in the Diocese of Victoria. Topics discussed included advance directives reform, school choice tax credit scholarships, payday lending, Medicaid expansion, and abortion facilities regulation. Visits were made to state senators and representatives including representatives Leighton Schubert, Geanie Morrison, Phil Stephenson, and Lois Kolkhorst, senator.

The holy rosary was prayed in the outdoor rotunda of the State Capitol Annex.

The Bishops of Texas and participants on the steps of the State Capitol

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**ACTS Retreats**—For information, visit www.actsmissions.org.

**Amarillo**—Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference Apr. 10-12. For more information, visit www.amarillodiocese.org.


**El Campo**—Holy Mass with Healing Prayer May 21 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Presiding priest will be Fr. Joseph Lam Nguyen, C.S.Sp. 6:30 p.m. rosary. 6:45 p.m. praise and worship. 7:15 p.m. Mass. Individual prayer available following Mass. For more information, contact Gwen Edwards at (979) 637-0277, dennis1e@sbcglobal.net or Jan Dornak at (979) 541-3609, jan.hair@sbcglobal.net.

**El Paso—1st Bi-National Pro-Family Pro-Life Congress Apr. 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Mass. Celebrants will be Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, and Bishop Gustavo de Jesus Rojas of Tabasco, Mexico. For more information, visit www.elpasolife2015.org.

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