

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipation) ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 9:00 a.m.
Monday at Nursing Home ----- 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday ----- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Friday ----- 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ----- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister ----- Joey Sablatura
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday:----- 8:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Call the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, and to register for a class. The schedule for 2020 Baptism class is: **June 23, September 15, and December 7**. All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Family Center

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14,22-23. *It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.*

Psalm 16. *"Lord, you will show us the path of life."*

1 Peter 1:17-21. *We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.*

Luke 24:13-35. *"They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread."*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I acutely realized the Lord's presence?
In the Eucharist? In listening to scripture?
When we gather in his name? In my day-to-day life?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:61—8:1
John 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1-8
John 6:35-4
Thurs: Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59
Sat Acts 9:31-42
John 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

THE DIOCESE and COVID-19 Q&A

Because people want to know ...

Why are we not having Mass if the governor says church is “essential?”

The Diocese of Victoria is following the local recommendation that people need to social distance in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We continue to make resources available through television and the Internet to serve people in their homes where they are the least likely to become ill.

What does the term “essential” actually mean? Essential does not imply that we go about worshipping as usual. The potential harm to others remains high if we do so. It refers to having services available to those in need, such as the sick and dying. Parishes are still open in that priests and church personnel are available to assist parishioners. They can call us and we can counsel and pray with them.

Why aren't we having drive-through confessions?

We are not encouraging drive-through services because we want people, especially the most vulnerable elderly, to remain at home while the virus is still spreading in the community. Some may be compelled to drive long distances to make their confession before Easter – especially the older parishioners – and we do not want to create a new risk for them.

Why aren't we having drive-in or outdoor Masses? Although it sounds like a good idea, it would be difficult to control the recommended social distancing between attendees. We could not distribute Communion from car to car without putting the health and safety of the ministers at risk. It is far safer to stay home and watch a televised Mass and make a Spiritual Communion as recommended.

Can we still visit our parish churches?

It depends on the decision of the pastor. Many parish churches remain open for private prayer and adoration. We can pray in our churches privately while keeping the necessary social distancing.

What opportunities does this current experience offer?

We can pray more at home with our families. It gives us the chance to reach out by phone or social media to those who are lonely or suffering. This is a time in which we can go beyond ourselves and consider the needs of others.

“Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us:

‘Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you.’”

-- From Pope Francis' Palm Sunday message.

DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES to MEET the GUIDELINES of

LOCAL & NATIONAL AUTHORITIES:

- Assumption Church will continue to celebrate Mass, but will do so without a congregation.
- Mass on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. is live-streamed at www.facebook.com/pg/abvmganado/videos/
- The sacrament of Confession will not be celebrated until further notice.
- All other events in the parish are suspended.
- Please watch the bulletin, and our website and Facebook page for updates.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Kirby will say the following Intentions this week: †Joe Martinez, †Ron Bowen, †Timmy Fowler, †B.W. & Theresa Hicks, †Jack Kohleffel, †Frank & Bessie Juranek, Parishioners and Benefactors

BULLETIN SPONSOR & PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS

Lucille Klekar in memory of L.J. Klekar

Third Sunday of Easter

ASSUMPTION CEMETERY



I thought there was nothing that could surprise me about maintaining a Catholic cemetery, but this week, I was surprised. (And most of you know that I don't like surprises!)

I never thought I'd have to make a rule about surveillance equipment in the cemetery, but apparently I do. So henceforth and for evermore: NO surveillance equipment, which includes game cameras, are to be placed in our Cemetery, unless you have the permission from the pastor.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Wilma Sless by Danny & Molly Sless
In thanksgiving for Zoe Parr on her 16th birthday by
John & Olga Lopez
In memory of L.J. Klekar by Lucille Klekar & family

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

My Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. You commanded and the sick were healed. Please come to our assistance in the midst of the spread of the coronavirus globally.

Lord, healer of the sick, stay by our side at this difficult time of the spread of the disease. Be with those who have died and be with the families who are grieving. Be with those who have contracted the virus and grant them your healing.

Lord Jesus, we pray to you to be with our doctors, nurses and all medical researchers who are helping us look for a cure. Protect them and guide them with your wisdom so that they will find a cure for this disease.

Lord, we pray also for the leaders of all the countries, that they will be one in finding a solution to this illness.

Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us when we are at home, at work and travelling. Guide and protect us in the midst of the corona-virus spreading globally. Lord Jesus, heal us, hear us and give us your peace. Amen.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Camp David, Quo Vadis Vocation Camp, and Altar Server Olympics for this summer is still OPEN! The Rocky Mountain High retreat scheduled for July 2020 has been canceled. Please contact the Diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for more information at 361-573-0828 Monday-Thursday between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration information can also be found on our website: <https://victoriadiocese.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry>

**Please note: As soon as we are able to celebrate public Masses again the date for First Holy Communion will be rescheduled. Watch the bulletin for updates.

THE PRO-LIFE CORNER

We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Support Pro-Life activities!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 19

Envelopes – \$3,215.50	Maintenance – \$404.00
Rice Bowl - \$ 14.75	Holy Thursday - \$ 75.00
Good Friday - \$ 52.00	



Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have made contributions during this difficult time.

The Diocese of Victoria has set up a donation page to receive donations for each parish. Go to:

www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-ganado

DON'T FORGET

Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

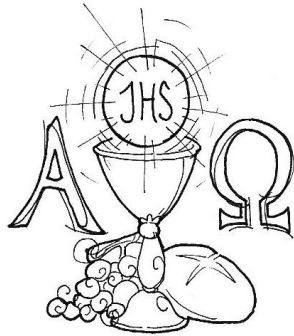
My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all
things, and I desire to receive
You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.



The Church encourages us to make an act of
“spiritual communion,” where we unite ourselves to God
through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our
desire to be united with him when we are unable to
complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.



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.

The Assumption Church Safe Environment Coordinator is
Karen Klaus. She may be contacted by phone at (361)
771-3425 or e-mail abvmchurch@ykc.com

READINGS FOR MAY 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice,
and proclaimed: “Let the whole house of Israel know for
certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this
Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this,
they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the
other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter
said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your
sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For
the promise is made to you and to your children and to
all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He
testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting
them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”
Those who accepted his message were baptized, and
about three thousand persons were added that day.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing
what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you
have been called, because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his
footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was
found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned
no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead,
he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He
himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that,
free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his
wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray
like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd
and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does
not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over
elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters
through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The
gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his
voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and
leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he
walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because
they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a
stranger; they will run away from him, because they do
not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus
used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize
what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again,
“Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the
sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever
enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go
out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and
slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have
life and have it more abundantly.”