

# 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 ----- 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Monday -----8:00 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 -----4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sunday -----8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister -----Joey Sablatura

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Parish Secretary ----- Karen Klaus

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday----- 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

## 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 2021 Baptism class is: **March 2, May 25, August 17, November 9.** All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. at the 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.

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20.** *I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.*

**Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9.** *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35.** *I should like you to be free of anxieties.*

**Mark 1:21-28.** *Jesus expels an unclean spirit.*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is there in my life that keeps me from following Jesus as closely as I should?

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon:** Hebrews 11:32-40

Mark 5:1-20

**Tues:** Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

**Wed:** Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15

Mark 6:1-6

**Thurs:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

Mark 6:7-13

**Fri:** Hebrews 13:1-8

Mark 6:14-29

**Sat:** Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21

Mark 6:30-34

**Sun:** **Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK . . .**

I have been looking over the financial reports for our parish from last year and just wanted to share with you some of my findings. Overall, it is a good news/bad news situation. Although, I see it as mostly good news.

When I compared the income from Sunday collections from 2019 and 2020, I found that our collections were down about seven percent. This is not terrible since our overall Mass attendance has been down by a much larger percentage. Many of you have made a serious commitment to support our church even in the most difficult times. Thank you.

I was also informed this past week that the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) which we received last year will be renewed. However, we will not qualify. It will only be available to those who have lost 25 percent of their revenue. In other words, there is no safety net for us this year.

On the expense side, we have been able to use our Maintenance Fund for the major church repairs. This has kept us from going to savings and/or our operations account. Thank you to those who make regular donations to the Maintenance Fund.

What has me most concerned are the outstanding bills. Our unpaid Diocesan Service Appeal (DSA) for 2020 is most pressing. The last report I saw has us still owing over \$30,000. The DSA for 2021 will be at least this amount if not more. In addition to this, we were told that our healthcare cost will increase, and our property insurance will also go up. We were told to expect an increase anywhere between five and ten percent. It will be another large expense that will be due by the end of the year.

Thank you for continuing to support our parish financially.

*Father Kirby Hlavaty*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 30**

5:00 p.m. †Albert “Sonny” Supak

**Sunday, January 31**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:00 a.m. †Alvin Kollaja

**Monday, February 1**

8:00 a.m. †Joe Sablatura

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

**Tuesday, February 2**

8:00 a.m. †Margie Vick

**Wednesday, February 3**

6:00 p.m. †Irene Janecek

**Thursday, February 4**

8:00 a.m. †Julie Brown

**First Friday, February 5**

8:00 a.m. † Adolph Bubela

**Saturday, February 6**

5:00 p.m. †Edith Vesely

**Sunday, February 7**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:00 a.m. †Alfred Janssen

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

In memory of Patricia Bures  
by Joey & Michele Bures

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In thanksgiving for their recent wedding anniversary  
by Clinton & Susie Shefcik

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In memory of Lifford & Lois Knuppel  
by Ralph & Karen Klaus

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Please note: **\$10** per person or **\$20** per family. Anyone 75 years or older is considered an honorary member. Dues may be paid to Altar Society treasurer, Georgie Kruse, 210 E. Heard Street, Ganado, Texas 77962 or placed into the collection basket clearly marked.

# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Monday, February 1**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 2**  
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. JP II  
RCIA 6:00 p.m. JP II
- **Thursday, February 4**  
KJZT Society 3:00 p.m. JP II



## PLEASE NOTE

This week there will be a company working to re-caulk the stained glass windows in the Church. Please watch for ladders, etc. when visiting the Church.

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: February 14

We will honor couples who have celebrated special anniversaries: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+ during the past year (February 2020-February 2021). Call the Parish office (771-3425) to register for a certificate signed by Bishop Brendan Cahill.



## PALM BRANCHES



If you have dried Palm branches from years past, they can be brought to the Church to be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a vase in the foyer of the Church for collection. Deadline: Friday, February 12.

## LECTORS – Current & New

Interested in the ministry of Lector? Please call the Parish office (771-3425) to sign up. This includes present, pre-COVID Lectors and those who are interested in training to become a Lector. A date and a time for a retraining session will be published in the bulletin. As of today there are only six lectors who have expressed an interest.



Stop determining your value  
by what other people say,  
instead of what the Word of God says.”  
– Joyce Meyer



**JOEY SABLATURA, Youth Minister**  
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## CCD CLASSES

**Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 24**

- ❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- ❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.

## PRACTICE FOR CONFIRMATION

**February 3** – Practice for **Confirmation candidates** and their **sponsors** during regular class time. If a sponsor is unable to attend, a parent must stand in their place.

## IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION MASS INFO

**Saturday, February 6, at 5:00 p.m.**

Now that we are faced with limits and restrictions on Mass attendance due to the COVID virus, celebrating this sacrament presents some issues.



As you know our seating capacity for each Mass is 150 people. We have 10 students who will receive Confirmation this year. We have asked that they each limit the number of family members and friends they invite to Mass. Likewise, I would ask that on Saturday, February 6, you allow the Confirmation students, their sponsors, and families to have first access to the weekly vigil Mass. If Saturday night is your typical weekend Mass, please consider attending on Sunday morning at one of the other two Masses. Also, everyone attending the Confirmation Mass will be required to wear a mask.

**If the Mass is full on Saturday you will be asked to attend a different Mass. Please be understanding.**

## EMAIL CONTACTS

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We welcome the newest addition to our parish contact list: Deacon Kevin Petrash! Clip this note and save it for future reference or see the front of the bulletin.

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

January 24

Envelopes – \$3,600.00      Loose – 341.00  
Youth Ministry - \$20.00      Maintenance - \$400.00  
Church in Latin America - \$157.00

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

January 23/24 – Church in Latin America



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Logan Walker, Margaret Marek,  
Norbert Popp, Janie Mendez,  
Regina Gutierrez, Molly Boepple,  
Debbie Fowler, Jeanette Supak,

Clara Gutierrez, Alvin Svoboda, Howard Thompson,  
Gary Skalicky, Sylvia Hubenak, Courtney Rozner, Leo &  
Billie Popp, Marty Stockbauer, Cindy Bush, Rosendo  
Barrientoe, Terry Joe Lesak, Gary & Dot Dufour, Colin  
Dufour, Luis Garza, Doug Hlavaty, Alice Saucedo  
Sanchez, Erin Wharton, David & Marsha Bain, Steve  
Rosalez,, Linda Burrows, Jim Orsak, Tommy Bibb,  
Adam & Ashley Sanchez, Peggy Van Pelt, Rey Rosalez,  
Ray Cervantes, Eva Garcia, D.M. Grell, Jimmy Knight,  
All the Unborn and their parents, People serving in the  
Military, Holy Souls in Purgatory

## **A PRAYER FOR CANDLEMAS DAY** **(FEBRUARY 2)**

LORD Jesus Christ, You are the true Light enlightening every soul born into this world. Today we celebrate the feast of Candlemas. The flames of the candles will shed their light upon the altar at the Holy Sacrifice.

Help us to realize, this day and every day, that our own humdrum daily work, if it is done for love of You, and in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, will be a supernatural work, and will shine brightly before You for all eternity. Help us realize, too, each time we see the blessed candles at Holy Mass, or at the bedside of the sick, that they are a symbol of Yourself, the Light shining in the darkness of this world.

Help us to live in that Light, to make it our own, and to kindle it in the souls of others, increasing the area of light and lessening the darkness in the World This, dear Lord, help us do, through the merits of Your own dear mother, Mary, who did everything for love of You, from the moment she brought You into this world till the day she joined You in the realms of light at her death.

Then we, too, working for You, shall be light-bearers who will help to spread Your kingdom on earth, and increase the number of those who dwell in heaven, the city of eternal light. Amen.



## **DIOCESE OF VICTORIA MEN'S GATHERING**

Saturday, **February 20** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory - Victoria

Featuring: Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ:  
EWTN, personality  
Sam Meier: Speaker, Author, Counselor

Mass celebrated by **Bishop Brendan Cahill**. This dynamic event for men ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources, great food, and the opportunity to go to Confession. Register early for \$25 at

[www.victoriadiocese.org/arise](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise)

## **SILENT RETREAT FOR LENT**

“From Ashes to Glory”  
is a silent Lenten retreat set for **February 25-28**  
at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria.



Father Michael Rother, pastor of St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church in El Campo, along with Deacon Larry Hoelscher of St. Philip and his wife, Patricia Hoelscher who is a spiritual director for the Emmaus Counseling Center in Victoria, are leading the retreat.

All rooms will be private, and the organizers are following strict COVID-19 procedures.

Cost of the retreat is \$225 and includes seven meals. Payment can be made to St. Philip Catholic Church, c/o Deacon Larry Hoelscher, 304 West Church St., El Campo, TX 77437.

More information and the registration form are available by visiting

<https://www.stphilipapostle.org/faith-formation>,  
or by calling Patricia Hoelscher 979-257-9984.