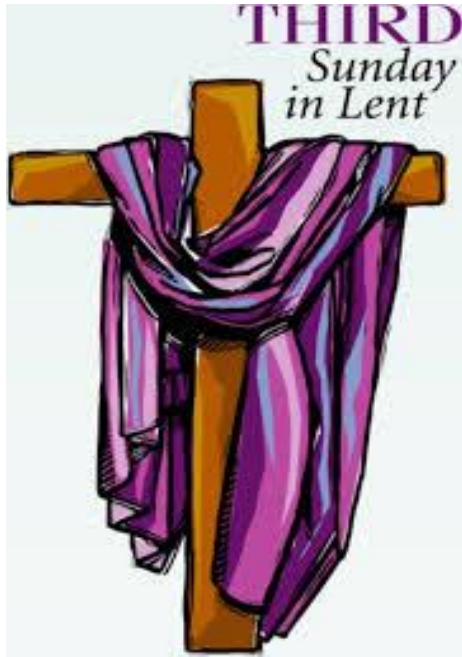


OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS

MARCH 7, 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent
El Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma



Mass Schedule / Misa de Domingo

5:00 p.m. Spanish (Saturday Vigil)
8:00 a.m. Spanish
10:00 a.m. English
12:00 p.m. English

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday & Friday, 8:00 a.m. ~ English

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. ~ Spanish

6:00 p.m. Thursday

Adoration/Adoración

6:00 p.m. ~ First Thursday of the Month

Primer Jueves del Mes

Reconciliation/Confesiones:

Saturdays / Sabados 4 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

or by appointment / o con cita

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to make an appointment or for information.

Llamen a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer una cita o para información.

Contact Information

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Office Hours:

Horario de la Oficina

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

(Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves, y Viernes)

8a.m. – 5p.m. **Closed/Cerrado** 12noon – 1p.m.

Tuesday / *Martes*- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

When we read the account of Jesus cleansing the temple, we can be distracted by what seems to be a fiery anger released against those who were using the temple for their own purposes. In fact, Jesus was performing a prophetic gesture in which he demonstrated his power and authority over the effects of spiritual darkness in our lives. Scripture reminds us that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we should cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit. In his death and resurrection, Jesus opened the way for our cleansing, and it is Jesus himself who personally accomplishes this in our lives, moment by moment, as we allow him into our hearts.

Throughout the Old Testament, we read about God drawing his people to himself and offering them a covenant with him which would manifest itself in obedience to his commandments. If we look at these laws as strict and confining, we can be discouraged. But if we look at them as the way into a free and happy life, we will be able to see the wisdom and love of God poured out in very practical ways.

Our God is a jealous God; he does not want anyone or anything to usurp the love and dedication that belong to him alone. Those of us who have experienced the love and devotion of a child know how wonderful it is, and how we don't want to lose it. However, we can see how easily children can get distracted, and how difficult it can be to keep their attention.

This gives us an idea of how we must appear to God. He cherishes our love, but he sees how we can be distracted by the lures of the world and by self-centered desires. God wants to open our minds to the true purpose of his commandments. They are meant to bring us joy and refreshment as we allow him to cleanse us and fill us more deeply with his love.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Cuando leemos el relato de Jesús limpiando el templo, podemos distraernos con lo que parece ser una ira ardiente desatada contra aquellos que estaban usando el templo para sus propios fines. De hecho, Jesús estaba realizando un gesto profético en el que demostró su poder y autoridad sobre los efectos de la oscuridad espiritual en nuestras vidas. Las Escrituras nos recuerdan que somos el templo del Espíritu Santo y debemos limpiarnos de toda contaminación del cuerpo y del espíritu. En su muerte y resurrección, Jesús abrió el camino para nuestra limpieza, y es el mismo Jesús quien personalmente logra esto en nuestras vidas, momento a momento, al permitirle entrar en nuestros corazones.

A lo largo del Antiguo Testamento, leemos acerca de Dios atrayendo a su pueblo hacia él y ofreciéndoles un pacto con él que se manifestaría en obediencia a sus mandamientos. Si consideramos que estas leyes son estrictas y restrictivas, podemos desanimarnos. Pero si los miramos como el camino hacia una vida libre y feliz, podremos ver la sabiduría y el amor de Dios derramados de maneras muy prácticas.

Nuestro Dios es un Dios celoso; no quiere que nada ni nadie usurpe el amor y la dedicación que le pertenecen solo a él. Aquellos de nosotros que hemos experimentado el amor y la devoción de un niño sabemos lo maravilloso que es y cómo no queremos perderlo. Sin embargo, podemos ver la facilidad con la que los niños se distraen y lo difícil que puede ser mantener su atención.

Esto nos da una idea de cómo debemos aparecer ante Dios. Aprecia nuestro amor, pero ve cómo podemos distraernos con los señuelos del mundo y con los deseos egocéntricos. Dios quiere abrir nuestra mente al verdadero propósito de sus mandamientos. Están destinados a traernos alegría y frescos mientras le permitimos que nos limpie y nos llene más profundamente con su amor.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday March 6th

5:00 p.m.: Stephanie Paniagua y Alejandro Paniagua +

Sunday March 7th

8:00 a.m.: Lorenzo Lopez y Josephina Rayas +

10:00 a.m.: Samuel Jacob Garza +

12:00 p.m.: No Mass

Monday March 8th

No Mass

Tuesday March 9th

8:00 a.m.: Parishioners

Wednesday March 10th

6:00 p.m.: Francisco Perez y Agustina Delgado +

Thursday March 11th

6:00 p.m.: Vocaciones al Sacerdocio y a la vida Religiosa

Friday March 12th

8:00 a.m.: Benditas almas in Purgatorio

Saturday March 13th

5:00 p.m.: Pedro & Zenaida Solorzano +

Sunday March 14th

8:00 a.m.: Paul Olivo +

10:00 a.m.: David Rivera +

12:00 p.m.: No Mass

Pope Francis Tweets:

The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Tweets del Papa

Francisco: El centro de la confesión es Jesús que nos espera, que nos escucha y nos perdona.

1st Reading Exodus 20: 1-17 or 201-3,7-8,12-17

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians

Today's Gospel John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the money-changers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.



The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on Thursday, March 25th at 7p.m. Call the parish office to pre-register.

La próxima clase de pre-bautismo se llevará a cabo el jueves 25 de marzo a las 7 p.m. Llame a la oficina parroquial para preinscribirse.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscbb.org.



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LENT runs from Ash Wed., February 17, until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1.
La CUARESMA se extiende desde el miércoles de ceniza, 17 de febrero, hasta la Misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo, 1 de abril.

ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Nstra. Sra. del Monte Carmelo

Every First Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. with mass following at 6:00 p.m. / Cada primer Jueves del mes a las 5:00 p.m. con misa a las 6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church /Sagrada Familia

Every Thursday from 8a.m.-6p.m.
Cada jueves del mes 8a.m.-6p.m.



The Catholic Diocese of *Victoria in Texas*

March 2 at 3:55 PM ·

Many of you have heard that Gov. Abbott has signed a new executive order lifting any state restrictions on masks or business capacity. At this time, there have been no changes to the Diocese of Victoria's COVID-19 safety protocols for Mass and other gatherings. We will keep everyone informed should that change. Although the governor has stated that the State of Texas is no longer issuing orders for COVID-19 restrictions, he still encourages schools, churches and businesses to continue best practices to prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue to pray for the end of this pandemic.

Muchos de ustedes han escuchado que el gobernador Abbott firmó una nueva orden ejecutiva que elimina las restricciones estatales sobre las máscaras o la capacidad comercial. En este momento, no ha habido cambios en los protocolos de seguridad COVID-19 de la Diócesis de Victoria para misas y otras reuniones. Mantendremos a todos informados si eso cambia. Aunque el gobernador ha declarado que el estado de Texas ya no está emitiendo órdenes para las restricciones de COVID-19, aún alienta a las escuelas, iglesias y empresas a continuar con las mejores prácticas para prevenir la propagación del virus. Sigamos orando por el fin de esta pandemia.

Mount Carmel Sick List If you have anyone to renew or add to the list Call the Parish office at 979-532-3492

Lista de enfermos del Monte Carmelo Si tienes a alguien para renovar o agregar a la lista , llame a la oficina parroquial al 979-532-3492

Margaret Castro, Pauline Gonzalez, Haven Heffner, Antonio Martinez, Leonor Nuñez, Bella Olvera, Mercedes Owens, Ernestina Ruiz, Teresa Siska, Deacon David Valdez, David Vela, and for all who have become ill from COVID 19 in the United States and throughout the world. For all who are in the military.

**BAZAAR /JAMAICA
MAY 16, 2021**

Thank you! to everyone who has signed up to donate a Visa Gift card for our raffle. Don't forget that the deadline to have the Visa Gift cards turned in to the parish office is **Friday, May 7th**.

¡**Gracias!** a todos los que se han inscrito para donar una tarjeta de regalo Visa para nuestro sorteo. No olvide que la fecha límite para entregar las tarjetas de regalo Visa a la oficina parroquial es el **viernes 7 de mayo**.

Rivera Family, Josefina Lopez, Ramon Pedroza, Blanca Salas, Gloria Diaz & Family, Stella & David Flores, Miriam Rufino, Juany Martinez, Trujillo Family, Arthur Rodriguez, Eliseo & Lucilla Hernandez, Oziel Garcia, Antonio Martinez, ELLAVO, Jaquez Family, Lupe & Mary Helen Gonzales, Catarino Rivera Family, Liz Krushall, Stacy & Lizzie Aguilar, Maria Delgado, Lupe, Dolores, Jesse, Mary Alice, & Joe L. Mata, Jr., Olifidio Esquivel, Sr. & Family, Alma Placencia and James, Olga, Janie, Amalia, Vicky & Toni (Gaona Family)

2021 GRADUATING SENIORS!

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS #1990 OUR LADY

QUEEN OF THE CLERGY Available from your high school counselor or contact Vicki Schneider at 533-2763.

Deadline for submission is **March 25**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3262 Available from your high school counselor or contact Leroy Dettling at 533-

2245. Deadline for submission is **April 15**.



In Case of Suspected Abuse — If a person is in immediate danger, call 911 or call the Department of Family & Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400 or report the abuse online. Written allegations (marked “Personal & Confidential”) may be sent to: Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Victoria in Texas, PO. BOX 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903-4070. To report suspected or known abuse by church personnel, please contact the diocesan Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach: Vicki L. Pyatt 361-827-7186 Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Safe Environment Coordinator is Santos Munoz 979-532-3492

En caso de sospecha de abuso — si una persona está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911 o llame al Departamento de familia y servicios de protección al 1-800-252-5400 o reporte el abuso en línea. Las alegaciones escritas (marcadas “personales y confidenciales”) pueden ser enviadas a la Oficina del obispo, diócesis de victoria en Texas, P.O. BOX 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903-4070. Para informar sobre el abuso sospechoso o conocido por el personal de la iglesia, por favor comuníquese con el Coordinador Diocesano de atención pastoral divulgación: Vicki L. Pyatt 361-827-7186 La Coordinadora del ambiente seguro de nuestra Señora de Mount Carmel es Santos Munoz 979-532-3492

**Weekly Parish Support
February 28, 2021**

Envelopes.....	\$	862.00
Loose Collection.....	\$	533.64
Total First Collection.....	\$	1395.64
CRS Rice Bowl.....	\$	143.25
Building Fund.....	\$	5.00
Masses.....	\$	45.00
Candles.....	\$	11.60
Bazaar donation.....	\$	200.00
Religious Goods.....	\$	117.00
Church of Cent. & Eastern Eurp...\$		20.00
Total other Revenue.....	..\$	541.75
Total Sunday Collection.....	\$	1937.39

To give your weekly offering on line visit:
www.victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations

Para dar tu oferta semanal en línea visita:
www.victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations

Your weekly offering may also be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.

Su ofrenda semanal se puede tambien enviarse por correo o entregarse en la oficina de la parroquia.

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection

Every weekend Mass, February 21 through April 4
COLECCIONES DEL PLATO DE ARROZ DE CUARESMA Colecta de Plato de arroz de Catholic Relief Services Misas de cada fin de semana, del 21 de febrero al 4 de abril

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

TERCER SEMANA DE CUARESMA. SOSTENIBILIDAD EN EL SALVADOR La sequía se ha convertido en un gran problema en todo El Salvador, dificultando que los agricultores produzcan suficientes cultivos para mantener a sus familias. Pero las nuevas técnicas agrícolas y una nueva generación de jóvenes agricultores están marcando la diferencia.

¿Qué harías si tu vida se viera amenazada? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los jóvenes en tu comunidad y en todo el mundo? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para obtener más información.

When you come to Mass, we ask that you follow the current guidelines for COVID-19. Take your temperature, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and Wear a Mask in church. Stay home if you are not feeling well and participate in mass on television or the Internet.

Cuando venga a misa, le pedimos que siga las directivas vigentes para COVID-19. Tómese la temperatura, lávese las manos, practique el distanciamiento social y use una máscara en la iglesia. Quédese en casa si no se siente bien y participe en misa por televisión o Internet.