



Lent 2020



The season of Lent is a privileged time in our liturgical life, a time for us to practice greater asceticism. This word, asceticism, comes from the Greek word for "exercise." As St. Paul encourages us to "run so as to win" the prize of heaven, let us take advantage of this time to practice the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In order to aid you in these exercises, I offer you some opportunities that the parish will be providing.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of **fasting and abstinence**. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of **abstinence from meat**. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. 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. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

Please Make Every Effort to Attend as a Community of Faith the Following

Ash Wednesday Services Feb. 26

6:30am, 8:10am, 12:05pm, 6:30pm
Ashes will only be distributed at the scheduled Masses

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in the Church at 3:00pm (School led) and 6:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Every Wednesday from 5:30-5:55pm
Every Friday during Stations of the Cross-6:00pm
Every Saturday from 4-4:50pm

Parish Penance Services

(all services begin at 5:30pm)

Thur.- March 26th at St. Joseph-Yoakum
Mon.- March 30th at St. Joseph-Moulton
Tue.- March 31st at Sacred Heart-Hallettsville
Thur.-April 2nd at Sts. Cyril & Methodius-Shiner

The Following Are Offered to Enhance Your Lenten Journey

Lectio-Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible

This enlightening series is for everyone and all are invited. It is for you if you believe in Jesus' True Presence and want to reaffirm your beliefs, or if you doubt Jesus' True Presence and want to learn what the Bible says on the subject. *Sessions will be held in the Parish Activity Center starting on Friday, Feb. 28, at 9:15a.m. Each Friday session will be repeated the following Wednesday at 6:30p.m.* To register call Sharon Patek at parish office 594-3836.

Men's ACTS Retreat

"If today you hear His voice, Harden not your hearts." Ps 95:8
March 12 – 15, 2020
Cost is FREE
For More Information see bulletin.

Parish Mission: Desert-ed

The season of Lent calls us out of the garden and into the desert with Christ for a time of preparation and purification.

Monday – Wednesday, March 9 -11, 2020
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the church
Monday-Chris Ochoa (Campus Min at Dominic Savio)
Tuesday- Jeremy Rodriguez
Wednesday - TBA

Chaplet Of Divine Mercy

Weekdays at 3:00 p.m.
in the church! All are welcome!

Saturday Rosary

All are welcome to join the Men's Group as they pray the Rosary. Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the church.

The Diocese of Victoria is offering: "Get In The Game" Men's Gathering

Join other men of the diocese for Mass with Bishop Cahill and guest speaker Damon West. Saturday, March 21st 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Cathedral in Victoria.
For registration: Contact David Schmidt 281-703-8943

Friday Morning Men's Group

Please join when you can, this ongoing group. The group meets Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. at the Parish Activity Center. The group reflects on "Kapaun's Men Series." It is based on the life of Father Emil Kapaun who proved himself to be the greatest example of manhood. He is the most decorated Chaplain in US Army history and a prisoner of war. His story inspires us and reminds us that every man can achieve the greatest to which God has called us. Kapaun's Men is designed to help men accompany one another as we respond to God's invitation to greatness.