

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18th

5 P.M. – Clarene & Marie Trichel

Sunday, March 19th

7 A.M. – Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel

9 A.M. – Edward Hermes

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Your Gift to God: March 5th

Sweet Home	\$1,703
Online Giving	\$25
Building Fund	\$46
DSA	\$16
Rice Bowl	\$112
Ash Wednesday	\$319.14
Koerth	\$1,847
Building Fund	\$97
DSA	\$60

May God reward your generosity!

Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

Operation Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent through Easter Sunday we will have the traditional almsgiving program, "Operation Rice Bowl" taken up as a second collection each weekend.

The Way of the Cross

Each Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

Koerth Update

Things are beginning to finish up with the work at the Church. The floors have been sealed, given another "examination," and this coming week the trim work around the perimeter of the floor will be reinstalled. The Altars need to "cure" for another week or so (paint) and the gilding (adding if the gold accents) will be done then. Pews are hopefully to be installed in the next couple of weeks as well. It is fairly safe to state we will return to the Church on (dare it even be said) Easter Sunday. This allows a little "wiggle room" for painting touchups, statues safely put in place, and all the other little things getting wrapped up...giving some flexibility if one of the above mentioned aspects takes a bit longer. Also...we will need to give the place a good cleanup and once we get closer, calls will go out for help!

Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence On Friday, March 17, 2017

**RESCRIPT FROM
BISHOP BRENDAN CAHILL**
Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

In response to several requests, I hereby issue this rescript and I grant a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence **on Friday, March 17, 2017**, which is the commemoration of Saint Patrick, for all those so desiring it. I encourage the faithful to exercise due moderation and temperance in festivities and celebrations honoring this great saint, in keeping with the penitential nature of our Lenten observance, and to perform some other salutary work of penance or charity on that day or another chosen day. This dispensation is for all the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas and all present in this diocese on March 17, 2017.

+Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

Public Square Rosary for Traditional Marriage

God's marriage and the traditional family need our prayers. That is why you are invited to join our 2017 Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage on:

Saturday, March 18th

12-Noon

Yoakum Centennial Park

(next to Stevens Nursing & Rehab)

For more information contact Lillie at 293-2709.

In *Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration

"My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, they shall be my people." Ezekiel 37:27

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville

**Confession, Mass, Adoration, Stations,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction**

Please join us, for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Let's make time for our Lord!

For more information call: Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.

TMIY

That Man Is You continues to enrich the lives of the men who risk a bit more involvement and challenge in their journey of faith. You don't have to start from the beginning--if thinking about it considering a way to more actively engage your faith and strengthen your roots--don't procrastinate! **Come and join us this Wednesday at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center!**

Enrich Your Spiritual Life During Lent...ALPHA

Would you like to grow in your faith? Are you still looking for something to do during Lent? Try Alpha! This video series will give you the opportunity to reflect on the most important aspects of Christianity and to ask questions about life. Don't worry if you've missed any classes. You are still welcome to come. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Center.

Hope to see you Monday evening!

Catholic Faith Advocacy Day

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, on April 4, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. **If you are interested in participating please let us know ASAP. We are making plans to secure a bus if we have enough people. It will be first come first serve and the bus would leave from Victoria.**

Reserve your spot by calling Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at [\(361\)573-0828](tel:3615730828), email: chancellor@victoriadiocese.org or visit <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.



Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 2nd
Yoakum Community Center
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.
BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Shiner Hobo Band performing
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans
Market
Balloon Creations – Face Painting
Meal tickets available at First State
Bank,
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet
Youth Ranch and at the door.

Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matusek & J. O. Hermes

St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.

*“From the shining cloud the
Father’s voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.”*

Prayer for Lent

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.

Prayer before Confession

Lord, our God, you are patient with sinners and accept our desire to make amends. I acknowledge my sins and I am resolved to change my life. Help me to celebrate this sacrament of your mercy so that I may reform my life and receive from you the gift of everlasting joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer before the Crucifix

Behold, O kind and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you and pray that you would impress upon my heart the virtues of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. At the same time, with sorrow I meditate on your five precious wounds, having in mind the words with David spoke in prophecy: “They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones.” (*Psalms 22*)

Into Your Hands

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures—I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. *Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916)*

Dedication to Jesus

Lord, Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your love and your grace are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen. *St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

Prayer for the Sick

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Lord, it is good that we are here.”