

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 29th

7 P.M. – Vocations to our
Diocesan Priesthood

Saturday, March 31st

5 P.M. – Special Intention

Sunday, April 1st

7 A.M. – Special Intention

9 A.M. – Special Intention

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of
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This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Your Gift to God: March 18th

Sweet Home	\$1,284
Online Giving	\$220
Rice Bowl	\$158
Koerth	\$993
Building Fund	\$30
Rice Bowl	\$95

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Wednesday the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at a special time from **5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** in the Sweet Home Church. This will be the last scheduled opportunity before Easter as **there will not be Confessions prior to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.**

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Thursday, March 29th and reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd. **Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 27th.**

KJZT Bake Sale

The St. Ludmila #12 KJZT, Sweet Home, is sponsoring a Bake Sale this weekend after the Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass and after the Sunday, 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Sweet Home Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit "Meals on Wheels".

Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service today, Sunday, March 25th at the First Baptist Church. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

CCD Notice

There are **no CCD classes** this Wednesday, March 28th. Classes resume April 4th.

Reminder

Holy Communion may not be brought to the hospital, nursing home or homebound on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday due to the Sacred Triduum and the Church's liturgical law. The practice of bringing Holy Communion resumes with Easter Sunday.

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.

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.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Amanda Fling
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Bill Reardon, Elaine Berkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Elaine Berkovsky, Amanda Fling
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	9 A.M.	Diana Jurena

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Bill Reardon
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Terry Hermes, Bill Reardon
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Jason Fling, Bill Reardon
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Lynnette Havel
	9 A.M.	Terry Hermes, Bill Reardon

Altar Servers

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Faith Monk, Emma Fling, Jonah Hermes
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Darren Jurena, Faith Monk, Jonah Hermes
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Emma Fling, Jonah Hermes
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jerome Bolom
	9 A.M.	Kaylee & Kamryn Frazer, Alex Jurena

Reminders

Since Holy Week liturgies are somewhat more intricate and require some specialized planning in advance--with all of the unique and beautiful rituals once a year--some assistants with the services are being scheduled. Please arrive early so all can be in order.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
and the Priesthood
Mass – 7:00 P.M.

Nightwatch in the Church until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
1:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – Sweet Home
9:00 A.M. - Koerth

Chrism Mass

All are invited to the annual Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria on (this) Tuesday of Holy Week at 10:00 A.M. This Mass is celebrated by the Bishop with all the priests of the diocese during which the three Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated, and distributed to each of the priests for use in this upcoming year. It is a special moment in the life of the local Church and is a unique and beautiful experience.

Holy Week Challenge

Ours is a tradition that treasures sacred rituals. You don't have to search for a more solemn time of the year to allow ritual, gesture and symbolism to have more meaning than our annual observance of the Sacred Triduum. It is a feast for the senses, and grace-filled opportunities to delve deeper into the core of the Paschal Mystery. Families are encouraged to take that extra "step" and attend the sacred liturgies of these days. After each share with the children to get their understanding of what is being commemorated and why these events/experiences are so vital to our faith lives.

Holy Thursday

The "mandatum" ritual of the washing of the feet will take place. We will need 12 parishioners to volunteer to assist by coming up at the invitation of Father and using one of the chairs that will be in place. Simply remove your right shoe/sock and once all twelve have had their feet washed, then return to your place in the Church.

Night Watch

The Church will remain open until 10:00 P.M. for parishioners to spend time with the Lord during the "night watch." Our Lord's own admonition-- Could you not stay awake for an hour--easily comes to mind and encourages us to take advantage of this silent time to be with Jesus in preparation for Calvary and the Cross.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."*

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians

On March 29th, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about the Christians in the Holy Land, visit:
www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Little White Books

The Little White Books will be available next weekend for the Easter Season. Since there are a limited amount of books please consider sharing a book with family members.

*“My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?”*

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 8th

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.

The Emmaus Center: Roast and Toast

Saturday, May 12th – 6:30 P.M.

The Cathedral Center in Victoria

Help Support *The Emmaus Center: Counseling and Spiritual Direction in the Catholic Tradition*: Join in the fun and festivities on May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Victoria at The Cathedral Center for the First Annual **Roast & Toast** benefiting *The Emmaus Center*, the Diocese of Victoria's Counseling and Spiritual Direction Center. This year's honoree will be **Father Gary Janak**, on the occasion of his 30th Anniversary of Ordination. The evening will include a delicious meal, entertainment and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds directly benefiting *The Emmaus Center*.

Since the Center opened in December 2016, hundreds of children and adults have been assisted through the services offered by *The Emmaus Center*. In order to continue to meet the increasing need for counseling and spiritual direction services currently being offered at substantially lower fees than other counseling centers and individual therapists, *The Emmaus Center* needs your help. *The Roast & Toast* event promises to provide an opportunity to enjoy a great evening and support the Center's continuing efforts to serve others. Call *The Emmaus Center* (212-0830) or The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory (575-4741) for tickets and further information.