

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 7th

5 P.M. – Joe & Albina Smirak,
Joe & Angeline Smirak Family

Sunday, April 8th

7 A.M. – Dolphie Jalufka
9 A.M. – Special Intention

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of
Father Charles Sonnier.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Your Gift to God: March 25

Sweet Home	\$1,435
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$300
Rice Bowl	\$357
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Building Fund	\$275
DSA	\$25
Rice Bowl	\$204

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.

Office Schedule

The parish office will closed Monday, April 2nd and
reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 3rd.

*"This is the day the Lord has
made; let us rejoice and be glad."*

Christ is Risen!

In the Eastern tradition of the Church it is a
custom to greet one another at Paschaltime
with "Christ is Risen!" This encapsulates what
we will celebrate for the next 50 days. So
central--and precious--to our faith in Jesus is
His Resurrection. May these days of Easter joy
permeate each of us to our core...Christ is
Risen Indeed!

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.

CCD Notice

CCD classes will resume this Wednesday, April 4th.

Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Come experience the
power of the Resurrection like never before
through the incredible book of the Acts of the
Apostles. Join us as we explore the world of
the early Church and get a glimpse into the
faith of those who were closest to Jesus. This
six week series led by Fr. Jacob will be held at
the Family Center and will begin **Monday
April 9th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your Bibles**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Appreciation, Gratitude and Blessing!

With the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection we enter into the fifty day celebration of redemption in the Easter season. It certainly appropriate to express appreciation and gratitude to all of the parish family who assisted with the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week. Firstly to acknowledge our organist who has graced us with truly beautiful talent and singing throughout our worship--a gift to our entire community with their commitment and dedication to richly enhance our liturgies. To all of the liturgical assistants (Ushers, Hospitality, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Liturgical/Church setup and decorating, Homebound, Ministers, etc.) your gifts are truly a blessing to our entire parish family. May the Risen Lord bless each of you with choice graces for the goodness and generosity you share!

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 8th

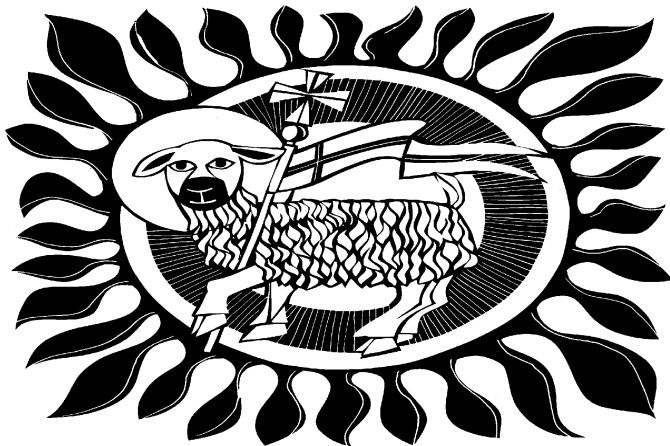
Yoakum Community Center
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

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.



“Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.”

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*. *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.



*Christ Yesterday & Today
The Beginning & the End
The Alpha; & the Omega*

Administrative Assistant for the Office of Transportation

The Diocese of Victoria (DOV) in Texas is looking for an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Transportation. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for supplementary oversight, operation, and maintenance of the Diocesan Transportation Program. This includes assistance in training, program operations, driving/background check operations, compliance monitoring and reporting. This position will also include providing support to the Office of Safe Environment as assigned. *The position is security sensitive that requires extreme confidentiality, care, and trust.* For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org and click on Employment Opportunities.

Pt.-Time Administrative Asst. for the Office of Catechetical Ministry – Pastoral Institute

The Diocese of Victoria (DOV) in Texas is looking for a Part-Time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Catechetical Ministry – Pastoral Institute (PI). The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing assistance with the necessary tasks assigned by the Director and Assistant Director for the Pastoral Institute department and Office of Catechetical Ministry. For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org and click on Employment Opportunities.

Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Associate Director will primarily be responsible for assisting the Director in implementing the goals and vision of the Diocesan Youth Office as outlined in the USCCB documents, *Renewing the Vision and Sons and Daughters of the Light*. This position will be a non-exempt, full-time member of the Diocesan staff and should be an experienced professional in the field of lay ministry and formation. For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org and click on Employment Opportunities.

The Easter Candle

Paul Turner



The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes, which long to behold the glory of God.

The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness that belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols that enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the coffin and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

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“The Light of Christ.”