

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts – Colossians 3:15

Thanks be to God! We may begin to celebrate Mass with the Congregation and have regularly scheduled confessions! The Diocese of Victoria has provided us new guidelines to gradually and safely reopen our churches. The guidelines below are how we will implement them here at Our Lady of Sorrows and Santísima Trinidad. They are meant to encourage safety.

First and foremost – Sunday Mass is NOT obligatory – this is extended through May

- If you are over the age of 65, have a heart condition or diabetes, are running a fever, are overweight or have other underlying at-risk conditions, DO NOT come to church. Please continue to self-quarantine and participate from home.
- If you are physically well but would feel more comfortable staying home, you may stay home. Again, the dispensation from Sunday Mass is for everyone in the Diocese of Victoria and is extended through May.
- We all have to keep in mind that this is only temporary. It will work through the grace of God and with your cooperation. Please help us keep you safe and healthy and stop the spread of this Virus.

Churches are allowed to open at 25% of their full capacity – we can't be packed

- In order to ensure that social distancing still takes place, and for the protection and safety of our parishioners, we have decided to add Masses and change the schedule.

Mass and Confession Schedules:

Saturday: OLS – 5 pm vigil Mass
ST – 6 pm vigil Mass

Sunday : OLS – 8:00 am, 10 am, 12 pm
& 2 pm Sunday Masses

ST – 9 am, 11 am & 1 pm Sunday Masses

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturdays as a drive through process at O.L.S., Trinity Hall, and S.T. carports: 9 am – 11 am.

For Masses, only 225 people will be allowed in OLS and only 125 in ST. You may be asked to attend a later Mass if we reach our coronavirus capacity.

It was great seeing all of your Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Meetings to plan and prepare for this weekend. Returning to Mass to celebrate with the congregation has been something we have all been looking forward to. It amazing what happens when a community like ours comes together. Thank you for your wonderful ideas and your eagerness to help implement the guidelines set in place to keep everyone safe and maintain our place of worship open.

Faith AND Reason – Do not test God!

Some might think, “I am in the church. God will protect me. I don’t need to practice any kind of coronavirus mitigation.” Don’t be fooled. Remember how Jesus responded to Satan when he told the Lord to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple. Jesus said to Him, “It is written, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” Don’t mistake presumption for trust. Catholicism never separates faith and reason. Pray and wash your hands! God bless you, Father Jacob



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Carolina Bernal and Santos M. Pena Jr.
May they rest in peace and their families be
comforted.

*Favor de rezar por a las almas de Carolina
Bernal and Santos M. Pena Jr.. Que sus almas
descañen en paz y que sus familias reciben
Consuelo.*

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Our Lady of Sorrows Sanctuary
Lamp In Memory
of Isiodo and Olivia Ozuna and all the
Decease family memmber
By- Morales Family

MASSES INENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Sábado	5:00 p.m	Frank Sr./Maria Saldana
	6:00 p.m.	All the Parishioners
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Jose/Petra Rendon
	10:0 a.m.	Abram/Estefana/David Zarate
	12:00 p.m.	All the Parishioners
	2:00 p.m.	Lupita Hernandez /Janet Rangel
	9:00 a.m.	(Birthday) Maria E. Garza
	11:00 a.m.	Trinidad Garcia
	1:00 p.m.	All the Parishioners
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Irma/James/Manuel Robles
Tuesday	6:00 p.m	Tomasita M. Solis
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Janie Villarreal
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Guadalupe "Wally" Garcia
Jueves	7:00 p.m.	All the Parishioners
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Ruben Garcia Sr.
Sábado	5:00 p.m	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	6:00 p.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	10:00 a.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	12:00 p.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	2:00 p.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	9:00 a.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased
	1:00 p.m.	All Mothers: Living/Deceased

PLEASE GIVE ONLINE!

Thank you everyone who has signed up for online giving. We understand that many people are struggling right now, and we are grateful for your contribution. If you have not signed up for online giving yet, there is always time. To give digitally, you can do so by clicking on this link at our website, under Giving: <https://pushpay.com/g/olsvictoria>

or you can text the keyword “olsvictoria” to 77977 and get started right from your smartphone!



Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, it is a pious practice to make a Spiritual Communion. Say the following prayer of St. Frances:

I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the most Holy Sacrament. I Love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love. Amen

OUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT For Week Ending April 26, 2020

	OLS	ST
1 st Collection	\$ 2,678.00	\$ 90.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 485.00	-0-
Online Giving	\$1,600.00	\$ 320.00
Sub-Total	\$ 4,763.00	\$ 410.00
STJ/NA Collection	\$ 2.00	-0-
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00	-0-
Palm Sunday	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Easter Sunday	-0-	\$ 15.00
Mother's Day	\$ 10.00	-0-
Grand Total	\$ 4,815.00	\$ 455.00

SHUT-IN MINISTRY

In this time of social distancing, the ministers of the diocese are being discouraged from doing regular visits to the home.

But if you have a loved one who is in need of prayer, confession, communion, or anointing of the sick, we still want them to feel connected to the parish and to know that there are people who will try to help them.

Contact: Minnie Castillo at 361-550-7217



Health and Safety Measures must be taken at church:

We cannot stress enough the importance of your safety and the precautions we must continue to take for ourselves and those around us.

- You must wear your mask to mass and confessions.
- Have your sanitizer with you and sanitize your hands. Use it at all times but most especially before and after entering the church.
- Practice social distancing at all times.

Understanding everyone is anxious about returning to church, for your safety, we ask that you not congregate in groups to visit or otherwise. We need to continue to protect ourselves and our brothers and sisters.

We will need to ensure that social distancing is still practiced

- Everyone will be directed to enter through the front entrance doors
- The ushers will monitor the entrance doors to open them for the congregation, to help keep count of those who attend, and to direct you to your seats.
- Every other pew will be used and ushers will assist you in spreading out.
- If you come as a family enter the church together so ushers can seat you together. Please be respectful of the ushers and follow their directions. We are trying to do everything in our power to keep the sanctity of our church and protect each other.

No holy water in the fonts

- We will not have holy water at the church; however, you may bring a small container with water from home to Mass and we will bless it for you to take home.

The reception of communion

- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- The ushers will help us maintain proper distancing when in line
- Everyone is encouraged to receive in the hand
- Keep your hands as flat and level as possible, one underneath the other.
- Do not move while receiving the host and do not take it or grab it from the hand of the person giving it to you
- Try to prevent hand to hand contact
- Those who receive on the tongue will not be refused, but
- Stick your tongue out far enough for the distributor of communion to place the host on your tongue
- Do not lunge for the host or lap up the host. Keep your head and body still and receive the host – try to prevent hand to tongue contact
- Receiving on the tongue might be best if also done while kneeling, to prevent unnecessary movement



Sanitizing the space

- The church will be disinfected and cleaned after each Mass. Bathrooms will be cleaned, and pews will be wiped down, as well as doorknobs and handles.



Join us for Daily Mass Beginning Monday May 4th

OLS Monday – Friday at 6 pm
ST Thursday – 7 pm.

For those unable to attend, we will Live Stream on Facebook.com/ OLSVICTORIA on Sunday at 10 am Mass and on Tuesday and Thursday. The Sunday 11 am will be on Radio Station FM 102.1 or 96.3 La Ley.

“All the good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. I owe everything to it. I feel this holy fire has transformed me completely.”

St. Faustina



Please continue to keep Fr. Eliecer Patiño in your prayers as he prepares for the next chapter in his spiritual journey. Fr. Patiño will be leaving in June for his new assignment in Palacios. We will plan something for him as soon as our guidelines allow us to do so.



Please continue to pray for all of the OLS/ST parish community, our priests and clergy, Bishop Cahill, all who are struggling with uncertainties this virus has brought into our lives. May we continue to trust in God and know that he is in control.



The Catholic Diocese of
Victoria in Texas

The complete update on the Diocese of Victoria COVID-19 Guidelines on has been posted on the diocesan Website – victoriadiocese.org



Please visit our website, like our Facebook Page and stay informed. If you would like to receive text updates & reminders through Flocknote please call the office and provide us with your contact information.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

