



Congratulations to those receiving the sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion!

Your preparation this past year for this step in your spiritual relationship with Christ is very important. However, your journey is just beginning. Whether you make these sacraments with the group or on your own at a different time is not important. What is important is that you grow in your understanding of the importance of your relationship with Jesus in His Catholic Church. After receiving the sacraments your family will continue to nurture the Catholic faith with regular practices of the sacraments.

In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the bible tells us that as soon as Jesus rose from the dead and earned salvation for us, he brought his apostles a new gift. After speaking peace to them, he said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (John 20:21). Just as Jesus was sent by the Father to reconcile the world to God, Jesus sent the apostles to continue his mission. Jesus then breathed on the apostles. This is a verse that is often passed over, but it has extraordinary significance because it is only the second time in all of Scripture where God breathes on anyone. The other instance was at the moment of creation, when God breathed his own life into the nostrils of Adam. This should tell us that something of great importance is taking place. Upon doing this, Jesus said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:22–23). Let Jesus give you His Peace

Due to COVID-19 and the Guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Victoria and the local authorities we ask for your co-operation with the following OLS/ST guidelines:

## GUIDELINES FOR THE UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

### First Confessions:

Only one parent and the Child receiving his/her sacrament may attend.

### First Holy Communion:

Both parents, one Godparent and the person making his/her 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion may attend.

Please wear your mask, sanitize your hands and practice social distancing.

## First Confession Dates

May 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm – Our Lady of Sorrows

### First Confession Group A

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mrs. Hernandez & Mrs. Prado  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mrs. Gonzalez & Mrs. Miranda  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mrs. D Martinez & Mrs. Leos

### May 23, 2020 – Our Lady of Sorrows Church First Confession Group B

2nd grade Mr. Leos & Mrs. Ortiz  
RCIA 4th -5th Mr. & Mrs. Martinez & Mrs. Poncio  
RCIA 6th - 9th Mrs. Hinojosa & Mrs. Castilla  
**We will Live Stream through Facebook.**

**\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\***

**There will be no group pictures  
or pictures with Father.  
Pictures will be on your own**

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*Mary is called Our Lady of the Eucharist, because without her, there would be no physical Body of Jesus to be present in the Eucharist (John 6:51) Let us ask her protection over all those nurturing their Faith through these sacraments.*





### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
Josephine R. Delagarza, Christine Esparza  
and Estella Luna Mahan

May they rest in peace and their families be  
comforted.

*Favor de rezar por a las almas de Josephine  
R. Delagarza, Christine Esparza  
y Estella Luna Mahan  
. Que sus almas descañen en paz y que sus  
familias reciben Consuelo.*



### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Our Lady of Sorrows Sanctuary  
Lamp In Memory  
of Paul Guerra  
By- Carmelita Guerra

*La Luz del Santuario de Santísima Trinidad  
En memoria de; Ricardo Garia  
De: Maria Garza Family*

### **MASSES INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sábado	5:00 p.m.	Frank Jr./Arthur Jr./Ben Vasquez
	6:00 p.m.	Irene Martinez
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Maria Saldana
	10:00 a.m.	(Birthday) Rose Alvarez
	12:00 p.m.	Daniel Davila
	2:00 p.m.	Maria Martinez
	9:00 a.m.	Anita Olguin
	11:00 a.m.	Ricardo Garcia
	1:00 p.m.	Simon Flores
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Lillian Koether
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Maria De Jesus Castillo
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Pauline Vicuna
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Belia Sandoval
Jueves	7:00 p.m.	Adela Lopez
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Richard Deleon
Sábado	5:00 p.m.	Juanita Casas Presas
	6:00 p.m.	Domingo Lopez Jr.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Norma Guerra
	10:00 a.m.	Sonny Maurer
	12:00 p.m.	Margarita Vasquez
	2:00 p.m.	Robert Rodriguez
	9:00 a.m.	John Gonzales
	11:00 a.m.	Frank Gonzales II /Frank Gonzalez M. III
	1:00 p.m.	Frank Palacios

**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!



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**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 May 10, 2020**

	<b>OLS</b>	<b>ST</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$5,045.00	\$636.00
DSA	\$107.10	\$69.00
Debt Reduction	\$963.00	\$47.00
Children’s Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00
Candles	\$60.00	\$0.00
Online Giving	\$2,100.00	\$160.00
Sub-Total	\$8,275.10	\$912.00
STJ/NA Collection	\$11.00	\$0.00
Thursday Daily Mass at Santísima Trinidad		\$52.00
Mother’s Day	\$51.00	\$0.00
Palm Sunday	\$20.00	\$0.00
Easter Sunday	\$10.00	\$0.00
Educ. of Seminiarians	\$140.00	\$0.00
Retired & Needs Priest	\$50.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$8,557.10	\$964.00

**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

May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May." Let's pray the rosary every day, especially this month of May. Different group will be praying the rosary in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. The CCD, Altar Servers and Ballet Folklorico have been praying the rosary on Wednesday at 5 pm for all the youth of our parish. The rosary is prayed every day during the month of April at 6 pm at the same location. Please join us in prayer on Wednesdays on Facebook or in front of the Statue. Please call the rectory and share your prayer times so others can join



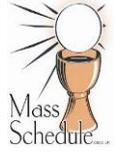
## **Congratulations 2020 Graduates!**



We invite you to come to any mass (weekday or weekend mass) during the month of May. You can come as a group or individually. Please wear your gown. We ask that you wear your mask and continue to practice the guidelines put forth by the Diocese of Victoria and the local authorities. Upon arrival, please sit in the front pew to be recognized and receive a special blessing.

As COVID-19 continues to impact our church and communities around the world, people are coming together to help one another now more than ever. We're so grateful to everyone continuing to practice their faith from their home or church.

We would like to remind you that the mass schedule has changed during this transition of the COVID-19 phase. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.



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.

We will be Live on Facebook with the 10 am Mass.

- Weekday Masses:  
OLS – Monday – Friday at 6 pm in English.  
S.T. – Thursday 7 pm in Spanish

We're hoping that the evening mass will provide an opportunity for you to attend with your family at the church or from home. We will be streaming on Tuesdays at 6 pm in English at OLS and Thursdays at 7 pm Mass in Spanish at ST.



Because Sunday Mass is optional for the month of May, the scheduled First Confession and First Communion times are optional as well. Parents, if you or your child would feel more comfortable staying home and/or waiting, they may do so. So, if your child was in the First Communion class this past year and qualified to receive the sacraments in May and June but would prefer to wait until things are more open, they may contact us at the office to schedule a better time anywhere from June through the Fall. They do not have to receive the sacraments with everyone else.



**First Communion Dates**  
**June 13, 2020 5pm Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows**

### **First Communion Group A**

2nd Grade Mrs. Hernandez & Mrs. Prado  
 3rd Grade Mrs. Gonzalez & Mrs. Miranda  
 4th/5th Grade Mrs. D Martinez & Mrs. Leos

### **June 14, 2020 12pm Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows** **First Communion Group B**

2nd grade Mr. Leos & Mrs. Ortiz  
 RCIA 4th -5th Mr. & Mrs. Martinez & Mrs. Puncio

RCIA 6th - 9th Mrs. Hinojosa & Mrs. Castilla  
 Children that need to be baptized on the date of their First Communion. (Please not this could be subject to change) They will not need to attend the First confession dates.

If you have not turned in your child's certificates, please drop them off at the Rectory during daytime hours or at the CCD office Tuesday - Thursday from 4 pm to 6 pm.

If you have questions please call Sister Maria at 361-648-2066 or Julie at 361-648-0906 or

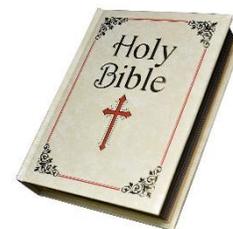
you may call the CCD office at 361-570-7854 Tuesday - Thursday from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will update our Facebook page with any changes and also send updates via Flocknote. If you have not yet signed up for Flocknote please do so by going to Our Lady of Sorrows website (<https://olsvictoria.org/>) and look for the Flocknote Sign-up box.

Thank you all! God Bless you! Be Safe!



<https://catholicrurallife.org/virtualnovena/>

The Diocese of Victoria will participate in the National Catholic Rural Life's St. Isidore Novena May 7-15 at 10 a.m. at [www.catholicrurallife.org](http://www.catholicrurallife.org). We will share it on the Diocese of Victoria's Facebook page. Bishop Brendan Cahill will lead the novena May 7-8, followed by Bishop Robert Gruss of Saginaw, Mich., Bishop John Folda of Fargo, ND, and Bishop Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Mo. It will be in English and in Spanish and will conclude with a Mass on May 15, the feast day of St. Isidore.



### **Sunday May 17, 2020 Reading**

May 17 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21



Let's prepare our hearts by reading Psalm 91. Even if you are alone, it can be helpful to read out loud.

1. Read the psalm aloud three times, noticing each time the words and phrases that connect with your mind and heart.
2. Repeat aloud or write in your journal those phrases that especially catch your attention. For example, this might be, "He is my refuge and my fortress," or "He will save you."
3. If you are praying alongside your kids, they might want to draw a picture or find a magazine cutting that conveys one of these images: a refuge, a fortress, a shield, a safe dwelling.
4. Spend a few moments in silence, using your imagination to feel what it is like to run away from fear, perhaps through a dark wood, and into a strong tower. How do you feel when, legs screaming from exertion, you arrive at the tower, fling open the door and lock it firmly behind you? How might God want to be your strong tower, your place of refuge, in your present circumstances?
5. Consider singing along with this song (or perhaps another that comes to mind). As the song closes, offer your hope and trust to the Lord.



Please continue to pray for our parish and all our first responders, the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, our Holy Father, Bishop Brendan Cahill, all the clergy and religious of our Diocese, all who have volunteered numerous hours for the safety of our communities and those who have no one to pray for them.



*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ – Philippians 4:7*

It's hard to imagine just a few weeks ago kids were in school, businesses were open and people were going about their daily lives. And then COVID-19 happened, and we were all forced to stay home and stay safe. But something that has become clear is how connected we all are. This is even truer for us who are connected to Jesus as members of His Body. And as St. Paul said, when one member suffers the whole body suffers and when one member rejoices the whole body rejoices. Faith in Christ means - You are not alone! May we all rejoice in that.