

ADVENT 2020

Advent Wreath: Each week we light a different candle getting closer to Christ's coming at Christmas.

**Penance: Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22: 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Penance Services in the area:
Monday, December 14th
6:00 p.m. Holy Cross in Yorktown
Tuesday, December 15th
5:00 p.m. St. Michael's in Cuero**

**Christmas Mass Schedule:
Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (La Bahia)
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
9:00 a.m.**

**The O'Antiphons
December 17 – December 23**

This week brings the **O Antiphons**, as we enter into this seven days before Christmas. Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. If you take each of the first letters of the Latin title backwards you spell ERO CRAS, which means 'Tomorrow I will come!' Go back each day and reflect on how God comes to you in Jesus Christ in each of these ways.

- Dec. 17 – O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God! Isaiah 11:2-3
- Dec. 18 – O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel! Isaiah 33:22
- Dec. 19 – O Flower of Jesse's Stem! Isaiah 11: 1, 10
- Dec. 20 – O Key of David! Isaiah: 9:6 and 22:22
- Dec. 21 – O Radiant Dawn! Isaiah: 9:1
- Dec. 22 – O King of All the Nations! Isaiah 2:4, 9:5
- Dec. 23 – O Emmanuel! Isaiah 7:14

Thank you to all who made the **Our Lady of Guadalupe** celebration so beautiful Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. From those who sang the hymns and the choir, to those who brought roses to honor Our Lady, and the refreshments, and all who came!

Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Monday, 14th	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
Tuesday, 15th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Maria Tritico + by Amanda Harris
Wednesday, 16	5:30 p.m.	Mass – Jose A. Pompa + by Carmen & Julian Flores
Thursday, 17th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – Logan Sternadel + by Randy & Sharon Gumm
Friday, 18th	8:00 a.m.	Mass – David M. Garcia + by Delia & Juan Vela
Saturday, 19th	5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Penance
	6:00 p.m.	Mass – Ricky Hernandez + & Tomasita Vega + by Celia Hernandez
Sunday, 20th	9:00 a.m.	Mass – Donald Saathoff + 4th Sunday of Advent & Michael Harris + by Martha Saathoff
La Bahia	5:00 p.m.	Mass – The Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm Response for December 13

My soul rejoices in my God.

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

	<u>Saturday, the 19th, 6 p.m.</u>	
Lector	Barbara Mikeska	
EMHC	Abel Arriazola	
	<u>Sunday, the 20th, 9:00 a.m.</u>	
Lector	Daryl Lau	
EMHC	Doreen Lumbrezer	
	<u>5:00 p.m. – La Bahia</u>	
Lector	Ramiro Rubio	

**Second Collection: Today, December 13, 2020
Retirement Fund for Religious**

This is the final second collection of 2020. It goes to underwrite educational programs and resources that promote comprehensive retirement planning that aid the retired religious. Since it began in 1988, more than \$863 million has been collected.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Religious Education Classes

THIS WEEK: Meet in the Hall 6:00 p.m.

Men's Gathering – Saturday, February 20, 2020

8:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Cathedral Center, Victoria
Father Mitch Pacwa and Sam Meier are guest speakers, and Bishop Brendan Cahill will celebrate Mass. The fee is \$25. Go to victoriadiocese.org/arise to register. See poster on bulletin board in church.

Big Ticket Raffle Drawing Winner

Ninth Winner: Buddy Zavesky

The drawing is each Friday, and will be announced in the bulletin each week, and winners will also be notified by phone.

- **PARISH CALENDARS** are out in the church. Please take one per family. Thank you to the St. Margaret Mary Society and the Knights of Columbus who sponsored them this year.

Pray for Peace

Collections Overview

Last Sunday: \$3523.00
Candles: ICC: \$ 80 La Bahia: \$ 71
DSA: \$486 Building Fund: \$925
Christmas Flowers: \$ 621

ONLINE GIVING

You may give online at www.goliadcatholic.org, just follow the link, to the main page which is www.victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations. Scroll down and we are number 12.

Reporting Procedures: Abuse of Minors/Vulnerable Adults

Contact: Texas Dept. Family Services within 48 hours
800 – 252-5400 www.txabusehotline.org
or local police. If in immediate danger, dial 911
or: Vicki Pyatt for Diocese of Victoria: 361- 827-7176
or: Bishop Cahill or Fr. Gary Janak 361 – 573-0828
or mail to P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, Texas 77901 and mark it confidential.

Pray for the sick.

Judy Bammert Gilliam, Karen Garcia, Arian Nunez, Evelyn Franke Sedita, Derek Byrd, JoAnn Barber, Gladys Stauss, Samuel Arenhas, Everly Elizondo, Paula Camacho, Ray Parr, Lisa Meyer, Judy San Miguel, Virginia Zillig, DaCoda Fleming, Chanston Fleming, Joe Murphy Jr., Eloisa Ramos, Elvira Ramos, Anita Coronado, Robin Rossler, Andy Pompa, Natalie Garay, Bernard Deckert, Denise Renfeldt, Emilio 'Sonny' Vargas III, Devin Elizondo, Veronica Guerrero, Elva Robles, Tommy Garza, Billy Flores, Marcelino Segura Jr., Jose Garcia, Pedro Hernandez, Rose Beltran, Sydney Morris, Kaleb Villegas, Cindy Burns, Jimmy Hernandez, Alan Sheppard, Andrea Day, Alberto Puga, Annette Technik, Harold Gleinser, H.L. Bammert, Tassie Henning, Cecilia Leal, Luz Rangel, Manuel and Juanita Pena, Monica Flores, Teresa San Miguel, Robert Flores, Nancy Hernandez, Kathy Ybarbo, Luis J. Rodriguez, Randall Rojas, Clara Britt, Nephtali Castoreno, E.J. Bammert, Roger Camacho, Karen Matula, Thomas Gutierrez, Mary Guerra, Bobby Garcia, Ricardo Perez, Sarita Martinez, Patricia Yaklin

The **outdoor Nativity scene** will be setup December 17th, 2020. This marks the beginning of the "O" antiphons, and eight days before Christmas. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for this annual display of our Lord's Birth! *O Come let us Adore Him!*

A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your church is continually in need of priests, sisters, and brothers to serve you and one another. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.