



**A good tree does
not bear rotten
fruit, nor does a
rotten tree bear
good fruit.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Sirach 27:4-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
- 3) Luke 6:39-45

FOCUS:

Let us be faithful in speech and action.

The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and

actions.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The writer of Sirach gives examples of how what is good is separated from what is poor, especially in speech. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has defeated death – it no longer has power over us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the blind leading the blind to show there is a difference between what is good and what is evil.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- 2) Romans 10:8-13
- 3) Luke 4:1-13

LENT IS HERE!

The Season of Lent begins Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is on **March 6.**

**Masses Times: 6:30 a.m.
12:05 p.m.
6:00 p.m.**

Ashes will be given only at the Masses. The collection is for *Aid to the Churches in Europe*.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

The Lenten *Fast and Abstinence Regulations* are, as follows:

1. Fasting and abstinence from meat, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those 14 years of age and older.
3. The law of the fast means only one full meal may be taken during the day. Two light meals are permitted, but are not to equal one full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.
4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.
5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.

Lenten Soup

On Fridays during Lent the following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. To schedule your organization/group to prepare and serve the soup on a Friday please call the rectory at 573-4328.

The current schedule is as follows:

- Mar. 8 - St. Mary's Altar Society
- Mar. 15 - KJZT #101
- Mar. 22 – Richard & Karen Evans
- March 29 – CCD Education
- Apr. 5 - **available**
- Apr. 12 – **available**

Friday Stations of the Cross & Confession

This Lent father will offer confessions during the Stations of the Cross. Deacon Jim and our Deacon Candidate Richard Evans will lead us in the Stations. Come join our family in prayer at 6:00 p.m. (no Mass) in the Church followed by the Lenten Soup.

St. Padre Pio prayer group

Will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Mar 9 In the Adoration Chapel. Please join them after Mass for Adoration and prayer in devotion to this amazing saint.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 2

7:00 †Raymond Leita
4:00 †Freda Kolle (ANNIV)

Sunday, March 3, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Joe & Lillie Zaplac

Monday, March 4

6:30 †Kandis Vickery
12:05 Eddie McDowell, Jr.

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 †Emily Buckert
12:05 †Melvin Schrade

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday

6:30 †Ludwig Hajek
12:05 †Clara Katherine Tshirhart Szafranski
6:00 †John B. Sala, Jr.

Thursday, March 7

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service
12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

Friday, March 8

6:30 †Katie Pagel
12:05 †Ronnie, Terry & Phyllis Dove

Saturday, March 9

7:00 Gary & Grace Wakefield Wedding Anniv
4:00 †Allen Frazer

Sunday, March 10, First Sunday in Lent

8:00 †Abundia Reagan
10:30 People of the Parish

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 AM Monday-Wednesday & Friday
12:05 PM Monday-Wednesday & Friday

***NOTE: NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAYS** (unless specified)

PARISH CHOIR: Regular practice after the 8am Mass on Sundays. The choir also practices on Thursday evenings in the church from 5:30 to 7:00pm in preparation for Lent and Easter services. Anyone interested in participating in music ministry is encouraged to join the choir.

LECTORS

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. Emily Janak Culak

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Donald Shellenbarger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. Becky Coleman, Henry Schramek, Emily Migl, Judy Jabbour

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Howard Pagel, Emily Garza, Michael Cuellar
10:30 a.m. Corinne Copeland, Cynthia Brewer, Judy Gilley, Brandon Basaldua

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Stella Silva, Paul Janacek, Bohumil Vrana
10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Greg Brewer, Greg & Pam Fanelli, O. Basaldua

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. T. Coleman

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. W. & A. Immenhauser
10:30 a.m. E. Rodriguez, S. Verastegui, T. Copeland

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Will be Sun. March 17, from 2-5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register by noon on Friday, March 17th

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #369, will hold the annual Salad Supper at our next meeting, Monday, March 4, at the KC Hall. Ladies, please bring your favorite salad, but most importantly, prospective members to this event. (Tell them they don't have to cook supper that night!) As usual, prayer starts at 6:10 p.m., with meal and business meeting to follow.

2019 Camino de Santiago pilgrimage!

Please join other Catholics from the diocese to hike the Camino de Santiago along the countryside of Spain. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés to converge on Santiago de Compostela. Tour includes hotel, airfare, two meals each day, luggage shuttled while you hike, a hiking guide, and training to get you physically ready. There are spots available for the following 2019 dates: June 2-13th and October 2-14th. If you are interested in joining either of these spiritual journeys, contact Jane Lakatos at jlakatos@gmail.com to get more information.

Your are invited to Vanderbilt

St. John Bosco's Mardi Gras Spring Fling is on Saturday, March 2, at Trinity Family Center in Vanderbilt starting at 6:00 p.m.

Your are invited the Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #4307 will sponsor their Shrimp Etouffe and Gumbo meal, auction, and raffle on Sun Mar. 10, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Bowl—\$10.00 Served with rice—dessert and tea will be served from 10:30 a.m.. to 1:00 p.m.

KJZT #101 will have a Bake Sale at Holy Family on March 23-24 before and after all the Masses. All proceeds will go to **Sister Rebecca - Promise Pointe**

ZUMBA CLASSES

The times have changed for Zumba in the St. Mary's Annex Pavilion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Everyone is invited. Call the rectory for more information.

A LENTEN JOURNEY



**This Lent our parish will again participate in *Disciples on the Journey*. Groups are now being formed. To participate or to learn more about *Disciples on the Journey* please call: Laurie Bautista (573-9561) Judy Jabbour (648-9347) or the Rectory (573-4328).
Lent begins March 6, 2019**

Pray for our Seminarians/Diaconate Candidates:

Seminarians: Tran Dinh, Philippe Dubourdiou, James Dvorak, Dalton Ervin, Shane Goertz, Chase Goodman, Ryan Kapavik, Caleb Krischke, John A. Le, Aaron Padilla, Luke Prihoda, Joey Sablatura, Adam Shimek, & Richard Barfield.

Diaconate Candidate: Richard Evans

Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school, visit our website at www.nazarethacademy.org. To set up a tour or shadow time for your child, please call Debbie Michalski at 361.573.6651 or email her at dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We would love to have you join our school family! Put your faith in us!

Bible Study is continuing Please feel free to come

Dynamic Catholic's Nine-Week Bible Study on the *Turning Point – The book of John, Eight Encounters with Jesus that will Change your Life!*

Come to either:

Sundays at 9 a.m. and/or Wednesdays at 6 p.m., in the St. Mary's Annex building (across Convent St. from St. Mary's parking lot) Fr. Stephen encourages CCD parents to come while your children attend CCD. Come to either one or all. If you miss one, that's o.k., come to the next. Coffee will still be provided: *"A little bit of Coffee - a Whole Lot of Jesus!"*

CCD NEWS:

Classes: March 6, 20, 27

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

Guided One-Day Retreat: Becoming Spiritually Deeper and More Generous Disciples – Sister Marian Sturm, IWBS Saturday, **March 9, 2019** - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. In Lent we remember Jesus being moved by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted and wrestled with what his mission was to be. We also are tempted and struggle with our meaning and mission as disciples, while attempting to answer these two questions: “What do I want to let go of?” and “What do I want to give myself to?” This Lenten retreat will offer an opportunity to ponder prayerfully these two questions in the stillness of the day. Guided Retreats include at least two reflections, ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available for \$5.00 we invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX for more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

Solemn Lenten Vespers: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service — March 19, (Lenten Theme) 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Contact: Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111 for more information call or check out our website at www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.



QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER

Interested in learning how to quilt or craft?

Come meet on Thursday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex. The Altar Society Quilters are looking for old or broken jewelry or one of a kind pieces. You can bring the items to the office or there is a box in the entrance to the church.

You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available on Wed. March 6. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

St. Mary's Penance Service Update

The *Penance Service* is scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Please note, the change in the time of our penance service. This is to assist with those in the Victoria area and our own parishioners who are unable to drive after dark.

Other church penance services will remain in the Evening and will be posted in the near future. Thank you for allowing this change to our normal schedule. God bless!

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 11 in the Activity Center. Members, new members and visitors welcome Please try to attend.

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Tuesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

Altar Care for March by
Al & Dorothy Bomba



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1329
Bingo Night**

Every Wednesday evening;
Hall opens 6:00 pm; Bingo Games 7:30 pm until
10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10
games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline
at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council
charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday
evening at 575-9214.
Come out, have fun and meet friends

St. Joseph Scholars Program

Merit Based Scholarship Program for Incoming STJ
Freshmen

Based on Scholastic Merit, Not Financial Need
\$4,000/Year, Renewable Scholarship

Applicants Will Be Considered Based On:

- *High School Placement Exam (HSPE) Score
- *Interview with Head of School – Finalists will be
selected for interviews based on HPSE scores
The HSPE will be offered on February 23, March 2
and March 23 – choose one date
St. Joseph High School Library, 8:30-11:30 am
Contact Jen Korinek, STJ Director of Admissions, to
sign-up for the exam. 361.573.2446 x217 or
jkorinek@stjflyers.com
**Placement exams for Pre-AP English, Spanish and
Math will be offered in May.



**Reporting Procedures for Suspected or
Known Sexual Abuse of a
Minor (person under 18 years of age) or
Vulnerable Adult by a Member of the Clergy**

Contact:

• The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at
(800) 252-5400, www.txabusehotline.org, or local police department. **If person
is in immediate danger call 911.**

and

• Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach,
Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

or

• Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828.
Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070,
Victoria, TX 77903 marked "Personal and Confidential".



If sexual abuse by a member of clergy has occurred in another diocese,
the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials.
For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

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