



**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
- 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**FOCUS:** God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray.

Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land. Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God. The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 1) Isaiah 43:16-21
- 2) Philippians 3:8-14
- 3) John 8:1-11



**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:** St. Mary's Altar Society is now accepting donations for Easter Flowers. Any donation made in honor of or memory of your loved one(s) is accepted. Forms and envelopes are located on the back of the last pew on either side of the church. Please complete and return in the collection basket, to the church office, or mail to the address shown on the envelope. Please assist in decorating our church this Easter. Donations received after Monday, April 15, 2019 after 4:30 P.M. will not be published in the Easter Weekend Bulletin insert.

**UNPLANNED Pro-Life Movie Showing in Victoria!**

Please support the movie UNPLANNED which will be shown across the country. It will begin showing at our own Cinemark 12 in Victoria **this Sunday, Tuesday, & Wednesday!** Please see the bulletin insert for times. This is a pro-life movie that needs our support. Thank you & God bless! *Fr. Stephen*

***Penance Service***

<i>St. Mary's</i>	Wednesday, April 3	2:00 p.m.
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows,</i>	Thurs., April 4,	6:30 p.m.
<i>Our Lady of Victory,</i>	Mon, April 8,	6:30 p.m.
<i>Holy Family,</i>	Tuesday, April 9,	6:30 p.m.
<i>St. Patrick,</i>	Wednesday, April 10,	6:30 p.m.
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes,</i>	Thurs., April 11,	6:30 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. Thank you for allowing this change to our normal schedule.

**Lenten Soup**

On Fridays during Lent the following organizations have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. To schedule for the *last* soup supper please call the Rectory at 573-4328.

The current schedule is as follows:

April 5 - St. Mary's Choir

April 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### *Liturgy Intentions for the Week*

#### **Saturday, March 30**

7:00 †Juanita Moore McDowell  
4:00 Juliet Rangnow

#### **Sunday, March 31, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †John Stockbauer, Jr.

#### **Monday, April 1**

6:30 †Matthew Bednorz  
12:05 In Honor of St. Jude

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 †Mark, Louis & David Migl  
12:05 †Helen Bianchi

#### **Wednesday, April 3**

6:30 †Sam, Mary & Robert Hyak  
12:05 †Rosetta Trahan

#### **Thursday, April 4**

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

#### **Friday, April 5**

6:30 †Mary Ann Ohrt  
12:05 †Mary Ann Vivion  
6:00 Station of the Cross

#### **Saturday, April 6**

7:00 †Helen Stuekerjuergen  
4:00 †Regina Bianchi

#### **Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †Emil Kruppa

### **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, April 6**

4:00 p.m. Emily Janak

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. Donald Shellenbarger  
10:30 a.m. David Janca

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Saturday, April 6**

4:00 p.m. Becky Coleman, Judy Jabbour

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. Emily Garza, Adolph Hernandez  
10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister

### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

#### **Saturday, April 6**

4:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Larry & Linda Luna

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. Loyd West, Stella Silva, Bohumil Vrana, Paul Janacek  
10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, John Cavazos, Joe Baugh

### **MASS SERVERS**

#### **Saturday, April 6**

4:00 p.m. T. Coleman

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. W. & A. Immenhauser, L. Hernandez  
10:30 a.m. M. Barton, W. Villarreal

**Cenacle of Divine Mercy of the Holy Rosary** meet every Tuesday, at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

**Altar Care for March by Al & Dorothy Bomba**

No foolin', **Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #369**, will meet on Monday, April 1, 2019. We will honor the winners of the annual Education Contest. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with business meeting to follow. All members are encouraged to attend to recognize the talent and hard work of the students and adults.

### **6 Day Pilgrimage with Fr. Stephen Vacek**

**June 9-14**

Fr. Stephen Vacek will lead a 6-day pilgrimage to EWTN (Alabama) by motorcoach. The pilgrimage includes Mass and a visit to St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral in Beaumont; an overnight stay in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; visiting the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the tomb of Mother Angelica; attending a live recording of Fr. Mitch Pacwa's show "Scripture & Tradition" and attend Mass at EWTN Studios which will be broadcast live on June 13. The group then returns to Victoria making an overnight stop in New Orleans where they will attend Mass at the National Shrine of the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

**Deadline for reservations is April 1, 2019.** The \$939 per person cost includes daily breakfast and dinner and one lunch. For a more detailed itinerary or if you have any questions, contact Dora Silva at [dsilva4415@gmail.com](mailto:dsilva4415@gmail.com) or 550-0103.

### ***Jesus is in Need of Adorers***

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers  
**Wednesdays 1-2 p.m.**  
**Fridays 8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.**

We have substitutes who can fill in when you are unable to keep your time slot.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour per week with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510 to sign up and receive the new code for the chapel.

### **Saying farewell to Fr. Stephen.**

There will be three opportunities to bid Fr. Stephen farewell and thank him for all he has done for our parish in a very short time. A catered meal will be held on **April 6th** after the 4:00 P.M. Mass. **Reservations are required.**

Please contact the church rectory 573-4328 or Stella Silva 550-0387 to make your reservations. Reservations must be made prior to April 1st @ 4:30 P.M. Two additional socials will be held on Sunday **April 7th**; after the 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Masses. These will be coffee, doughnuts, fruit and juice socials. Come and spend time with Fr. Stephen and wish him well on his next assignment at Our Lady of Victory which will begin on April 29th

**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](http://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](mailto:dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org). We would love to have you join our school family! Put your faith in us!

**St. Mary's** is having its annual **GAMES PARTY, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019, 11:30 am to 4 pm** at the Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St. Admission \$8.00. Lunch, Door Prizes, Raffle, Country Store & Fun!

Reservations: Dorothy Bomba 361-573-3569 or Eunice Dove 361-576-1856.

We have a new sanctuary lamp in remembrance the deceased under Our Lady of Guadalupe. Also, now that we have 2 sanctuary lamps in the Adoration chapel. We will now have the option to donation both Candles.

New Adoration Candle

April 1-7- Deceased Members of St. Mary's Church

April 8-14- Available

April 15-21- Available

April 22-28- Available

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**CCD NEWS:**

Classes: April 3, 10, 17, 24 Last Class

**Quarterly Bunco Party**

hosted by the *Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church* will be Thursday, April 4, from 9:30 a.m. till noon at the Basement Hall. Lunch and door prizes provided. Sign-in is at 9:00 am. Please call in your reservations to Elaine Mayer 575-5040

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center**

**Solemn Lenten Vespers: March 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.



**QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER** Interested in learning how to quilt or craft?

Come meet on Thursday, April 4 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP MARCH 16-17**

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,720.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 726.61
On-line giving.....	\$ 605.00
Total.....	\$6,051.61

**RCIA**

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Tuesday, April 2, - role of Scripture in the Catholic Faith



**FREE SHOWING!!!**

**TWO REMAINING SHOWINGS**

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 2PM**  
**Holy Family Catholic Church, Wharton**  
2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2PM**  
**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church,**  
Schulenburg  
1010 Lyons Ave, Schulenburg, TX 78956

*“Power In My Hands” is a film that uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the rosary. Its primary purpose is to help viewers understand the power to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis, and instill an active response to the Blessed Mother’s plea for prayer. Hope through Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of this film.*

**ALL SHOWINGS ARE FREE**

VIEW TRAILER AT  
[www.powerinmyhandsthemovie.com](http://www.powerinmyhandsthemovie.com)

- Singles
- Couples
- Families

Everyone is welcome!

Call 361-827-7171 for more information.

**Your are Invited to**

**The Catholic Daughters Court #2546 of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blessing, Texas** is sponsoring a CHICKEN SPAGHETTI plate meal. It will be held on Sunday, April 07, 2019 at St Peter's Catholic Church hall in Blessing. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. The meal consists of chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, and dessert. Plates are \$8.00 each (dine in or to go). Tea with dine-in only.

A raffle will also be held during the afternoon. Raffle tickets can be obtained from any member.

The proceeds will benefit the Catholic Daughter scholarships and charities.



**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



**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org).

**DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES**

<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	Cynthia Brewer	571-6510
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<b>Rentals</b>	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
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<b>Weekly Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Cenacle</b>	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

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