

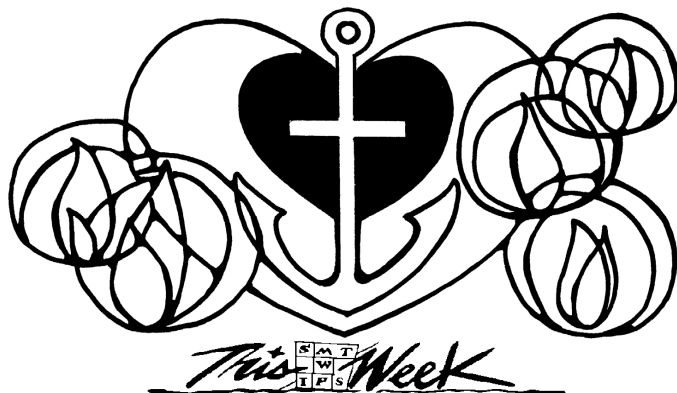
# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.*

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

Masses for  
the Week



## SUNDAY - January 31 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Paul J. Bittlebrunt†

10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy



## MONDAY - February 1

8:00 am - †Robert & †Elva Jean Wearden

## TUESDAY - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am - Cole & Cailyn Loest

## WEDNESDAY - February 3 - St Blaise, Bsp, Mrtyr; St Ansgar, Bsp

8:00 am - Harold Heller †

## THURSDAY - February 4

8:00 am - Ed Faxlanger †

## FRIDAY - February 5 - St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory†

## SATURDAY - February 6 - St Paul Miki & Compan's, Martyrs

8:00 am - Allison Koenig †

10:00 am - Mass w/Healing Service - Fr Phi Nguyen - Celebrant

5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

## SUNDAY - February 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Beatrice Treviño†

10:00 am - 40th Wedd. Annv: Carolyn/Donald Goldman

11:30 am - Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi Nguyen - Celebrant

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tue: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

### NEXT WEEKEND - February 6 & 7

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lori Ballard,  
Joe Lara, Volunteer

Laurie Bautista

Sun. 7:30 am - Connie Novak,  
Dennis/Dorothy Boehm

Volunteer

Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann,  
Andy/Olivia Aguilar

J. or M. Vecera

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - James Record, Carson Miller, Volunteer

Sun 7:30 am - Kaden, Kylee, & Kalynn Fikac

Sun 10:00 am - Renee, Abigail & Aaron Bradicich

#### USHERS:

5:00 pm - M John, Frank Motal, Tom Goslin, R Dominguez

7:30 am - Frank Marbach, James Novak, Michael Fikac

10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Al Schoener, Harrison Raska

#### ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Sherron Baker & Mary Hirschhauser

## SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection: Church in Latin America

TUESDAY - Candlemas Day Celebration - 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.

FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION - 8:30am - 12:30pm

SATURDAY - 10:00 am - Mass w/Healing Service - Fr Phi - Celebrant

Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection: Bldgs. Repair & Maintenance

11:30 am - Mass with Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi, Celebrant

### "NEW" LIFE ..... for "USED" BLESSED PALMS

We would be grateful if you could bring us old BLESSED Palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday to repurpose in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Please bring soon. Lent begins Feb. 10th.

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2016

Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to everyone, God's love unconditional, God's mercy boundless. By this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis repeats Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co. Inc.



THANK YOU ..... Your Generosity is Appreciated

WEEKEND of 01-16/17-16 Count - 489

Envelopes..... \$ 1,904.00

Loose..... 655.75

Other Donations..... 840.00

Total Operating Income..... \$ 3,399.75

ExtrColl Env.....(StVdP "BlackBag").....\$ 1,320.50

ExtrColl Env.....(D. S. A.).....\$ 20.00

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Tina Moya, Betty Echeveste, Cheryl Barker, Carolyn Goldman,  
Bob Bochat, Brad Blanton, Johnnie Ressman, Amy Wuest



**Generations of Faith ~ GOF**  
Religious Education Classes

Jan 31 - GOF Class with **FaithAlive Sunday**  
Feb 7 - GOF Class  
Feb 14 - GOF Class  
Feb 21 - GOF Class



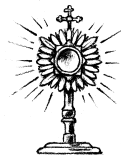
**Disciples On The Journey**

Small Groups are being formed.

This is a great opportunity to grow in faith during  
**THE YEAR OF MERCY**

If you would like to join a group or begin your own group,  
please call the Rectory or Lillian Berger (573-3008).  
Sign up sheets will be at the entrance of the Church.

**Lent is early this year ... February 10**



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, First Friday  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* from  
**8:30am to 12:30pm** has been reopened.

The next First Friday will be **February the 5th.**

If you wish to sign up, please call Leona Sedlar at  
575-3160 or place your name and contact number  
on the sheet on the table at the front of the church.

*From the Desk of Fr. Albert.....*

Mass of *The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* is tradi-  
tionally known as "Candle Mass". On this day, candles are  
blessed at the beginning of the celebration, preferably out-  
side the main church. Then with Lighted Candles, the priest  
and the people process into the church for the Eucharistic  
Celebration. You may bring a candle for your own use both  
at the service and later at home. Prayers this day, also World  
Day for Consecrated Life, will be offered for this intention.

**CLOSING of the YEAR of CONSECRATED LIFE**

The Holy Year of Consecrated Life ends Feb. 2, 2016.  
We will take it from there to pray for Vocations to the  
Priesthood and Religious Life with the Introduction of  
the **VOCATION CROSS**. Look for details in the next  
issue of the Bulletin.

*Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and  
Mary would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your  
support and generosity during our recent benefit dinner.*

*Thank You*

**OLL Altar Society - VALENTINE DAY BAKE SALE**

**February 13th & 14th - After each Mass**

If you would like to help with baked goods  
call **Dorothy Boehm - 574-8569**

**WANTING**

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us  
do what we can.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

*News Around Town*

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School will host an **OPEN  
HOUSE** for prospective parents and students in grades Pre-K-  
thru 8th grade on Mon. February 1, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the  
school cafeteria. Learn what OLV has to offer. For more info  
call 575-5391 or visit [www.ourladyvictory.org](http://www.ourladyvictory.org).

**CDA, Court St. Ann #369** invites all Catholic women from  
the Victoria parishes who are 18 and over to join us on Mon.  
February 1st at KC Hall. Prayer is 6:10 & meeting at 6:30pm.  
We'll host a shower for the Gabriel Project.

**Nazareth Academy Catholic School** is hosting a **Scholastic  
Book Fair** in the school library during **Catholic Schools  
Week, Mon. February 1 thru Wed. February 3, 7:45a-4:00p.**  
All are invited. More information and other happenings are  
available at [www.nazarethacademy.org](http://www.nazarethacademy.org).

**OLS Bereavement Support Group** will meet Tues. Feb. 2nd at  
5:00 PM at KFC, 1010 E. Rio Grande. This will be a Valentine  
Social. Contact Naomi Odom, 361-648-3318 for more details.

**"Come and See" Discernment Weekend** for single Catholic  
women 18 to 50 years of age on **February 6 - 7, 2016** at  
Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, TX (361) -575-7111 or  
email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com) See <http://www.iwbsvictoria.org>

**Holy Family Altar Society** is hosting a **GAMES PARTY**  
Thurs. February 4, 2016 from 6 - 9 PM at the Activity Center.  
Admission is \$7. For Reservations or more information,  
contact Margaret B. 575-4997, or Melicent B. 573-3736.

**Holy Family Altar Society** will host a Lenten mini-retreat on  
Sat. February 6, 2016. It begins with Mass at 8am in church.  
The retreat will be in St Peter Hall at 9am with Fr Jacob  
Koether presenting, "The Altar of Your Heart!" No fee.  
Lunch will be served. All are welcome. For reservations call  
Margaret S. 798-4009, or Betty F. 573-5850.

**9th Annual CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL** will be  
**Sunday, February 21, 2016 - 1:30 - 4:30PM** at Our Lady of  
Victory School Gym. Registration fee is \$25/team. Deadline  
for registering is **Friday, February 11, 2016**. Early registra-  
tion is encouraged due to a limited amount of space. Go to:  
[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) for more contest info & details.

**SAVE the DATE \*\*\* SAVE the DATE**

**St. Mary Catholic Church - 192nd Annv. - PARISH FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

**10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.--Victoria Community Center**

*Roast Beef, Gravy, Green Beans, Country Potatoes, Squash  
Casserole, Dessert, Tea, Water or Coffee*

**Serving Meal 11:00a to 1:30p - Live Auction 12:30p**

**Raffle Tickets - 20 Fabulous Prizes**

*(Available at Church Office & at the Festival)*

**ATTENTION\*\***In the interest of a prudent use  
of supplies, time and manpower, a record of contri-  
butions for Tax Year 2015 will gladly be mailed to  
you upon request only. To fill your need, please call  
the Rectory at 575-3813.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

This weekend here at OLL this collection will be taken up. The  
support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years  
to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in  
today's collection.