

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2016**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14



**Masses for
the Week**

SUNDAY - Sept 4 -Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*
10:00 am - Billy Yandell Jr. †
BAPTISM: Aubrey Burns - Child of: Bruce & Laci Harris Buns
Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant

MONDAY - Sept 5 - St Theresa of Calcutta, Religious
8:00 am - Edward Krenek †

TUESDAY - September 6
8:00 am - Cleo Drabek †

Labor Day

WEDNESDAY - September 7
8:00 am - † Santos & † Emilio Ortiz

THURSDAY - Sept 8 -The Nativity of the Bl Virgin Mary
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

FRIDAY - September 9 - St Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 am - † Cap & †May Della Resson

SATURDAY - September 10 - Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am - Victoria Grace
5:00 pm - Gene Jolly †

MINISTRY FAIR - after all weekend Masses

SUNDAY-Sept 11-Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Randal Lau †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Mon: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tue: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thu: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**NEXT WEEKEND - September 10 & 11
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger Greg Richter (sub)
Mary Bianchi, Volunteer
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer Dennis Boehm
Joy Loest, Volunteer
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley Jeff Nunley
Alvin R/Claudia Schoener

ALTAR SERVERS:
Sat. 5:00 pm - Cy & Carlie Richter, Andrea Villegas
Sun. 7:30 am - Nicole & Clayton Easley, Austin Kainer
Sun. 10:00 am - Allison & Ross Nunley, Abby Keyser

USHERS:
5:00 pm - Norman Schoener, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Volunteer
10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Volunteer, Volunteer

SUNDAY - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection: *Building Repairs & Maint.*
BAPTISM: Aubrey Burns -Child of: Bruce & Laci Harris Burns
Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant
TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:30 Mass
FRIDAY - Parish Social Night - 6:30pm - Parish Hall
SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
MINISTRY FAIR - after all weekend Masses
SUNDAY - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection: *D. S. A.*

Jubilee Year of Mercy
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 4, 2016
“If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life” (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*? But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel’s demands first place. Today’s second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon’s runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* challenge me to “hate”—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love?
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	
	WEEKEND of 8-27/28-16 Count - 511	
Envelopes.....		\$ 2,884.00
Loose.....		613.50
Other Donations.....(+D.S.A.).....		440.00
Total Operating Income.....		\$ 3,937.50
<i>ExtrEnvlp:(StVdP “Black Bag”).....</i>		\$ 864.00

Please Pray for Our Sick
Tina Moya, Fr. Dan Morales, Clifton Lau, Dora Schilhab, Carolyn Goldman, Amy Bernhard, Jewell Correll, Franklin Sedlar, Dianne Knippa, Ann Hagel



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

2016-2017 GOF Calendar

Sept 4 - No GOF / Labor Day
Sept 11 GOF Classes Resume
 Sept 18 Catechist Commissioning & Youth Blessing
 Sept 25 Parent Orientation in Basement during GOF Classes



News Around Town

St. Mary's Altar Society, Victoria, TX will sponsor a half-day retreat on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the St. Mary's Activity Center beginning at 9:30am. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:25am. Men and Women from all parishes are welcome. Lunch will be served after the 12 Noon Mass. There is no charge to attend. Please make your reservations by Friday, September 16th, to Evelyn 361-652-4843 or Stella at 361-550-0387.

AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER

On September 17, 2016 from 9:30am - 3:30pm, 1101 NC Water St. Victoria, TX, Sister Roselle Hass, from Cenacle Retreat Center in Houston, will present a day retreat entitled "*What Will You Do With the Leftovers?*" Sister will present reflections on Jesus' ministry of not simply providing "enough", but providing extravagantly. For more info, call 361-575-7111, or email amor-meus@yahoo.com. Visit amormeusspiritualitycenter.org

Sacred Heart Hallettsville 65th annual Apple Strudel Bake is set for Saturday, October 1, 2016. Unbaked frozen Strudels are \$15 each. **Local pickup in the Hobby Lobby parking lot on Sun. 10-2-16 from 11am - 12:30pm**. To order, call Sharon Wagner, 361-576-2060, or Annette Henke 361-798-5374. **Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.**

KEEPING KIDS SAFE
Presentation to youth, grades 7 - 10

Date: September 18, 2016
Topic: "Open Arms? Open Eyes! Power, Control and Abuse in Teen Relationships"
Parents/Guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend.

MINISTRY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH

For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are **one body in Christ** and individually parts of one another.

Romans 12: 4-5

HERE'S NEWS

******* IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR**

*The Fall Festival is just around the corner. It is time to start asking for donations for the raffle. The deadline to have all donations in this year will be **September 20th**. Please contact Stephanie Holt to make a donation at 361-212-6483 or you can drop it off at the church rectory, M-F 8:30a - 5:00p except 12-1pm. Thank you very much to **all** who continue to give a donation every year !!*

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA 29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR CATECHESIS AND MINISTRY

Saturday, October 1, 2016
 Holy Family Catholic Church, Wharton, TX

ALL ADULT CATHOLICS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
The Most Rev. Brendan Cahill will offer a keynote address in English and one in Spanish. Twenty Workshops on Catechesis, Liturgy, Prayer & Spirituality. For more information, call Catechetical Office, 361-573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org

PICNICS, FESTIVALS & MORE

Sacred Heart Parish, Hallettsville, TX - FALL PICNIC - [134years] - Sunday, Sept 4, 2016 at the KC Hall. Dinner serving 10:30a-1:30p. Short Memorial at 1:00p given by Msgr. John Peters. Join us for fun and entertainment for all.

Sts Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, TX invites all to 95th ANNUAL FALL PICNIC, Sunday, Sept 4, 2016 at KC Park -102 S. Ave. G. Dinner serving 10:30a - 2:00p. All day fun activities: Music & Dancing, Bingo, Country Store, Auction, Arts/Crafts, all day games and family fun.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero, TX will have their 90th Annual JAMAICA Sunday, Sept 4, 2016 on the Parish Hall Grounds. [Tamale Sale began Aug. 5th ORDERS ONLY- Please Call 361-655-3610] BBQ Dinner & trimming. 11am - 1pm. Dine in or plates to go. Sat. Golf tournament. Volleyball tournament. Motorcycle Fun Run. Car Show. Free music & street dancing. Bingo. Games galore. Fun for all.

St Mary's Parish, Nada, TX invites you to Annual Festival & Homecoming at the Nada Community Center, Sunday, Sept 4th Dinner: BBQ Beef & Sausage served 11a-1:30p.

ST JOSEPH CHURCH, INEZ, TX-143rd ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC, Sunday, September 11th at Inez Community Cntr. Serving Fried Chicken, Brisket, Sausage & all Trimmings starting at 11 am. Auction at 1 pm. and 30 item Raffle.

KC Council #4307 in Blessing, TX is sponsoring a Shrimp Etouffe/Gumbo Meal, Sunday, September 11, 2016, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Serving starts at 11:00 am. Also Live Auction. Everyone is invited to Blessing.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Classes begin Sept. 14, 2016

Classes are for:

1. Unbaptized Adults interested in Catholic Church.
2. Baptized Adults in another faith and interested in becoming Catholic.
3. Baptized Adult Catholics who
 - haven't been confirmed & received 1st Communion
 - want to know more about their faith,
 - would like to be RCIA Sponsors,
 - would like to return to the Catholic Church.

For more info, please contact: Bob/Laurie Bautista-573-9561
 laurie.bautista@gmail.com, or Rectory -575-3813



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

At the 5:00 pm Mass, Lillian Berger will take possession and continue our prayers. Next to take possession, on September 11th at 7:30 am Mass, is Cliff & Yvonne Moczygamba.