



Why do you stand looking at the sky?

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 8, 2016

God mounts his throne  
amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6



**SUNDAY - May 8 - ASCENSION of the LORD**  
7:30 am - Billy Yandell, Jr. †  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

**MONDAY - May 9**  
8:00 am - †Mary & †Louis Pawlik

**TUESDAY - May 10 - St Damien de Veuster, Priest**  
8:00 am - Billy Yandell, Jr. †

**WEDNESDAY - May 11**  
8:00 am - Dorothy Koenig †

**THURS - May 12 - Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr**  
8:00 am - Ruth Boehm †

**FRIDAY - May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima**  
8:00 am - Margie Brosch †

**SATURDAY - May 14 - St Matthias, Apostle**  
8:00 am - William John Loest  
5:00 pm - Lynette Pennington

**SUNDAY - May 15 - PENTECOST Sunday**  
7:30 am - Special Intention  
7:30 am - Altar Society Group Communion Sunday  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53  
Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33  
Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19  
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
Sat: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Sun: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### NEXT WEEKEND - May 14 & May 15

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Greg Richter  
Mary Bianchi, Volunteer  
Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols, Emily Yeary  
Cliff/Yvonne Moczygemba  
Sun. 10:00 am - John Vecera, David Post  
Howard/Carol Bludau

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lacie Linam, Suzie Ryan, Volunteer  
Sun. 7:30 am - Katelyn John, Cameron & Jenny Marbach  
Sun. 10:00 am - Joel Stevens, Jace Stevens, Volunteer

#### USHERS:

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

### SUNDAY - ASCENSION of the LORD

2nd Collection: D. S. A.

**MONDAY - Holy Name Society meeting - 7:00 pm**

**TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:30 Mass**

**FRIDAY - Parish Social Night - Parish Hall 6:30 pm**

**SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**SUNDAY - PENTECOST Sunday**

ExtraEnvelope: Altar Servers' Educ. Fund

7:30 am - Altar Society Group Communion Sunday

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

#### The Ascension of the LORD May 8, 2016


As the liturgical year—and this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*—unfold, we reflect on what Jesus' ascension meant for the first disciples and means now for us. Stay in Jerusalem, Jesus had instructed, awaiting “the promise of the Father. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:4-5, 8). Despite Jesus' absence, they wait “with great joy . . . continually in the temple praising God” (Luke 24:52-53). But as we join them, waiting and worshiping, the enduring challenge—theirs and ours—is delivered by “two men in white” (Acts 1:10). In every age, disciples must stop looking at the sky, head down the mountain, and go back into the world, “commissioned,” says Pope Francis, “to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel,” inviting everyone to find “in our parishes, communities, associations and movements . . . wherever there are Christians . . . an oasis of mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12).

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| Weekly Offering | THANK YOU ..... Your Generosity is Appreciated                 |                    |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|
|                 | <b>WEEKEND of 4/30-5/1-16</b>                                  | <b>Count - 478</b> |
|                 | Envelopes.....   | \$ 2,546.00        |
|                 | Loose.....   | 614.00             |
|                 | Other Donations.....   | 800.00             |
|                 | <b>Total Operating Income.....</b>                             | <b>\$ 3,960.00</b> |
|                 | <b>2nd Coll: ExtrEnvlp:.....(Bldg Repairs Fund).....</b>       | <b>\$ 2,802.00</b> |
|                 | <b>Special Coll.Envlp:.....(Needs of Retired Priests).....</b> | <b>\$ 557.00</b>   |
|                 | <b>Extra Envelopes:.....D.S.A.....</b>                         | <b>\$ 40.00</b>    |

### Please Pray for Our Sick.....

Tina Moya, Betty Eceveste, Cheryl Barker, Clifton Lau,  
Fr. Dan Morales, Cecilia Edwards, Sharon Traylor,  
Mary Louise Bittlebrun, Fredaline Najvar, Eve Bek  
& Jewell Correll



**Generations of Faith ~ GOF**  
**Religious Education Classes**  
 Aug 28 - GOF Classes Resume  
 2016-2017 Registration Forms  
 will be posted online ... Stay Tuned



**SENIOR CLASS OF 2016**  
 OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH  
 would like to honor  
*All Graduating High School Seniors*  
 of our Parish  
 on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the 10:00 am Mass**  
 Brunch to follow  
 To avoid missing anyone - Please contact Donna Parsons  
 at 550-3538 for further information

*News Around Town*

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society invites all ladies to the Quarterly Bunco Party. The Bunco Party planned for April had to be rescheduled and will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 9am - 11:30 am. A light lunch will be served. For reservations, call Dorothy B. 574-8569 or Helen J. 575-6058 by May 16th.

**"COME AND SEE" Discernment Weekend** for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of age on May 14-15, 2016 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, TX 361-575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com. See <http://www.iwbsvictoria.org>


**GUIDED ONE DAY RETREAT-** Amor Meus Spirituality 1101 NE Water, Victoria. May 14, 2016 - 9:30am to 3:30pm  
 Theme: "Mary, Our Constant Contact"; Presenter: Pat Hoelscher. The Retreat includes reflections, liturgy, and time for personal prayer. To register or more info call 361-575-7111

**PRIVATE OR DIRECTED OVERNIGHT RETREAT - FRIDAY, May 20, 5:00 pm until Sunday noon May 22.**  
 Take time from a busy week to experience a peaceful, and prayerful weekend retreat. Call 575-7111, 3 days in advance, to register. Amor Meus Spirituality Center 1101 NE Water St.

**QUO VADIS VOCATION CAMP** for young men who have completed 8th grade to 21 years of age, is again being sponsored by the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Victoria. The camp will take place on July 3-6 at Cooper's Farm near La Grange, TX. The days will include many outdoor camp activities as well as discussions on discerning God's will in life. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese will facilitate the camp. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Questions? Please call Fr. Tommy Chen, Director of Vocations at his parish in Port Lavaca, 361-552-6140.

**Knights of Columbus #1329 Chicken BBQ** will be held May 15th from 8:30 am until sold out. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans available, \$1.50 per pint. Location is Airline at BenWilson. Call Sun. morning for info at 575-9214. NOTE: Selling will not start until 8:30a.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ..... NEWS**  
 Member of the Year Banquet will be **May 16, 2016 at 6:30pm** honoring **PEGGY VENGLAR** as **Member of the Year**  
 A covered dish meal with the meat furnished by the Society:  
 Please RSVP to Josie, 580-2090 or Claudia, 578-1367 or Connie, 575-5806 or Diane, 550-7710 by May 10th.  
 Please state the number of guests attending. Thank You.....  
*Josie M., President*



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**  
 The Holy Year of Consecrated Life has come to an end, but at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish we will take it from here to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Families will pray while in possession of a dedicated **VOCATION CRUCIFIX**. At the **10:00 am Mass, Alvin Ray & Claudia Schoener** will take possession and continue our prayers. Next to take possession, on May 14th at the **5:00 pm Mass, is Harv & Linn Suggs**.




**Coming Soon** The ALTAR SOCIETY will have a **BAKE SALE** on **May 21 & 22** after all weekend Masses. We appreciate everyone's support. This is one of the fundraisers we have to serve the needs for the altars. Thank you for all support. God Bless Everyone, *Josie Marbach*

**2016 FESTIVAL UPDATE:** Gerald Schilhab and Donna Maxey have resigned as the Festival Chairmen. So the 2016 Festival is in need of new Chairmen. If interested in these volunteer positions, please contact Gerald Schilhab, 571-4678; or Donna Maxey, 576-2670. This festival is a major fund raiser for the church and has been successful every year due to the volunteers that give their time to make the festival the best it can be. There's extreme pleasure in working with everyone associated with the festival. So if this is something your heart tells you to do, please make the contact.

**LIVE IN CONCERT**  
 ~ ~ ~ **DAVID KAUFFMAN** ~ ~ ~  
 David Kauffman will be live in concert on **Friday night, May 13th- 7:00 pm at Holy Family, Victoria**. The concert is free but limited seating is available so reserve your tickets online, [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883

**THE EMMAUS CENTER**  
*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*  
 Diocese of Victoria in Texas  
 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, TX 77901  
 For counseling or spiritual direction appointments, go to [www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com) - or call 361-212-0830  
*Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*  
**Spiritual Direction is now available on Tuesdays**

**Gabriel Project - 101 W. Convent (behind St Mary's Church)**  
 Come be with us while learning and discerning.  
 We invite you to mark your calendars and join us, **Tues. May 10th**, at our next and last general monthly meeting before summer. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy it's a great time for fellowship with like-minded Christians who reach out to Mothers & Babies. Call 361-649-1612 for more information.



**PICNICS & FESTIVALS**  
 Sacred Heart Parish, Hallettsville, TX invites all to their **SPRING PICNIC, Sunday May 29, 2016** at the K.C.Hall Dinner served from 10:30a - 1:30p - Country Fried Chicken, Stew, Homemade Cornbread Dressing, all trimmings. **Join us for a great time. Fun-Entertainment for all ages**