

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you. — Isaiah 49:15

### SUNDAY- February 26 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Domingo F. Madrigal †  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

### MONDAY - February 27

8:00 am - Chester Paul Lyssy †

### TUESDAY - February 28

8:00 am - Vivian Strelczyk †  
**5:30 pm - Burning of the Palms**  
{followed by Fat Tuesday Supper}


### ASH WEDNESDAY - March 1 Day of Fast & Abstinence

8:00 am - Betty Clark Janda †  
5:30 pm - †Edward/†Angelina Petru

### THURSDAY - March 2

8:00 am - Kathy Birmingham †

### FRIDAY- March 3-St Katherine Drexel, Virgin Abstinence

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory ~ ADORATION ~  
5:30 pm - Alfred Novian † **8:30am - 12:30pm**   
**6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross**  
{followed by Lenten Soup Supper}

### SATURDAY - March 4 - St Casimir

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory  
10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service - Fr. Phi, Celebrant  
5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

### SUNDAY- March 5 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Randal Lau †  
10:00 am - Jessica & Adam Soorholtz  
11:30 am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi, Celebrant

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*Sun:* Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34  
*Mon:* Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27  
*Tue:* Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31  
*Wed:* Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20---6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
*Thu:* Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
*Fri:* Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
*Sat:* Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
*Sun:* Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12,17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

### NEXT WEEKEND - March 4 & 5, 2017

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

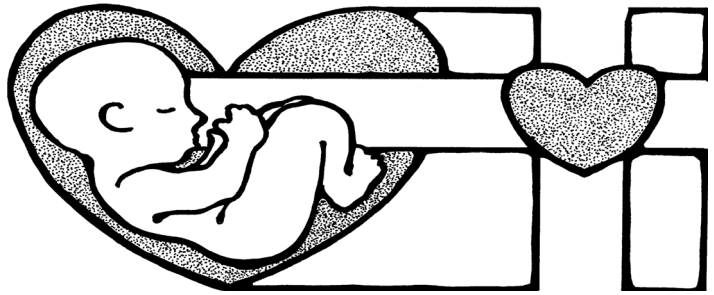
<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b> - Lori Ballard, Joe Lara, Lillian Berger	<b>Laurie Bautista</b>
<b>Sun. 7:30 am</b> - Connie Novak, Dennis/Dorothy Boehm	<b>Claudia Schoener</b>
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b> - Melissa Spann, Andy/Olivia Aguilar	<b>Carol Bludau</b>

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat. 5:00 pm** - James Record, Carson Miller, Suzie Ryan  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Kaden, Kylie & Kalynn Fikac  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Aaron & Renee Bradicich, Andrea Villegas

### USHERS:

**5:00 pm** - James Hill, Norman Schoener  
**7:30 am** - Gary Priby, Patrick Pribyl  
**10:00 am** - Kenny Spann, Howard Bludau



## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**2nd Collection: St Vincent de Paul "Black Bag"**  
+ FEB. 27 LAST DAY TO BRING OLD BLESSED PALMS +

### TUESDAY - 5:30 pm - Burning of the Palms

Immediately following the Service we will have a  
Fat Tuesday meal in our Parish Hall (the basement)

### ASH WEDNESDAY - 8:00 am & 5:30 pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

**Special Coll:** Aid to Churches of Central & Eastern Europe  
**RCIA 7:00 pm - R.E. Bldg.**

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

**5:30 pm - Mass** [World Day of Prayer]

### 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

### 6:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper:

Prepared & served by members of the Holy Name Society

### SATURDAY - 10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service- Fr Phi

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

**BAPTISMS:** Olivia Grace & Alaina Gabriel Robbins  
after 5:00 pm Mass

### SUNDAY- 1st Sunday of Lent - Almsgiving: Rice Bags

**2nd Collection: Building Maint/Repair**

*Weekly Offering*

**WEEKEND of 02- 18/19 -17 Count - 466**

**Total Operating Income.....\$ 3,252.04**

**2nd Collection:...(SOLT Appeal).....\$ 2,830.53**

**Extra Envp.....(Altar Server Educ Fund)....\$ 234.00**

**Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.**

### DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tina Moya, Cheryl Barker, Amy Bernhard,  
Amy Jo Wuest, Jewell Correll, Baby Rachel Wiesner,  
Shirley Coghlan, Cecilia Edwards, Kite Bomersbach,  
Luke Wenske, JoAnn Hough, Betty Escheveste,  
Clifton Lau, Dora Schilhab, Ann Hagel,  
Fr. John Kollannur, Mary Ann Leblanc, Ben Mikulik, Jr,  
Patsy Wieland, Mimi Waida and Fr. Frank Lenz



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

Feb 26 GOF Class  
Mar 5 GOF Class—1st Sunday of Lent  
Mar 12 No GOF Spring Break  
Mar 19 No GOF Spring Break  
Mar 26 GOF Class



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**  
At the 10:00 am Mass Howard & Janet Book will take possession and continue our prayers. **NEXT** to take possession on March 4th at the 5:00 pm Mass is Joe & Suzie Ryan.



To assist you on your Lenten spiritual journey *The Little Black Book* is available on the table at the back of the church. **Cost of the booklet is a freewill love donation.**



2017 at OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**In preparation for Ash Wednesday** we will be introducing a new Service. Going forward from this year, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we will have **The Burning of the Palms**. Plan to come to church at 5:30 pm for this beautiful service. We will follow it with the traditional "Fat Tuesday" supper in anticipation of the next day's Fast & Abstinence.

- <> 3/1/2017 = **ASH WEDNESDAY: 8 am and 5:30 pm** = Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- <> Six extra opportunities to celebrate Mass/Communion: 3/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and 4/7 at 5:30 pm.
- <> **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** for six Fridays at 6:00 pm
- <> Lenten **SOUP SUPPERS** on six Fridays at 6:30 pm

**Save the Dates**

**MARCH 26 - 29, 2017**

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

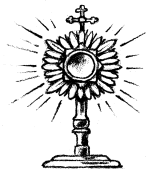
**Check your Bulletin weekly for more information.**

**Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Thank you for the warm welcome and generous support for the SOLT missions. Through our baptism we all share in this great work of bringing the Good News to others. May God bless you for all the ways you witness Christ to others and encourage those around you to live their faith. Thank you for welcoming me and supporting the work of SOLT through your prayers, consideration of a volunteer opportunity and financial help. Be assured of my prayers for you. In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
*Fr. Peter Marsalek, SOLT*

**Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**  
The Ash Wednesday Collection will be to help **restore the Church and build the future** in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee). Thank you for the generosity.

**NEXT First Friday: ADORATION**



**OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**March 3rd - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**  
This year today is designated as  
**World Day of Prayer.**

Come join your prayers with the world's.

**FIRST SATURDAY - MARCH 4, 2017**

**10:00AM MASS & HEALING SERVICE**

Come join us at Our Lady of Lourdes as  
**Fr. Phi Nguyen-Chaplain, IWBS Convent,**  
*celebrates*  
**Mass and Healing Prayer**



**NEWS FROM ALL AROUND**

**ALL YOUR PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER ARE WAITING FOR YOU at the Sisters gift shop.....** Shop for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and all occasions at the **Incarnate Word Religious Goods Shop**, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX. M-F 8:30a-4:30p & Sat. 9:30a-3:30p.

**Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Blessing, Texas** will sponsor **ANNUAL FISH FRY-AUCTION-RAFFLE on Sun. March 12, 2017 at St. Peter's Church Parish Hall.** Serving from 10:30a till 1:00p Plates \$10 & includes dessert/drink.

**CDA GAMES PARTY, St. Joseph's, Inez, TX- Sunday March 5th from 1-5 pm in the CCD Hall.** Donation \$8. per person. Bring players & games. Door prizes, raffle, etc. Chicken Spaghetti dinner. Reservations required. Contact Kathy 575-3559, Donna 361-935-3890, or Karen 550-5183

**Lead Me Retreat - God's Embrace Ministries** invites you to attend this retreat to be held at God's Embrace Retreat Center located at 1601 High Hill Rd. Schulenburg, TX. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat weekend begins 5 pm Friday, March 24, and concludes Sunday March 26 with 12:30 pm Mass held at St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill. Open to couples and singles. Call 979-561-8883. Space limited.

**St Joseph High School OPEN ENROLLMENT** for grades 9-12--space is limited! Campus tours Mon-Thurs 10a - 2p. Contact Jen Korinek to schedule tour, 573-2446x217 or [jkorinek@stjvictoria.com](mailto:jkorinek@stjvictoria.com). Visit [STJvictoria.com/admissions](http://STJvictoria.com/admissions)

**CATHOLIC FAITH IN ACTION ADVOCACY DAY 2017**

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the **Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day,** on **April 4, 2017 at the Texas Capitol in Austin.**

Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join with thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. If you are interested in participating, call Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at 361-573-0828. For more information email: [chancellor@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:chancellor@victoriadiocese.org) or visit our website at: <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day>