

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?*
— Psalm 27:1

Masses for
the Week



SUNDAY - February 21 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy
10:00 am - †Gianna & †Walter Gillig

MONDAY - February 22 - The Chair of
8:00 am - Rick Snow † *St Peter the Apostle*

TUESDAY - February 23 - St Polycarp, Bishop,
8:00 am - Catherine E. Palmer † *Martyr*

WEDNESDAY - February 24
8:00 am - Janet Hartwick †

THURSDAY - February 25
8:00 am - Tina Moya: for healing

FRIDAY - February 26 **ABSTINENCE**
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
5:30 pm - Irene Matula: for healing
6:00 pm - STATIONS of the CROSS - followed by SOUP SUPPER
Prepared by: OLL CHOIR MINISTRY

SATURDAY - February 27
8:00 am - Julia Ann Kalinowski †
5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

SUNDAY - February 28 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 am - Vivian Strelczyk †
10:00 am - Gene Jolly †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1[3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36
Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

NEXT WEEKEND - February 27 & 28

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION**

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Diedra Kalina, Norman Schoener
Volunteer, Volunteer
Sun. 7:30 am - Lawrence Yanta, Stephanie Holt
Jimmy/Patsy Whitaker
Sun. 10:00 am - Pat Pooley, Bud Tucker
Donna Maxey, Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS:

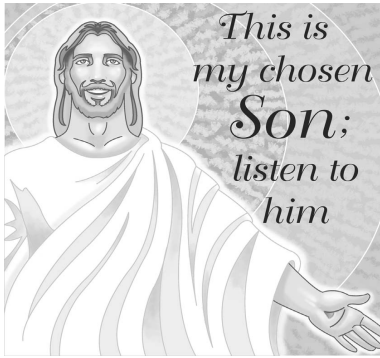
Sat 5:00 pm - Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Sun 7:30 am - Braydon Manning, S.Holt, S.Goslin/JC Foster
Sun 10:00 am - Caleb, Olivia, Maddie Urbano

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):

Patty Pantel & Volunteer



SUNDAY - 2nd Sunday of Lent
Weekly Stewardship +
Lenten Almsgiving (Rice Bowl)
MONDAY - Altar Society meeting
- 6:30 pm - Church Hall
WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A.
- 7:00 pm - Rel. Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY

Masses: **8:00 am & 5:30 pm**
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
followed by a *Lenten Soup Supper*
prepared by: **OLL Choir Ministry**

SATURDAY

Boy Scouts of America
Ten Commandment Hike - Downtown Victoria
11:10 am - will visit 9th Commandment at OL Lourdes Church
SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Lent
1st Collection: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: StVdP Charity "Black Bag"

Jubilee Year of Mercy

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Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).


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THANK YOU *Your Generosity is Appreciated*
ASH WEDNESDAY 02/10/16 Count - 301
Spec. Collect: (Aid to Chrc; Cntr/EstrnEurp)... \$ 735.00
WEEKEND of 02-13/14-16 Count - 491
Envelopes..... \$ 2,237.00
Loose..... 835.50
Other Donations..... 830.00
Holy Day.....(Ash Weds.)..... 364.00
Total Operating Income..... \$ 4,266.50
2nd Collection:.....(D. S. A.)..... \$ 905.25
Lenten Almsgiving.....(Rice Bowl)..... \$ 320.67


Please Pray for Our Sick.....

Tina Moya, Betty Eceveste, Cheryl Barker, Carolyn Goldman, Johnnie Ressman, Amy Wuest, Frances Le June, Fr. Dan Morales, and Cecilia Edwards.



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

Feb 21 - GOF Class
 Feb 28 - GOF Class
 Mar 6 - GOF Class
 Mar 13 - No Class: Spring Break
 Mar 20 - GOF Class & Palm Sunday
 Mar 27 - No Class: Easter *Alleluia!*




40 Cans for Lent

What are you giving up for Lent this season? Consider giving up a CAN of food each DAY for “40 Cans for Lent” Many people are faced with hunger. Through the **Food for Families** program, the *Knights of Columbus* are in a position to help. For those wishing to donate, simply drop off your canned good or non-perishable item here at church. There will be drop boxes located at the back of the church. Need more information? Please call 361-649-9556 or email donaldkc1329@gmail.com.

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

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 7:30 am Mass, the **Fikac** family of Mike, Tammy, Kaden, Kylee and Kalynn will take possession and continue our prayers.



BEST LENT EVER

DynamicCatholic.com announces its *Best Lent Ever* program, based on Matthew Kelly’s *Rediscover Jesus*. It is available to every parish and every parishioner, at no cost, and is the perfect opportunity to experience a transformative Lent. Here is how it works: Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at **DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver**. You will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a team member who guides them through the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus*. You will discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus and your best Lent ever.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA meets each Wednesday
 7 pm-9pm ~ in the Rel Ed Bldg.

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

If a parishioner would like to receive *The Catholic Lighthouse*, call 573-0828, e-mail lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org, or visit www.victoriadiocese.org. Click on Subscription under *TCL* tab to submit an online form.

FREE ... Our Sunday Visitor now has a **FREE APP** for your phone for the **YEAR OF MERCY**. The app includes Daily reflections on mercy, **YEAR OF MERCY** resources, and many more. Visit the iTunes or Google Play Stores to install the app today!!

News Around Town

Bishop Cahill Lent Video Messages - Now available for sharing and viewing on Diocesan Facebook page and website. Every Monday of Lent a new message will be added. Please share them.

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be held Feb. 21st from 8:30am until sold out. Prices: \$8/chicken or 3/\$22. Spanish rice & beans available for \$1.50/pint. Location is Airline at BenWilson. There’s also a CDA BAKE SALE. **Catholic Daughters Court St. Ann #369** will be having a BAKE SALE on Sunday, Feb. 21st, in conjunction with BBQ. There’s a variety of homemade breads, kolaches, pies and cakes.

OPEN ENROLLMENT for new students wishing to attend **Nazareth Academy Catholic School** begins **Tuesday, Feb. 22**. Registration forms and information are available at nazarethacademy.org or contact the school office at 361-573-6651.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL New Student Registration will be held **Tuesday, Feb. 23** for OLV Parishioners; **Wednesday, Feb. 24** for All Other Students 8:30a -3:00p both days in the School Gym. For more info. call the school office at 575-5391.

God’s Embrace Ministry: Upcoming Events at Little Chapel of St Mary, 1601 HighHill Rd, Schulenburg, TX is offering a **SEMINAR SERIES** directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca, 9am-4pm. **February 27 - Practicing the Presence of God;** **March 19 - The Mass;** **April 2 - Catholic Family Life;** **April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing** **RETREAT: March 11-13** - Spiritual Renewal Cntr, Victoria, **“God’s Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection”** For more information call 979-561-8883 or email info@godsembrace.org

SOLEMN LENTEN VESPERS: Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20, 5:00 pm -5:45 pm. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. Evening Praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Location Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, TX. <http://www.iwbsvictoria.org> **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** AmorMeus offers opportunities for guidance and discussion of one’s spiritual journey with experienced spiritual directors. Call for appt. 361-575-7111 **GUIDED ONE DAY RETREAT:** March 5, 2016 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Theme: “The Challenge of Letting Go” Pre-senter: Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS. To register, call 361-575-7111

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Emmaus Center, is seeking part-time volunteer support to fill morning, afternoon, or evening hours currently not covered by our volunteer receptionists. If you are looking for administrative experience in health care, this is a great opportunity for your resume. Considering a future in becoming a Catholic counselor, this could help you to discern what it might be like to work in a counseling center. Seeking to fill your days with meaningful and rewarding opportunities, then consider spending some time volunteering with great counselors and staff in a faith filled environment. If you are interested in volunteering as a receptionist, call John at 361-212-0830 or email him at jlenihan@victoriadiocese.org.