

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018**

The LORD tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

**Masses for
the Week**



SUNDAY - February 4- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Winfred Kainer †
10:00 am - Julia Anne Kalinowski †
11:30 am - Vietnamese Community-Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant

MONDAY - February 5 - St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
8:00 am - Barbara Love Minton †

TUESDAY - Feb 6 - St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

WEDNESDAY - February 7
8:00 am - Carolyn Goldman †

THURSDAY- Feb 8 - St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita
8:00 am - Veronica Pahmiyer †

FRIDAY - February 9
8:00 am - Mary Ann LeBlanc †

SATURDAY - February 10 - St Scholastica, Virgin
8:00 am - Jerome Krenek †
5:00 pm - Lillie Novak †

SUNDAY - February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31— 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

NEXT WEEKEND - February 10 & 11

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION**

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lori Ballard, STANDBY x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Joy Loest, STANDBY
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Jimmy/Patsy Whitaker

STANDBY
James Novak
Edie Wilson/Johnston

ALTAR SERVERS:

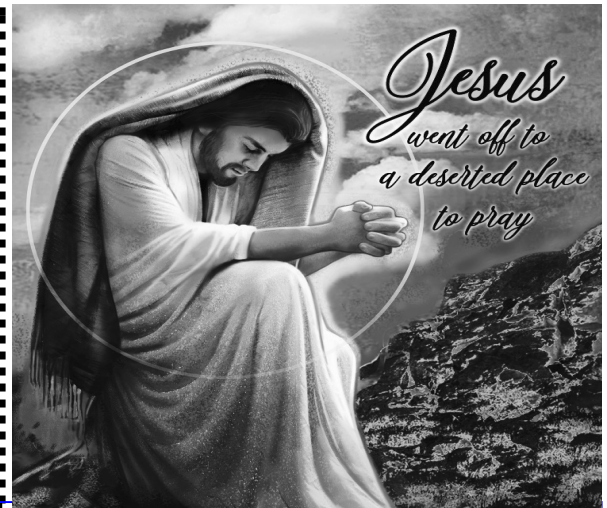
Sat 5:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun 7:30 am - Clayton Easley, Joshua Zeplin, Standby
Sun 10:00 am - Allison & Ross Nunley, Jace Stevens

USHERS:

5:00 pm - M John, F Motal, R Dominguez
7:30 am - F Marbach, J Novak, M Fikac
10:00 am - K Spann, AR Schoener, H Raska

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SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Collection/Envlp: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs/Maint
TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass
WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - RE Bldg - 7 pm
FRIDAY - Parish Social Night
SATURDAY- Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Collection/Envlp: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: D.S.A.

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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| <i>Weekly Offering</i> | WEEKEND of 1-27/28-18 | Count - 534 |
| | Total Operating Income..... | \$ 4,310.50 |
| | ExtrEnvlpCollection:...(StVdP Black Bag).... | \$ 1,035.50 |
| | Special Collection Evlps:...(Church in Latin Amer.).... | \$ 96.00 |
| | CCE Registration..... | \$ 45.00 |
| Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated. | | |

\$\$\$ PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK \$\$\$

Tina Moya, Clifton Lau, Cecilia Edwards, Mimi Waida, Mary Ruth Kainer, James Rung, Tom Goslin, Michael Berger, Lawrence Yanta, Sue Rivera, Paul Tasin, Cheryl Blaylock, Mary Ann Bernhard, Matt Brown, Wade Shumbera, Cole Ohrt & Cody Arnold

Coming Soon



Ash Wednesday - Feb 14th

LENT begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**.

Ashes used on this day are from the Blessed Palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday.

The time is **now** for the collection of old Blessed Palms. Bring them to church or to the Rectory. The palms will be collected in preparation for the **Service of the Burning of the Palms** prior to Ash Wednesday. Stay tuned for more details.

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. You may place your sacrificial contribution weekly into the designated bags that will be passed at the Masses during Lent. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need.

PREVIEW.... OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

- ⇒ **BURNING OF PALMS**
- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- ⇒ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- ⇒ **FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS**

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS

are available the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month at **6:00 pm** in the Religious Education Bldg. Instructions are for those parents and sponsors of upcoming Baptisms who have not already been through the process. To register please call 361-575-3813.

Continuing Christian Education - CCE Religious Education Classes Contacts

Martha Nichols - 571-0337 - marthan60@hotmail.com
Tammy Fikac - 361-573-1179 tgfikac@yahoo.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

"My soul longs for you, O God." (Ps 42.2)

COME AND JOIN A PROCESS OF ENCOUNTER WITH OUR LOVING AND MERCIFUL GOD WHO WELCOMES YOU TO HIS FAMILY

Contact Sr Miriam, MCSH, at sistermiriam@lourdesvictoria.org or 575-3813

Victoria Gabriel Project

Monthly Meeting ~ Everyone is welcome!

Tue. February 13th - 101 W Convent Street, Victoria
Pot Luck supper 6:30 PM ~ Meeting 7PM
Guest Speaker Sr. Frances Cabrini

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

CDA Court #369 will meet on Mon. February 5, 2018, at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prayer will precede the meeting at 6:10. Remember the items for the basket for St. Mary's Festival. New members welcome.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Victoria, TX invites all to PARISH FESTIVAL, Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Victoria Community Center. Serving at 11am to 1:30pm a meal of Roast Beef & Gravy, and trimmings. Live Auction, Bingo, Cake Wheel, Country Store, Concessions etc. Raffle tickets available at the Church office and at Festival

Holy Family Altar Society is sponsoring and invites all to a LENTEN MINI-RETREAT at Holy Family in Victoria, the morning of February 10th. Day begins with Mass at 8am and concludes with lunch served at noon. Fr. Patrick Knippenberg will lead the retreat, in St Peter's Hall. There is no fee. Please RSVP by message at 361-576-6508.

GAMES PARTY hosted by Holy Family ALTAR SOCIETY Thursday, February 22, 2018, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Activity Center. \$7 adm. Door prizes, Food, Raffle, Silent Auction and lots of Fun. Reservations: Margaret B. 361-575-4997; Betty F. 361-573-5850

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Amor Meus Spirituality Center- Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 NE Water St.

- **LENTEN VESPERS:** February, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018. Vespers is the Evening Prayer of the Church and consists of praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day, and offering praise to God; Concludes with Benediction. 5 - 5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 7-8pm. This is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes song, reflection, readings, etc. (Park in back.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DEGREE CEREMONIES

A major **degree initiation**, including **1st, 2nd & 3rd** Degrees for the membership will be held on **Sat February 17, 2018** at Holy Family Church, Victoria. It is an opportunity for new members to go through all 3 degrees in Victoria. For details, contact Bob S, 573-6495 or Ted S, 573-9297.

An Exemplification for the Fourth Degree membership in the Knights of Columbus will be held **Saturday, February 24, 2018** at Holy Family Church, Victoria. For details contact Charles B. 573-1406 or 676-7766; Richard M. 936-522-6559; or Stephen L. 212-2987. **Deadline for Fourth Degree applications locally is February 1, 2018.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Victoria has an opening in the Office of Transportation. A HS Diploma or GED is required with at least 3 years of Administrative support, knowledge, and skills. Contact Melissa Salinas, Director of Human Resources at msalinas@victoriadiocese.org for details. **Application deadline is February 16, 2018**

The **Emmaus Center** would like to begin offering **support groups** in the next month, and is **seeking input from parishes** in order to **prioritize which groups are needed the most**. Please call 361-212-0830 to let them know if there is a group that interests you. Some topics considered are: depression, anxiety, weight loss/healthy living, and grief.
