



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

- 1) Wisdom 9:13-18b
- 2) Philemon 9-10, 12-17
- 3) Luke 14:25-33

**FOCUS:** We are to take up our cross and follow Jesus each day.

Jesus taught throughout his life that to live as his disciples, we must take up our cross each day and follow him. Doing so requires that we love him above all other people and things in our lives. It also requires a willingness to let go of anything that may hinder us in growing in our love for the Lord.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first reading encourages us to keep our minds on God, not on worldly concerns. In the second reading, Paul sends Onesimus back to his owner Philemon, with the hope that Philemon will take him back not as a slave but as a brother. Today's Gospel reminds us that faithful discipleship requires taking up our cross each day and following Jesus.

Readings for the following Sunday:

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 3) Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF AUGUST 20-21**

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,162.50
Loose Collection.....	\$ 680.11
On-line giving.....	\$ 135.00
Total.....	\$4,977.61

**DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers	Emily Janak	573-1874
Altar Society	Stella Silva	550-0387
Baptism Prep.	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Bereavement Group	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
Vacation Bible School	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
Disciples on the Journey	Pam Fanelli	578-1145
Festival Committee Chairs	Kevin & Joan Pfister	576-9638
Funeral Meals	Adele Donalson	573-4455
Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Marriage Prep Focuss	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Natural Family Planning	Annie & David Coffey	579-8464
Adoration Chapel	Germaine Wearden	235-1812
Quilters	Jo Ann Bone	578-7629
RCIA	Sr. Frances Cabrini	573-5304
Religious Education	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Rentals	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
St. Vincent De Paul Society	Faye Culak	649-0614
Wedding Coordinator	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Weekly Rosary & Divine Mercy Cenacle	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk**  
**The St. Mary's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a nonprofit organization that helps those living in poverty, will participate in the 8th Annual Friends of the Poor® Walk on September 10th. All proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people served by St. Mary's SVdP. Anyone interested in making a pledge to this event can visit [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org) or contact any SVdP member directly. Conference members are: Faye Culak, Dee Garza, Judy Jabbour, Carol Wisdom, Paul Janacek, Stephanie Dempsey, Mindy Gonzalez, Denise Gainer and Richard Evans.**

**2017 Festival**

Donations for our 2017 Festival Raffle are now being accepted. Prizes or cash donations will be accepted. The Parish Festival will be on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017. Everyone is invited to the next Festival planning meeting 9-12-16 at 7:00pm in Activity Center AV room

**RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing one's Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), please contact the parish office.

Please contact Fr. Dominic or Sr. Frances Cabrini if you would like to attend.

- 1. Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Introduction, Welcome, RCIA process (all) 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in the AV room at St. Mary's parish hall.
- 2. Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Ch the Revelation of God ( DVD Lesson )

Please complete the form and put in the basket on Sunday or drop by or send to the Church Office.

\_\_\_ unbaptized wishing to become Christian  
 \_\_\_ baptized in another tradition who want to know more about the Catholic faith  
 \_\_\_ adult, baptized Catholic, who want to be received into the full communion with the Church.  
 \_\_\_ Catholic who want to share faith with a person on the journey of faith.  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**CCD NEWS:**

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS: Sept. 7. 5:30-7:30pm at St. Mary's Activity Center** - Anyone wanting to teach, aide or help with child's class must attend. Call TODAY to register and do pre-class paper work. Call 361-676-0707 or email [safeenv@stmvictoria.org](mailto:safeenv@stmvictoria.org) for Iris Garcia Leos. Any questions, call the Rectory 361-573-4328 or Diana Starnes 361-550-9533.  
**Class Time:** 6:00 – 7:15 pm Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

**DIOCESE OF VICTORIA XXIX ANNUAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**  
**ALL ADULT CATHOLICS ARE INVITED TO THIS CONFERENCE.**

The theme is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed" which will be in English and Spanish. It will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Holy Family, Wharton, TX Keynote Speakers are Most Reverend Brendan Cahill, Charleen Katra of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Rita Martinez: Loyola Press For more information, contact the Catechetical Office, (361) 573-0828 or visit [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

" Fr. Dan wishes to thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers. His spirits are high and his hope is firm. He continues to weaken daily, having trouble walking, and it's difficult for him to eat as well. He is no longer able to leave the house for Masses but some of the priests have been celebrating Mass for him in the rectory. His family has also been providing lots of support, spending much of every weekend with him. So don't worry if you see a lot of cars at the rectory - it's just Fr. Dan's family trying to spend as much time as they can with him. Please continue your prayers for him as he enters these stages of his life's journey." Lots of Love - Prayers Always,

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

will sponsor a half-day retreat on Tuesday, Sept. 20th in the St. Mary's Activity Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:25 a.m. Men and women from all parishes are welcome. Lunch will be served after the 12:00 noon Mass There is no charge to attend. Please make your reservation by Friday, September 16th to Evelyn Dierlam at 361-652-4842 or Stella Silva (361) 550-0387. St. Mary's Altar Society **first meeting, after the summer break** will be on Monday Sept. 12, at 2:00p.m. in the hall. New Members and Guest are welcome. The Altar Society donated \$6,500.00 toward the Building Fund. Also \$500 toward the Festival for the Raffle. And \$1,530.65 for altar wine, oil and altar breads

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Will be Sun. Sept. 18 from 2-5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register by noon on the Friday before the Sunday of the Class

**Saint Pio Prayer Group** will meet the second Saturday of September with Mass at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel followed by prayers in St. Mary's Activity Center AV Room. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
 5:00 p.m. Carol Wisdom  
**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel  
 10:30 a.m. Clem Cantu

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
 5:00 p.m. Carmen Galvan, Judy Jabbour, Emily Migl, Mary Ann Innocenti  
**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Howard Pagel, David & Beatriz Johnson, Libby Ramiez  
 10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister, Dee Garza, Cynthia Brewer

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
 5:00 p.m. Anthony & Gabby Galvan  
**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Luke Hernandez  
 10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
 5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Steve & Lorraine Hebert  
**Sunday, Sept. 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Paul Janacek, Stella Silva, Robert Koenig  
 10:30 a.m. Beverly Fox, Greg Brewer, Carolyn McConnell, Laszlo Nemes

**PARISH CHOIR: regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church.**

**QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER** will meet on Thursday, Sept 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

**Altar Care for September will be - Lorraine Hebert & Eunice Dove**

**On September 17, 2017** from 9:30AM to 3:30PM at Amor Meus Spirituality Center 1101 N.E. Water St. Victoria, TX, Sister Roselle Hass, cn, from the 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

**On September 24, 2016**, Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS will present "Tools for the Spiritual Journey," a workshop-retreat at Amor Meus Retreat Center 1101 N.E. Water St. from 9:00 AM to noon. Come and learn about spiritual direction, day retreats, overnight-directed retreats, journaling, various ways to pray, and how to deepen a personal love-relationship with God. For more information, call [361- 575- 7111](tel:361-575-7111), visit [www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org), or email [amormeus@yahoo.com](mailto:amormeus@yahoo.com)

**The Adoration Chapel and the Parish Office will be closed on Mon. Sept. 5 for Labor Day.**

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**Saturday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great**  
 7:00 †T. C. Kolle  
 5:00 †Freda Kolle

**Sunday, Sept. 4, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 Intentions of Marie Immenhauser  
 10:30 People of the Parish

**Monday, September 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention Johnnie Raab  
 †Norma Jean Hudler

**Tuesday, September 6**  
 6:30 †James T. Meletio  
 12:05 †Anthony Innocenti

**Wednesday, September 7**  
 6:30 †Ernest G. Covarrubias  
 9:30 †Ellen Vickery - Twin Pines Nursing Home  
 12:05 Parish Special Intention

**Thursday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 6:30 Sister Mary Juroske  
 8:10 †Jigger Yaklin- Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy  
 12:05 †Sharon West Bauer

**Friday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver**  
 6:30 †Matthew Bednorz  
 12:05 †Glenda Sala

**Saturday, September 10**  
 7:00 Intention of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters  
 5:00 †Marjorie Stefka

**Sunday, September 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 People of the Parish  
 10:30 †Sam Hajek



**To Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero, Texas 90th Annual Jamaica 2016, Sept. 4** at the parish hall ground 207 Graham - Cuero. BBQ

Dinner \$10.00  
**To 95th Annual Shiner Catholic Church Fall Picnic**, at Knights of Columbus Park, Sun. Sept. 4, dinner 10:30- 2:00 \$10.00/plate. Free music 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., auction.  
**To Sacred Heart Parish 134rd Annual Fall Picnic**, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville, Sun. Sept. 4 dinner beginning at 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult tickets \$9:00 And children \$4.50. Music, Auction, Bingo  
**To St. Mary's, Nada, Annual Festival & Homecoming** at the Nada Community Center on Sun. Sept. 4, BBQ And Sausage Dinner serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00 and children under 12 \$5.00.  
**To St. John Bosco Catholic Church's Annual Festival** on Sun. Sep. 4 at the Trinity Family center in Vanderbilt. Grilled Port Steaks, Sausage and all the trimming will begin at 11:00 a.m. All plates \$10.00  
**To St. Joseph Catholic Church 143rd Annual Picnic**, Sun. Sept. 11, Inez Community Center. Serving Fried chicken, BBQ Brisket & Sausage with trimmings starting at 11:00 a.m. All plates \$9.00.  
**To Holy Cross Festival**, Yorktown Community Hall, Sun. Sept. 11, Dinner BBQ shoulder clod & Homemade Sausage with trimmings. \$10.00 adult plate, serving starts at 10:30.  
**to Knights of Columbus Council #4307 in Blessing** Shrimp Etouffe and Gumbo meal Sun. Sept. 11 at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Serving starts at 11 a.m. A large bowl with dessert and beverage \$9.00 Proceeds benefit High School Senior Academic Scholarships.