



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Isaiah 58:7-10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 5:13-16

**FOCUS:** We are called to be salt and light for others.

As we continue in ordinary time, we are challenged to see it as a blessed opportunity to share and witness to others through the daily events of life. We are to be a light for others – illuminating the way, and salt for others – giving flavor to their lives: drawing them closer to God through the witness of our lives.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, Isaiah reminds us that in showing concern and love for others, we are like a light for all people – a light that radiates the very glory of God. Saint Paul explains that real faith comes from the power of God and not mere human reason. In the Gospel, Jesus uses two powerful images to describe true discipleship: salt and light.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Sirach 15:15-20
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- 3) Matthew 5:17-37  
 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF JANUARY 21-22**

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,054.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 563.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 135.00
Total.....	\$7,752.00

**RCIA (the Rite CCD NEWS: of Christian Initiation of Adults)**  
**The sessions are held in the AV Room of St. Mary's Activity Center from 7:00 -8:30 p.m.**

- Tues., Feb. 7, 2017 - Life issues.  
 Tues., Feb. 14, 2017 - The Creed (Richard Evans)

**Grief Group:** An on-going Grief Group meets at Holy Family Catholic Church, in the Conference Room, at 7:00 pm, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Before attending please call Sharon at 578-7572.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369** will meet on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prayer will precede the meeting at 6:10. Members are reminded that Secret Pals will be revealed at this meeting. Also, don't forget the items for the basket for St. Mary's Festival. New members are always welcome.

**Disciples on the Journey**

Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The *Disciples on the Journey* Lenten booklet will soon be available for purchase at the rectory for \$2.50. The booklet will help you enliven your personal relationship with God by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday's readings throughout Lent, gain new insights through the commentary and discussion questions, and discover new ways to live better as Jesus' disciples in daily life as well. You may continue to share this faith experience as in past years with a small group of parishioners, as a family group in your own home, or as an individual. Additional information about *Disciples on the Journey*, as well as free downloads for families with young children or teens in English and Spanish, are available at this website: [www.disciplesonthejourney.org](http://www.disciplesonthejourney.org).



**Holy Family Altar Society** will host a Games arty in the Holy Family Activity Center, 704 Mallette Drive on February 16, from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$ 7.00 per person. There will be door prizes, food, a raffle and a silent auction. For reservations, call: Margaret Beekler 575-4997, Betty Frederick 573-5850, Raunda Janssen 576-3739

**2017 FESTIVAL UPDATE- \*2-12-17 ST. MARY'S FESTIVAL\***

Our Church Festival is almost here. [We would like to invite you to come and help in the following areas if you are able and available.](#) Looking forward to a great day of food, fun and visiting. Please consider a donation to the live or silent auction. Items are being accepted at the church office during regular business hours. Please contact Maggie Schaar if you have questions. 212-2452

**Jewelry** -- Check your jewelry box for your donations to the Jewelry Booth. Bring in your donations as soon as possible, or at least by the Wed. Feb. 8. Call Rose Curtis at 578-6230

**Bingo Prizes-** We are accepting Bingo prizes (\$5.00 limit), only non-perishable food items please. Bring your prizes to the Rectory. For more information call Lupe Salinas at 573-5617 or Dee Garza at 573-7208. The areas that could benefit from some help are as follows:

**Jewelry Booth-** Rose Curtis-578-6230

**Plant Booth-**Cathy Fojtik-894-4677

**Jackie Marek-** Plates to Go-578-2015

**GAMES:** new stuffed animals for animal rescue, new toys for toy walk, small toys/prizes for fish pond, and 2 liter sodas for ring toss are needed. If you don't have time to shop, monetary donations greatly appreciated. Also, teen volunteers who would like to help run games please contact Marie Immenhauser 572-3863.

Please give them a call to assist with benefitting our St. Mary's at the Festival.

**Victoria Gabriel Project -Workshop & Training!**  
**Fellowship, Learning, & Discerning!**

**When:** Saturday, February 11 **What Time:** 9:00 am til 3:00

**Where:** GP Office, 101 W. Convent, Victoria, TX **Light Breakfast & Lunch served! Materials Provided! No Charge!**

**For more information contact:**

**Gilda Miller (361) 550-5092** [Gilda.miller4@yahoo.com](mailto:Gilda.miller4@yahoo.com)

**Please RSVP by: Wednesday, February 8**

**JUST A REMINDER!!!**

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month!

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 14 from 6:30-til 7

101 W. Convent St., Victoria, TX Lite Supper provided!

We would love to share this "awesome ministry" with you! Come learn and discern!!



**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, email: [chancellor@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:chancellor@victoriadiocese.org) or visit our website at: <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

**You are invited to Bloomington, Knights of Columbus #10751 Super Bowl Sunday,** Feb 5, chicken Barbecue plate \$9.00, 1/2 chicken with trimmings -potato salad, beans, cake or whole BBQ chicken \$9.00 starting at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington for orders on Sunday call Parish Hall 897-1398, Thomas Pribyl (512)657-1795 [pribatc@aol.com](mailto:pribatc@aol.com)

**Holy Family Catholic Church Altar Society** will host a Lenten mini-retreat on Sat. Feb. 25. it will begin with Mass at 8:00 am in the main church. The retreat will be in St. Peter Parish Hall following the end of Mass, with Father Scott Hill leading the Lenten retreat. **"REFLECTION ON SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY!"** All are welcome, Men and Women There is no fee for the retreat. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. In order to prepare enough food, we need you to please call and sign up with Jan Tisdale at 894-5059 or e-mail [jantis1@yahoo.com](mailto:jantis1@yahoo.com) or Betty Frederick 573-5850.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
 5:00 p.m. Jim Wearden  
**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Diana Starnes  
 10:30 a.m. Donald Shellenbarger

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
 5:00 p.m. Bertha McDowell, Henry Schramek, Denise Bednorz, Carmen Galvan  
**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Michael Cuellar, Silver & Emily Garza  
 10:30 a.m. Lucinda Cavazos, Clem Cantu, Corinne Copeland, David Janca

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
 5:00 p.m. Johnna, Juliet, Everett Rangnow  
**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauer  
 10:30 a.m. Thomas Copeland, Eduardo Rodriguez, Jakob Ward

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
 5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Larry & Linda Luna  
**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Leslie Smolik, David Johnson, Stella Silva  
 10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Greg & Pam Fanelli, John Cavazos

**PARISH CHOIR:** regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. **Choir practice for Lent & Easter services. Thursdays 5:30pm to 7:00pm In the church choir loft**

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

**Altar Care for February will be -** Margaret Clegg & Deborah Brugo

**CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm February 8, 15, 22**

2016 Contributions statements are available at the Church Office. Please call 573-4328 to request a statement or come by to obtain yours.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**-Will be Sun. Feb. 19 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.

**The Saint Pio Prayer Group** will meet the second Saturday of February 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.

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**Saturday, February 4**  
 7:00 †Simon Villarreal  
 5:00 Special Intention for our Country

**Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 †Elvira Buss  
 10:30 People of the Parish

**Monday, February 6, Saint Pual Miki**  
 6:30 †Alfred Horelka  
 12:05 †Jack Smith

**Tuesday, February 7**  
 6:30 †Mary Ann Ohrt  
 12:05 †Melvin Schrade (ANNIV)

**Wednesday, February 8**  
 6:30 †Leon & Lucille Cuellar  
 9:30 †Francis Boldt - La Villa Nursing Home  
 12:05 †Virginia M. Johnston

**Thursday, February 9**  
 6:30 †Robert Koliba  
 9:00 †Jimmie Culak- Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy  
 12:05 †Benito & Irene Menchaca

**Friday, February 10, Saint Scholastica**  
 6:30 †Lois Smith  
 12:05 †Bohumil Smolka

**Saturday, February 11**  
 7:00 †Thomas M. O'Connor  
 5:00 †Delaine Luna Wagner

**Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 People of the Parish  
 10:30 †Fred Buckert

Fr. Gabriel Bentil is the Spiritual Director for a  
**12 DAY SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE**  
 Assisi- Loreto- Lacinio- San Giovanni Rotondo  
 Monte Cassino- Santa Filomena – Rome  
 June 5-16-2017  
 \$3890.00 per person  
 Please contact Joyce Lehnert at 361-286-3784;  
 lenhart@tisd.net or Paul Mazoch at 361-677-9557 for  
 more information

Help is need from 9:00 to 10:30 on Wed. morning getting patients from their rooms to the chapel and back for Mass or a Prayer & Communion Service at Twin Pines Nursing Home Call the office at 573-4328 for more information.

**St. Mary's Altar Society**

Will meet on Monday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Guests and new members are always welcome  
**The Altar Society** invites you and your family to the Activity Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sun. Feb. 19 for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.