



ut whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**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

**FOCUS:** God gave us commandments because he loves and cares for his people.

Throughout human history, one of the norms that guided people was that their word was their bond. Although more people today feel free to not honor a commitment when it no longer suits them, we are called to live differently. For Jesus teaches clearly that our "yes" is to mean yes and our "no" is to mean no.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first reading exhorts us to freely choose to keep God's commandments, for they help keep our feet planted on the path to life. The second reading reminds us of the importance of seeking true wisdom from God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he has come to fulfill the law – not to abolish it. He came to show us how to live and love.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
- 3) Matthew 5:38-48

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF JANUARY 28-29**

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,504.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 996.83
On-line giving.....	\$ 785.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,285.83</b>

**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. 14, 2017 - The Creed (Richard Evans)
- Tues. Feb. 21, 2017 Beatitudes (Sr. Frances Cabrini)
- Purification and Enlightenment
- Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2107
- Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** Sunday, March 5, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. **Please note the time (2:00 p.m.) for the Rite of Election.** The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- Sun. March 19, 2017 First Scrutiny. Spring break March 13-17

**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
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Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Marriage Prep Foccus	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

**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.

**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 Party 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\***

**Welcome everyone families and friends of St. Mary's to our 2017 Parish Festival. We are happy you are with us to celebrate. Enjoy the Roast Beef meal and spend the day with us There will be Bingo, Bid Auction at 12:30, Silent Auction, Country Store, Cake Wheel, Plants, Food and Games booths**

**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.



**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, St. Theresa the Little Flower, Court #1350** of Edna is hosting a Divine Mercy Retreat on Sat. Feb. 18 at the Religious Education Center at 202 W. Cedar, Edna, Tx from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. (no fee). A light lunch will follow. Please RSVP to Margaret Fredrich at 361-782-2822 or Alice Figoiva at 361-550-6486 before Tuesday Feb.14. All are welcome.

**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.

**Church/Ecclesiology Course**

**Instructor: Bishop Brendan Cahill**  
**Tuesdays, February 21 – March 28, 2017**

**Early Registration is encouraged due to limited seating.** Mornings 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. or Evenings 7:00 – 9:15 p.m. This course will be taught at the Chancery in Victoria, and via distance learning to: Wharton, Mentz, Hallettsville, and Shiner \$20 per course. \$7.50 per book. Register & Pay online <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/extended-program-or> Call (361) 573-0828 for more information.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb. 18

5:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, Feb. 19

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris

10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brewer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, Feb. 18

5:00 p.m. Deacon Koenig, Becky Coleman, Emily Migl, Joan Sasaki

Sunday, Feb. 19

8:00 a.m. Deacon Koenig, David & Beatriz Johnson, Diana Pagel

10:30 a.m. Deacon Koenig, Kevin & Joan Pfister, Dee Garza

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, Feb. 18

5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman

Sunday, Feb. 19

8:00 a.m. Mariah Alexa & Gianna Morris

10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, Feb. 18

5:00 p.m. Steve & Lorraine Hebert, Bobby & Barbara Baca

Sunday, Feb. 19

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica Paul Janacek, Loyd & Georgia West

10:30 a.m. Beverly Fox, Laszlo Nemes, Greg Brewer, Carolyn McConnell

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 16 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 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.

Victoria Gabriel Project JUST A REMINDER!!!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month! Next Meeting Tuesday, February 14 from 6:30-til ? 101 W. Convent St., Victoria, TX Lite Supper provided! We would love to share this "awesome ministry" with you! Come learn and discern!!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Liturgy Intentions For The Week



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

Monday, February 13

6:30 †Nora Morgan

12:05 †Jim Culak

Tuesday, February 14, Saints Cyril & Methodius

6:30 †Annie Orsak

12:05 †Edward Miller

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 †Adeline Hermes

9:30 †Madlyn Pargac - Twin Pines Nursing Home

12:05 †Sharon West Bauer

Thursday, February 16

6:30 †Ann Motal

9:00 †Jerry Patton - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy

12:05 †Yvonne J. Mauer

Friday, February 17

6:30 †Charles Moody

12:05 †Deacon A. R. Wearden - Debra Hampton

Saturday, February 18

7:00 Sister Bernarda Bludau

5:00 †Michael Low

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 †James Gaffney

10:30 People of the Parish

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.

OLV 2017-2018 New Student Registration

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School's 2017-2018 New Student Registration for Pre-K3 through 8th Grade will be held on Wednesday, February 15 for OLV Parishioners and Thursday, February 16 for All Other Students 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. both days. For more information, call the school office at 575-5391 or visit www.ourladyvictory.org.

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be Id February 19th from 8:30 am until sold out. NOTE: selling will not start until 8:30. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans are available for \$1.50 per pint. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. For info, call the hall Sunday morning at 575-9214. NOTE: There will also be a bake sale in conjunction with the BBQ. Lots of delectable items!

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night.

Every Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00pm; Bingo Games 7:30pm until 10:00pm \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.