



So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

FOCUS: As we are loved and forgiven by God, we are to love and forgive others.

God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to win our salvation and reveal the way we need to live, that we might come to share eternal life in heaven. The teachings of Jesus make it clear that God loves us without limit, and is ever-willing to forgive. Thus, to walk in God's way of love we must strive to love all people, including our enemies, and be willing to forgive.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recalls Moses relaying to the people God's call to be holy by loving one's neighbor as oneself. The second reading reminds us that we are a temple of God, because the Holy Spirit resides within us. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples that they must love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Isaiah 49:14-15
- 2) 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- 3) Matthew 6:24-34

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF FEBRAURY 4-5

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,860.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 740.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 310.00
Total.....	\$8,910.00

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. 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

Disciples on the Journey

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. 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. Call the Parish Office 573-4328 to order your books

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 or visit our website at: <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.



FESTIVAL WINNERS

1. \$3,000 Visa Gift Card- Thomas Kurtz
2. \$2,000 Visa Gift Card – Henry Petrash
3. \$1,000 Visa Gift Card - Jacob Stone
4. \$500 Visa Gift Card - Joe Conti
5. \$300 H. E. B Gift Card - Felipe Rosales
6. \$200 Visa Gift Card -Lorraine Hebert
7. \$200 Visa Gift Card - Norma Posada
8. \$200 Visa Gift Card - Brady Holly
9. \$200 Visa Gift Card - Robert & Karen Allums
10. \$200 Visa Gift Card - Diana Miller
11. \$200 Visa Gift Card - Joe Heinold
12. \$100 Sonic Gift Card - Sandra Haeber
13. \$100 Visa Gift Card - Pam Fanelli
14. \$100 Visa Gift Card - Cole Loest
15. \$100 Visa Gift Card - Kelsey Vickery
16. \$100 Visa Gift Card - Gwen Schrade
17. \$100 Visa Gift Card - Sue Schaefer
18. \$100 Gift Card- Larry & Linda Luna

Dear St. Mary's Parish Family and Friends,

This year's festival was very enjoyable. We would like to thank each and everyone who came out and enjoyed a meal, activities, and the beautiful day at our festival. We would also like to thank **all** who contributed time, work, items, donations and participation of any kind. We especially would like to thank the 2017 festival chairpersons and their teams for their hard work toward our festival. Thank you Father Dominic, Father Gabriel, and Deacon Koenig for all of your support and prayers. We thank God and we thank you all for all you did, and for a wonderful day,

Peace, Love and Prayers, Kevin and Joan Pfister

The 2017 Festival Appreciation dinner is on 2-27-17 at 6:30pm in the Activity Center for all that helped in any way at the Festival. Desserts are welcome

Lenten Soup

On Fridays during Lent we have the following organization have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup. If you or your organization or group is interested in preparing and serving soup on a Friday call the rectory at 573-4328 so that we can schedule you for the Fridays of Lent.

- Mar. 3– St. Mary's Altar Society
- Mar. 10 - KJZT #101
- Mar. 17 –
- Mar. 24-
- Mar. 31 - CCD Program
- Apr. 7 -

We have an open date if someone or group or organization would like to make the soup call the parish office at 573-4328. Come share Friday during Lent with the Stations of the Cross (No Mass) at 6:00 p.m. in the Church with the Lenten Soup following.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

- Feb. 20-26 - Special Intention of Brice Driver
- Feb. 27-March 5 - In memory of Hazel Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer
- Mar. 6-12 - Special Intention of Karen Driver
- Mar. 13- 19- In memory of Hedwig Smolka by Frank Smolka
- Mar. 20 -27- In memory of Chad Slavik by Allen, Carol Tabitha & Chris Slavik

ADORATION CANDLE

- Feb. 20-26 - Special Intention of Spencer Driver
- Feb. 27- March 5 - Special Intention of Sandra Morris
- Mar. 6-12- In memory of Bessie Morris
- Mar. 13 - 19 - In memory of Bohumil Smolka by Frank Smolka
- Mar. 20-27 - In memory of Chad Slavik by Allen, Carol Tabitha & Chris Slavik

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 jantist1@yahoo.com or Betty Frederick 573-5850.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb. 25
 5:00 p.m. Denise Bednorz
Sunday, Feb. 26
 8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel
 10:30 a.m. Judy Gilley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, Feb. 25
 5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Innocenti, Adolph Hernandez,
 Richard & Karen Evans
Sunday, Feb. 26
 8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Libby Ramirez, Loyd &
 Georgia West
 10:30 a.m. Bertha McDowell, Clem Cantu, David Janca,
 Lucinda Cavazos

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, Feb. 25
 5:00 p.m. Luke Hernandez, John Paul Pilkington
Sunday, Feb. 26
 8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Zackry Kinnison
 10:30 a.m. Johnna, Juliet & Everett Rangnow

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, Feb. 25
 5:00 p.m. Larry & Linda Luna, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka
Sunday, Feb. 26
 8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Leslie Smolik, Paul Janacek, Stella
 Silva
 10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, John Cavazos, Linda Cantu

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 23 at
 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

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

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service: Tuesday,
 February 21, 2017 from 7:00 pm—8:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer is a meditative
 Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers,
 meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor
 Meus Prayer room. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St.
 Victoria - 361-575-7111. Please park in the back.

**CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm February 22 March 1, 8, 22, 29
 March 15th is Spring Break**

Incarnate Word Religious Goods Shop

All your preparations for Easter are waiting for you at the sisters gift shop.
 Shop for First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, RCIA and all
 occasions at the Incarnate Word Religious goods Shop, 1101 N.E. Water
 St. Hours: Mon-Fir 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30
 p.m.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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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

Monday, February 20
 6:30 †Geraldine Innocenti
 12:05 †Michael Elliott Hogan

Tuesday, February 21
 6:30 †James Innocenti
 12:05 †Helen Schramek

Wednesday, February 22, Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 6:30 †Judy Kruppa
 12:05 †U,S, Service Members

Thursday, February 23, Saint Polycarp
 6:30 †Sam & Robert Hyak
 9:00 †Aaron Nance - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy
 12:05 †Rosetta Trahan

Friday, February 24
 6:30 †Dorothy Dornak
 12:05 †Dienne Sumbera

Saturday, February 25
 7:00 †Vickie Moody
 5:00 †Allison Tagliabue

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 People of the Parish
 10:30 †John B. Sala, Jr. (ANNIV)

St. Mary's Altar Society

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, fruit, donuts and
 fellowship.

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be
 held 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.

Save the Date!! We could use your help preparing the 2017 DSA
 materials – stuff, sort and mail. Ask your friends to join. The more the
 merrier. Come to the chancery Thursday, February 23, from 8:30 a.m. to
 4:30 p.m. A noon meal is provided with snacks all day long. Call Rene
 Garcia for details at (361) 573-0828, ext. 2220.

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