



**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

FOCUS: *No one can serve two masters.*

Today's Gospel reminds us that we cannot serve both God and mammon. This means we must choose either to serve our own selfish desires, or choose to serve God and strive to love him above all things. Only one of these choices provides an inexhaustible treasure in heaven. Given this, let us seek in prayer the grace needed to choose wisely.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading ensures the people of Israel that God will not forsake them. In the second reading, Saint Paul extols us to live in a trustworthy manner so that when God judges and reveals the hiddenness of our hearts, we will be judged worthy. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages his followers to place their trust in God alone.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- 2) Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
- 3) Matthew 4:1-11

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF
FEBRAURY 11-12**

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,241.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 724.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 570.00
Total.....	\$5,535.00

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

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.

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

Tues. March 28, Works of Mercy (Sr. Frances Cabrini)

Sun, March 26, 2017 Second Scrutiny

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? Join on at BestLentEver.com

Disciples on the Journey

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. The *Disciples on the Journey* Lenten booklet are 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.



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.

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 the following organization St. Mary's Altar Society, KJZT #101 and the CCD program 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 -

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.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 **with Masses at 6:30 a.m., 12:05 and 6:00 p.m.** Ashes will be given at all Masses. The Special collection will go to Aid the Church in Europe. The Lenten *Fast and Abstinence Regulations* are, as follows:

1. Fasting and abstinence from meat, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those 14 years of age and older.
3. The law of the fast means only one full meal may be taken during the day. Two light meals are permitted, but are not to equal one full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.
4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.
5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.

You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available on Wed. March 1. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Carol Wisdom

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris

10:30 a.m. Corinne Copeland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Judy Jabbour, Becky Coleman, Carmen Galvan

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Michael Cuellar, David & Beatriz Johnson

10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister, Heather Zamykal

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman

Sunday, March 5

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

10:30 a.m. Thomas Copeland, Zackary Zamykal, Jakob Ward

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Steve & Lorraine Hebert

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Loyd & Georgia West, Adolph Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Greg & Pam Fanelli, 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, March 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

Altar Care for March will be - Patty Stevens

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

Now enrolling new students at Nazareth Academy Catholic School! Registration forms and information are available at nazarethacademy.org or contact the school office at 361-573-6651.

CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm 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-Fri. 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Liturgy Intentions
For The Week



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)

Monday, February 27

6:30 †May Moscatelli

12:05 †Pearl Lucchese Polka

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 †Ernest Innocenti

12:05 †Fr. Dan Morales

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

6:30 †Dec. Mem of Daniel Moscatelli Family

9:10 †Leon Leita - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy

12:05 †Mary Ann Ohrt

6:00 †Fred Buckert

Thursday, March 2

6:30 †Matthew Bednorz

12:05 †Anthony Innocenti

Friday, March 3

6:30 †Ann Buckert

12:05 †Ferd Thiebaud

6:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

7:00 †Beck Family

5:00 †Freda Kolle (ANNIV)

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday in Lent

8:00 †Mary Ann Janacek

10:30 People of the Parish

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.

St. Joseph CDA Games Party - Sunday March 5th from 1-5pm in St Joseph's CCD Hall. Donation \$8.00 per person, Bring your players & games, **Door Prizes, Raffle & Bucket Game** Dinner of Chicken Spaghetti. Sponsored by: Inez Catholic Daughters Court of St. Joseph, Protector Of Mary-Court # 2475. **Reservations Required** - Please Contact: Kathy Prukop [361-575-3559](tel:361-575-3559) Donna DeBault [361-935-3890](tel:361-935-3890), or Karen Franz [361-550-5183](tel:361-550-5183)

10th Annual Holy Family KC council #9808

Mardi Gras - Fat Tuesday Dinner, Tuesday Feb. 28, Holy Family Activity Center dine in or Plates to go serving from 4:30 till sold out. Fried Chicken, dirty rice, corn on the cob, cole slaw, hushpuppies, \$9 per plate Also chicken, sausage, shrimp gumbo \$8.00, and Chicken/Sausage Gumbo \$8. and Bread Pudding with rum sauce \$4 All proceeds go to Our Lady of Victory School

Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace!! God's Embrace Ministries invites you to attend the new Team-Based retreat experience. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat will be held at God's Embrace Ministries Retreat Center located at 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg, TX. The weekend begins 5:00pm Friday, March 24, and concludes Sunday, March 26 with 12:30pm Mass held at St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill. Open to couples and singles - men and women. Space is limited so register soon online at www.godsembrace.org or call [979-561-8883](tel:979-561-8883).