



**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

**FOCUS:** Jesus is the model of love and obedience. It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviors. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Genesis recalls the first sin committed by humankind: disobedience to God. The second reading from Romans explains how Christ came to counter that sin of disobedience with his perfect obedience. In the Gospel, Jesus remains perfectly faithful to his Father as he resists the temptations put to him by the devil in the desert.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 1) Genesis 12:1-4a
- 2) 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
- 3) Matthew 17:1-9

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF FEBRUARY 18-19**

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,106.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 705.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 135.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,946.00</b>

**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 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

**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.**

**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)

**Disciples on the Journey**

Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The *Disciples on the Journey* Lenten booklet are available for purchase at the rectory for \$2.50. 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).

**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. 10 - KJZT #101

Mar. 17 –

Mar. 24-

Mar. 31 - CCD Program

Apr. 7 - St. Mary's Choir

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 in the Activity Center

**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.

**THANK YOU to my PARISH FAMILY.** Your outpouring of prayers, cards, concern, love and food during my recent heart surgery is so humbling and appreciated. It is your prayers that have enabled me to begin this journey to recovery in body, spirit and mind. I continue to remember all of you in my daily prayers in thanksgiving for being a part of the Body of Christ. Loyd West

**St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 9 in the Activity Center.** Members, new members and visitors welcome Please try to attend. The live flowers on the Church Altars this past weekend were placed there by St. Mary's Altar Society. The extra funds were donations made for Christmas Flower in memory of or in honor of their friends and loved ones. Thank you for your generosity in honoring our Lord in this manner

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

**KJZT #101** will have a Bake Sale at Holy Family on March 18 & 19 before and after all the Masses. All proceeds will go to Christ Kitchen

**Baptismal Preparation** will be on Sun. Mar 19 from 2-5 p.m in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register; by noon on Friday before the Sunday of the Class

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369** will meet on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prayer will precede the meeting at 6:10. This meeting is the annual salad supper event, and members are encouraged to bring a prospective member. If you have ever considered joining the Catholic Daughters in their service to God and His people, please come have dinner with us and learn how your talents can be united with not only local Catholic women, but those in our state and nation. Hope to see you there!

**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

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### LECTORS

#### Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. Richard Evans

#### Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Diana Starnes

10:30 a.m. Clem Cantu

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. Karen Evans, Mary Ann Innocenti, Denise Bednorz, Henry Schramek

#### Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Silver & Emily Garza, Adolph Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Bertha McDowell, Joan Saski, David Janca, Dee Garza

### MASS SERVERS

#### Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. Jakob Ward, John Paul Pilkington

#### Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Luke Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Johnna, Julie, Everett Rangnow, Eduardo Rodriguez

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

#### Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka

#### Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Paul Janacek, Stella Silva

10:30 a.m. Beverly Fox, Greg Brewer, Laszlo Nemes, 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, March 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

**Altar Care for March will be** - Patty Stevens

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 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.

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

use Thai Kitchen Ad

Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week



#### 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

#### Monday, March 6

6:30 Glen Silva

12:05 †Delois Kilgore

#### Tuesday, March 7

6:30 †Evelyn Heibel

12:05 †John B. Sala, Sr.

#### Wednesday, March 8

6:30 †Edith Krenek

10:30 †Faye Brunner- Retama South Nursing Home

12:05 †Miss Ann Juirca & Family

#### Thursday, March 9

6:30 Grace & Gary Wakefield Wedding Anniversary

8:10 †Evelyn Rose Korenek - Nazareth Academy Children's

Liturgy

12:05 †Antonina & Edgardo Cruz

#### Friday, March 10

6:30 †Ann Marie Westerman

12:05 †Josephine Sala

6:00 Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 11

7:00 †Sharon Ganem Kovar

5:00 †Lillian Obsta

#### Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 †Ledwig Hajek (ANNIV)

10:30 People of the Parish



### **The Blessing Knights of Columbus Council**

**#4307** will sponsor their Lenten fish fry, auction, and raffle on Sun Mar. 12, at St. Peter's

Catholic Church Parish Hall in Blessing. Fried catfish with all the trimmings will be served from 10:30 a.m.. to 1:00 p.m. Plates \$10.00 each

***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](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call [979-561-8883](tel:979-561-8883).

**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