



.SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

FOCUS: The transfiguration brings together the law, the prophets and the saving act of Christ.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a mountain where he was transfigured before them.

Similarly, Jesus invites each of us into a deep relationship of love with him so that he may change and transfigure our lives and hearts. Let's accept this invitation each day so we may lead more Christ-like lives of love and service.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading tells of God's promise to Abraham to make of his descendants a great nation. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that he must be willing to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel. Today's Gospel recalls Peter, James and John witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) Exodus 17:3-7
- 2) Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- 3) John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF FEBRUARY 25-26

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,362.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 597.50
On-line giving.....	\$ 985.00
Total.....	\$5,944.50

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Emily Janak	573-1874
Altar Society	Stella Silva	550-0387
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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.

Sun. March 19, 2017 First Scrutiny. Spring break March 13-17
Tues. March 28, Works of Mercy (Sr. Frances Cabrini)



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

Lenten Soup

On Fridays during Lent the following organization the CCD program and Choir 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. 17 – Richard & Karen Evans

Mar. 24 - St. Mary's Staff

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

**Knights of Columbus #1329
2017 Membership Calendar Raffle**

The raffle is a fundraiser used to donate to our members' children's tuition at Our Lady of Victory School, Nazareth Academy School and St. Joseph's High School. Because so many of you bought tickets last year we were able to donate more than \$5,000 to 9 different KC member families. The tickets are \$25.00 each and you may purchase as many as you want. The drawings will start on April 18th for \$500 and every weekday afterward for \$100 until Memorial Day, May 29th for \$500. When your name is drawn it is re-entered for the remaining drawings. Winner will be posted at the KC Hall each Wednesday, Ticket are available at the Church office

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 13 in the Activity Center. Members, new members and visitors welcome Please try to attend.

St. Mary's Altar Society is accepting donations for flowers to decorate our church for Easter. Donations may be made "In honor of" or "In Memory of" your loved ones and friends. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar Society. Donations forms are located on the back pews of the church and in the Chapel and may be turned in or mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket.

40 Cans for Lent

Through the Food for Families program of the Knights of Columbus, you can help the St. Vincent de Paul feed the hungry of our community.

Please consider donating a canned good or non-perishable item, there will be drop boxes located at the back of the church.

Thank you,

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ENCOUNTER NUTRITION - Operation Rice Bowl

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LECTORS

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris

10:30 a.m. Donald Shellenbarger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. Deacon Koenig, Emily Migl, Diana Starnes, Heather Zamykal

Sunday, March 19

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

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

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. Zackary Zamykal, Jason Hernandez

Sunday, March 19

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

10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton, Ethan Elliott

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. Larry & Linda Luna, Steve & Lorraine Hebert

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Leslie Smolik, Stella Silva, Paul Janacek

10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, Greg & Pam Fanelli

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 16 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 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, 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

Monday, March 13

6:30 †Dolores Vrana

12:05 †Dinny Corpus

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 †Ernest Innocenti

12:05 †Edgardo & Antonia Cruz

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 †Theo & Leona, Lain Hermes

10:30 †Francis Boldt - La Villa Nursing Home

12:05 †Sharon West Bauer

Thursday, March 16

6:30 †Mr. & Mrs. John Brom

12:05 †Dienne Sumbera

Friday, March 17

6:30 †Vickie Moody

12:05 †Barbara Fritz (ANNIV)

6:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

7:00 †Otto Kalischko

5:00 †Allan Frazer (ANNIV)

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

10:30 †Louis Fritz (ANNIV)



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 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 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Before attending please call Sharon at 578-7572