

**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

FOCUS: Christ offers all

people the living water of salvation.

To those who thirst for truth in this world, our Christian faith offers the living waters of baptism and life in Christ. So many in our world are like the woman in the Gospel, isolated and afraid, often living on the fringes, looking for something or someone in whom to place their trust and faith. Let us pray they turn to Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, fear and need cause Israel to grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds with water flowing from the rock. The second reading reminds us that salvation is a gift, granted through the cross of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a broken woman at the well. His words renew her and change her life.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF
MARCH 4-5**

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,120.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 934.75
On-line giving.....	\$ 110.00
Total.....	\$9,164.75

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.

Sun. March 26 Second Scrutiny

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

Tues. Apr. 4 How to receive the sacrament of reconciliation (Fr. Dominic).

Lenten Soup

On Fridays during Lent the following organization the St. Mary's Staff, CCD program and Choir have volunteered to make the Lenten Soup

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

LENTEN CONFESSION DATES:

- Wed. March 29 - St. Patrick's 6:30 p.m.
- Mon. Apr. 3 - Our Lady of Victory 6:30 p.m.
- Tues. Apr. 4 - Holy Family 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Apr.6. - St. Mary's 6:30 p.m.



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 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...Supported by Council 1329

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Food for Families" collection during lent. Donated canned goods or non-perishable will assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society feeding the hungry of our community. Your donated items may be dropped into boxes located at the back of the church and adoration chapel. Good things happen to those who give

ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY - OPERATION RICE BOWL

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Dear Father Dominic, and Member of St. Mary's, especially Joan & Kevin Pfister,

May the God of peace, hope, love and joy be with you today and always. May you have a rewarding season of Lent. Lent is the springtime of the church

Thank you for sharing your Festival Appreciation Dinner with us. We enjoyed the roast and gravy, the potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated. We praise and thank God for you. You and your loved ones are in our prayers.

With Love and Gratitude
Sisters of Incarnate Word

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LECTORS

Saturday, March 25
5:00 p.m. Emily Janak

Sunday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Corinne Copeland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, March 25
5:00 p.m. Carmen Galvan, Richard & Karen Evans,
Henry Schramek
Sunday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Howard Pagel, Geraldine Jurica, Adolph
Hernandez, Libby Ramirez
10:30 a.m. Lucinda Cavazos, Cynthia Brewer, David
Janca, Clem Cantu

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, March 25
5:00 p.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser
Sunday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Luke Hernandez, Caitlin & Catherine Alstrom
10:30 a.m. Thomas Copeland, John Paul Pilkington,
Eduardo Rodriguez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, March 25
5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Judy Jabbour,
Carol Wisdom
Sunday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Paul Janacek, David Johnson,
Stella Silva
10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Carolyn McConnell, Greg Brewer,
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 23 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**

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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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)

Monday, March 20, Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
6:30 †James Innocenti
12:05 †Chester Paul Lyssy

Tuesday, March 21
6:30 †Charles Moody
12:05 †Dorothy Riley

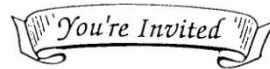
Wednesday, March 22
6:30 †Chad Slavik
12:05 †Addison Culak

Thursday, March 23
6:30 †Sam & Robert Hyak
9:00 †Mary Ann Otto - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy
12:05 †Mary Ann Immenhauser

Friday, March 24
6:30 †Lois Smith
12:05 †Donald Vrana
6:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25
7:00 Intention of Incarnate Word Sisters
5:00 †Ernest Innocenti

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †David Yeary



**Our Lady of Lourdes 7 HOLY NAME
SOCIETY Annual Chicken/Sausage
Dinner March 26nd Serving Starts**

**11:00 am Adult Inside/Togo Plates \$9.00 Child Plates Inside \$3.00
Thank you for your support! Call (361)550-9746 for additional info.**

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

**Parents, Guardians, Teens & Tweens You're Invited To
Tough Topics**

**This session will provide an opportunity for parents and youth to
learn more about the signs and symptoms that challenges our youth
today.**

We will provide and opportunity for a break out Q& A Session with our
licensed counselors for the adults in the church The youth will move into
St. Peter parish hall for discussion and Q&A with skilled counselors.
Please consider this opportunity to join other concerned parents in a
causal and safe atmosphere supporting your teens emotional health, It
will be held on Wed. March 29 at Holy Family Catholic Church at 6:30
p.m.