



**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

FOCUS: The blind man's conversion of heart stands in

stark contrast to the stubborn blindness of the Pharisees. Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

At first, Samuel judges by appearances, then he is reminded by God to judge the heart in order to find a worthy candidate to anoint as king. Saint Paul challenges us to live as *children of light*. In the Gospel, we have a man, blind from birth, move from seeing Jesus as a prophet to seeing Jesus as the Promised One, while the blindness of the Pharisees remains.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 1) Ezekiel 37:12-14
- 2) Romans 8:8-11
- 3) John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,716.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 610.25
On-line giving.....	\$ 520.00
Total.....	\$4,846.25

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).
 Tues. Apr. 11 - Ch. 5, Peter, Paul and the Missionary - DVD presentation

CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26

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. 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.

ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY-OPERATION RICE BOWL

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit csrcicebowl.org for more.



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.

Have you noticed the beautiful Monstrance in the Adoration Chapel. We are accepting donations for the cost of the Monstrance if anyone would like to make a donation call the rectory at 573-4328.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

- Mar. 27-Apr. 2 - In memory of Delaine Luna Wagner by Ana & Stephen Schaefer
 Apr. 3-9 - In memory of Dolores Vrana by the Vrana & Janacek Families
 Apr.10-16 - In memory of Cecilia Vrana by the Vrana & Janacek Families
 Apr. 16-23- In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti
 Apr., 23-30 - Special Intention Brittany Brehm

ADORATION CANDLE

- Mar. 27-Apr. 2 - In memory of Donald Vrana by the Vrana & Janacek Families
 Apr. 3-9 - Special Intention Brianne Morris Kennedy
 Apr.10-16 - In memory of Eugene Vrana, Sr. by the Vrana & Janacek Families
 Apr. 16-23- In memory of Ernest Innocenti by Mary Ann Innocenti
 Apr., 23-30 - In memory of Ida Mae Brown



The ministry of St. Vincent De Paul is dedicated to providing food, services and financial aid to individuals and families in our community. We strive to reach as many people we can with the generous donations we receive. This year has started off very busy with an increase of new clients weekly. In the month of January we helped 91 families, 291 individuals and assisted with 18 utilities, In February we assisted 75 families, 245 individuals with 6 utilities We are always looking for volunteers, if you would like to assist us in anyway, please call Faye Culak 649-0614. Inspired by the teaching of Jesus to serve the poor, we embrace all works of charity and justice. We Vincentians serve all people with no distinctions. We see only the face of Christ in the poor.

Catholic Relief Service Collection

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LECTORS

Saturday, April 1
5:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, April 2
8:00 a.m. Diana Starnes
10:30 a.m. David Janca

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 1
5:00 p.m. Becky Coleman, Emily Migl, Judy Jabbour

Sunday, April 2
8:00 a.m. Silver & Emily Garza, Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister, Joan Saski

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 1
5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman

Sunday, April 2
8:00 a.m. Mariah, Alexa, & Ginna Morris, Jackry Kinnison
10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton, Jason Hernandez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 1
5:00 p.m. Bobby & Barbara Baca, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka

Sunday, April 2
8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Stella Silva, Loyd & Georgia West
10:30 a.m. Beverly Fox, Greg & Pam Fanelli, Laszlo Nemes

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 30 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.

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.

LENTEN SOLEMN VESPERS: March 26, April 2 & 9, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street in Victoria. This liturgical evening prayer of the church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Solemn evening praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901 Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, lunch included, \$20.00 offering. For more information or to register call (361) 575-7111 by Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

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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

Monday, March 27
6:30 †Ann Motal
12:05 †Agnes Koenig

Tuesday, March 28
6:30 †Allan Migura
12:05 †Regina Bianchi

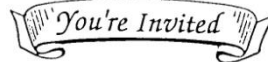
Wednesday, March 29
6:30 †Beverly Cuellar
12:05 †Bohumil Vrana, Sr.

Thursday, March 30
6:30 †James Innocenti
8:10 †Jimmy Culak - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy
12:05 †Robert John and Elva Jean Wearden

Friday, March 31
6:30 †Beck Family
12:05 †Frank & Theresa Gardina
6:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1
7:00 †Simon Villarreal
5:00 †Helen Bianchi

Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:00 †Delaine Luna Wagner
10:30 People of the Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes HOLY NAME SOCIETY Annual Chicken/Sausage Dinner March 26th 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.

Friends of Nazareth Academy Catholic School Presents Enchantment Under the Sea - Adult Prom -Sat. Apr. 1 8p.m. - Midnight -Club Westerner \$10,000. Raffle Drawdown - Beer and Set-up provided Bring your own wine/liquor. Complimentary Nacho Bar Proceeds benefitting the NA Kitchen renovation project. nazarethacademy.org for more 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. It will be held on Wed. March 29 at Holy Family Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m.