



**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

**FOCUS:** Jesus promises that those who believe and follow him will never die.

Today's Gospel recounts Jesus saying, *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.* These words clearly identify Jesus as the Son of God, the author of life and the one who brings our salvation. The words also give the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven to all who believe in him and persevere in faith.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the reading from Ezekiel, the prophet tells the Israelites that they will know God because he gives them life and frees them from enslavement. Saint Paul explains to the Romans that the life-giving spirit they received through Christ frees them from both sin and death. In the Gospel reading, Jesus proclaims that he is the resurrection and the life and that all who live and believe in him will never die.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Procession with Palms: (Lec.37)

- 1) Matthew 21:1-11

Mass Readings: (Lec.38)

- 1) Isaiah 50:4-7
- 2) Philippians 2:6-11
- 3) Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,139.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 627.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 35.00
Total.....	\$6,801.00

**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.

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 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  
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:**

- 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 RESILIENCE - OPERATION RICE BOWL**

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit [csrcricebowl.org](http://csrcricebowl.org) for more.



collection basket.

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

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

St. Mary's Altar Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 10, at 2:00 pm at the Activity Center



St. Mary's Annual Games Party hosted by the Altar Society will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm at the church hall, 401 S. Liberty St. Meal at noon. Door Prizes. Country Store. Complimentary Refreshments all afternoon. \$8.00. For Reservations call Ann 361-575-2050 or Janell 361-582-2182.

**CONVENTional Art**

**April 4th through April 15th**

**Victoria Art League- 905 S Bridge  
Gallery Hours Tue- Sat from 1 to 5pm**

Featuring extraordinary art housed during the last 150 years inside the walls and halls of the Nazareth Academy and Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament convents.

In addition, please join us on April 6th from 6:30 to 8:30pm for a special evening reception hosted with the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament as they feature in addition to the art work, rare artifacts and relics from the convent collection as they present the story of their tremendous journey from France to Texas to honor their 150 year anniversary.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #369**, will meet on Monday, April 3, 2017, to honor the winners of the annual Education Contest. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with business meeting to follow. All members are encouraged to attend to recognize the talent and hard work of the students and adults.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> for \$500 and every weekday afterward for \$100 until Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**Saint Pio Prayer Group** will meet the second Saturday of April 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LECTORS

Saturday, April 8
5:00 p.m. Richard Evans
Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. Judy Gilley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 8
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Innocenti, Karen Evans, Deacon Koenig, Denise Bednorz
Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Loyd & Georgia West, Deacon Koenig
10:30 a.m. Lucinda Cavazos, Deacon Koenig, Bertha McDowell, Clem Cantu

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 8
5:00 p.m. Jakob Ward, John Paul Pilkington
Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Caitlin & Catherine Alstrom
10:30 a.m. Johnna, Juliet, Everett Rangnow

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 8
5:00 p.m. Larry & Linda Luna, Steve & Lorraine Hebert
Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Leslie Smolik, Paul Janacek, Adolph Hernandez
10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, Carolyn McConnell, 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, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex

Altar Care for April will be - Connie Johnson, Karen Allums

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: 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual "Quo Vadis" Vocations Camp for Boys will be July 2-5 at Cooper's Farm in Ledbetter, TX. This year's theme will be "Basic Training: going back to the basics of our Catholic Faith." Young men who are currently in 7th grade through 12th grade are welcome to attend. Please begin inviting young men to save the date to attend this Camp. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese will staff this retreat. Attached to this email is the registration form that you can print and have available in your parish.



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

Monday, April 3
6:30 †Frank Henke
12:05 †George Boedeker, Jr. (ANNIV)

Tuesday, April 4
6:30 †Martin Jim Kocian & Thomas Martin Kocian
12:05 †George B. Sartor

Wednesday, April 5
6:30 †Irene Luna
12:05 †Buddy Womach

Thursday, April 6
6:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:05 †Regina Bianchi

Friday, April 7
6:30 †C. J. Strandel, IV
12:05 Special Intention Theresa Wearden
6:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8
7:00 †Pearl Polka
5:00 †Bernard Johnson (ANNIV)

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 †Agnes Hajek
10:30 People of the Parish

JOIN US

Celebrate God's Greatest Attribute on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 23, 2017 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Victoria 2-3:45 pm - Confessors available 2-4 pm - Reflections on Mercy Divine Mercy Prayers and Devotions Veneration of Image and Benediction 4pm Mass (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

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

ATTENTION!
Rey Barron with Trinity Publications will be in our office the week of April 3rd through April 6. If anyone would like to sponsor or advertise their business, please call or email Rey at C# 512 577 9411, or email him at rbarron@trinitypublications.com