



**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

**FOCUS:** Embracing the cross of Jesus leads to everlasting life. The cross of shame in Jesus' time has become for us the sign of victory over sin and death. Through his perfect sacrifice of love on the cross, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and defeated the power of sin and evil. By so doing, Jesus transformed the cross from an instrument of death into the tree of life and source of our salvation.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We experience all kinds of emotions in today's readings. The joyous crowd becomes an angry and vengeful crowd. Jesus' disciples betray, deny or run away from him. The women, however, remain strong even though their hearts are being torn out. The heavens weep as Jesus empties himself out, obedient to the point of death – death on a cross

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY**

1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2) Colossians 3:1-4  
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

3) John 20:1-9  
or Matthew 28:1-10 (Lec. 41)  
or Luke 24: 13-35 (Lec. 46)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF MARCH 25-26**

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,168.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 666.55
On-line giving.....	\$ 715.00
Total.....	\$5,549.55

**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. 11 - Ch. 5, Peter, Paul and the Missionary - DVD presentation

Sat. Apr. 15 - Easter Vigil, baptism and acceptance into full communion with the Church,

**CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm April 12, 19, 26**

**ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS - Operation Rice Bowl**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help.

How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.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.

We received anonymous donations from parishioners for the Monstrance in the Adoration Chapel. Thank you very much. We appreciate everything the parishioners do for the Church.

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

*The Chrism Mass*

**All Are Invited to Attend the Chrism Mass on April 11, 2017:** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory on April 11, 2107 at 10:00 a.m. During the Mass, Bishop Cahill will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. Traditionally, bishops have blessed oil since the early Church. Since the Bishop is the only minister in the diocese who can consecrate The Oil of Chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and union with the entire presbyterate. The Chrism Mass will also offer the priests of the diocese the opportunity to publicly renew their priestly promises, in the presence of Bishop Cahill. Make plans to attend this beautiful celebration of faith.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, the Chrism Mass will be live streamed from 10:00 am until Mass is over.

<http://ourladyofvictory.sermon.net/main/main/20593802>

Also on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, the Chrism Mass will be recorded and will be available for viewing on YouTube starting that evening.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/olvtx77901/>

**HOLY THURSDAY**

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper and **Agape Meal to follow in the Activity Center.** All are invited to bring a meat dish and one other dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) to the Activity Center. Please bring the food to the center before Mass.

**IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO BECAUSE OF SICKNESS OR DISABILITY cannot participate in the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 13 please call the office by Tuesday to give the name**

and address. We would like to include them in the celebration of our parish family by having a Eucharistic Minister bring the Body of Christ to their homes.



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**12:00 p.m..** Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Please remember that today is a day of fast and abstinence.



*Service* begins at 8:00 p.m. with the Lighting of the new fire at the entrance to the Church. Service of Light, Word, Christian Initiation and the Eucharist.

*Easter Schedule*

*Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

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 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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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.

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

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:** According to the international report concerning the Good Friday collection, the collected funds from this collection are used in the following manner: Maintenance and security of the holy places, and ways to better accommodate pilgrims, at the Garden of Gethsemane, the Holy Sepulcher, the Basilica of the Annunciation, and many of the holy places in Magdala, Mount Tabor, Cana and others. The collection also provides funding for scholarships for young people and artisan crafters; activities in favor of families in the Holy Land; apartments for the poor and for young couples in the Old City and at Beit Hanina; housing projects in Bethlehem; and other cultural works, including programs assisting Christians in Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and in Syria.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Hospitality and Mass Servers are need to participate during Holy Week and the Easter Sunday Liturgies. Please call the Office at 573-4328 to volunteer for this very special Holy Week Service.**

**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 13 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 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 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

**Monday, April 10**

6:30 †Anthony Innocenti  
12:05 †Marcus Janak

**Tuesday, April 11**

6:30 †Robert Koenig  
12:05 †Mary Haas

**Wednesday, April 12**

6:30 †Sharon West Bauer  
8:10 †Lillian Obsta - Children's Liturgy Nazareth Academy  
12:05 Priest & Parish Intentions

**Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday**

6:30 p.m. †Father. Dan Morales

**Friday, April 14, Good Friday, of the Lord's Passion**

12:00 The Passion and Death of the Lord

**Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday**

8:00 p.m. †Msgr James C. Brunner

**Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 †Father Roy Rihn

*All parishioners are invited to help decorate our church for Easter on Sat. April 15 at 10:00 a.m.*

Adoration Chapel will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Before attending please call Sharon at 578-7572

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night. Every **Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00pm; Bingo Games 7:30pm until 10:00pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available.6t Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214**