

**THE TEACHING OF
 SCRIPTURE IS THAT
 HE MUST RISE
 FROM THE DEAD.**



**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)

FOCUS: Alleluia! Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has risen – let us rejoice and be glad.

Today, and for the next fifty days, we will celebrate and rejoice in the triumph of Christ over the power of death. It is our primary and foundational Christian feast. Through it, the course of human history is changed forever as Christ has, in the words of the Exsultet, broken “the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading tells of how Peter, after encountering the risen Lord Jesus and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, is enabled to boldly preach the Gospel message. The second reading reminds us that our lives can be transformed by opening ourselves to the power of the risen Lord Jesus. The Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb of Jesus only to find it empty.

Reading for the following Sunday

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER or
 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

- 1) Acts 2:42-47
- 2) 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 3) John 20:19-31

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF
 APRIL 1 -2**

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,286.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 531.75
On-line giving.....	\$ 480.00
Total.....	\$10,297.75

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.**

- Msytagogia
 Tues. Apr. 25 - Reflection on the Experience (all) Ch. 10 - the Last Things (DVD)
 Tues. May 2, Evangelization, Sharing your Faith (Jim Wearden)
 Tues. May 9, Social and Closing (All)

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)



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.

**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

Amor Meus One-Day Retreat: April 29, 2017, from 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria. Father Kenneth O'Malley CP will present a day retreat entitled, An Easter Walk with Jesus. This retreat provides retreatants with an opportunity to encounter God in the silence of their hearts. Two conferences on a spiritual topic are presented. The schedule provides for Eucharist liturgy or prayer service with ample time for prayer, walking, reflecting, spiritual guidance and reconciliation. All are welcomed. Call [361-575-7111](tel:361-575-7111) for more information.

Private or Directed Overnight Retreat: April 28, 29, 30, 2017 at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria. This retreat offers an opportunity to take time away from a busy, hectic life to spend quiet time in prayer and reflection. Comfortable overnight accommodations, nutritious meals, and lovely outdoor prayer spaces help the retreatant hear "God's still small voice" in the silence of the heart where God dwells. An opportunity to speak with a spiritual director or guide is available. Call [361-575-7111](tel:361-575-7111) for more information.

**REMINDER: Victoria Gabriel Project Volunteer
 Appreciation Dinner**

When: Thursday, April 20, 2017
 Time : 6:30 until 8:00-8:30
 Where: Sky Restaurant, 236 Foster Field Dr. (Victoria Regional Airport) <https://www.skyrestaurant.com/> (for information and driving directions)
 Please RSVP to Barbara (361) 649-1612 (call or text) or email: barbaramccain85@yahoo.com by Tuesday, April 18!
 We are planning a relaxing evening filled with fellowship, testimonies, information, music and great food! Be ready to be SERVED!
 ("just so the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom" Matt.20:28)



They have taken the Lord!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

LECTORS

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Heather Zamykal

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel

10:30 a.m. Clem Cantu

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Deacon Koenig, Henry Schramek, Becky Coleman, Denise Bednorz

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Silver & Emily Garza, Michael Cuellar, Adolph Hernandez

10:30 a.m. David Janca, Deacon Koenig, Kevin & Joan Pfister

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman, Zackary Zamykal

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Mariah, Alexa & Ginna Morris, Luke Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton, Jason Hernandez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Larry & Linda Luna

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, David Johnson, Paul Janacek, Stella Silva

10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Greg & Pam Fanelli, John Cavazos

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

PARISH CHOIR: regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church.

QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER will meet on Thursday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex

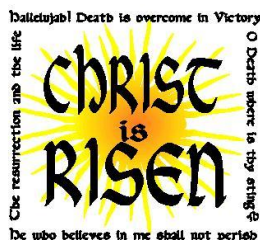
Altar Care for April will be - Connie Johnson, Karen Allums

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.

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 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

Monday, April 17

6:30 †Fr. Kelly Nemeck

12:05 †John Headrick

Tuesday, April 18

6:30 †Vickie Moody

12:05 The Bette Henderson Family

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 †Eugene Vrana, Sr.

9:30 †Francis Boldt - Courtyard Nursing Home

12:05 †Mary Ann Ohrt

Thursday, April 20

6:30 †Edwin Orsak

8:10 †Barbara Burton - Children's Liturgy Nazareth Academy

12:05 †Bernard Johnson

Friday, April 21

6:30 †Leticia Johnston

12:05 †Dienne Sumbera

Saturday, April 22

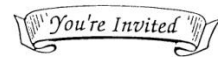
7:00 †Sam & Robert Hyak

5:00 †Fred Buckert

Sunday, April 23, Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy

8:00 †Robert M Johnston

10:30 People of the Parish



The 36th Annual Holy Family Festival will take place on Sunday, May 7th at the Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North. BBQ beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., dine in or takeout drive thru. Events include a live and silent auction, cake wheel, country store, and games galore, with entertainment by the Rusty Steins and Chris Hessler with Scoot's D.J.

Sunday April 30th, **St. Patrick's Parish Hall**, Bloomington, TX Brisket Plates w/ Potato Salad, Beans, Bread & Dessert-\$10/ plate Plates to Go start @ 9:30 am w/ Curbside Service Available Inside Serving @ 10:30 am Live Auction @ 11:30 am Kids games, Cake Walk & Country StoreCall ahead orders [361-897-1398](tel:361-897-1398)

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

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. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214

