



After Eight Days,
JESUS
 & Stood Among Them.

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

FOCUS: Showing love and mercy to one another is a way of showing gratitude to God for his mercy toward us. If Easter needs an exclamation point, Divine Mercy Sunday provides it. The death and resurrection of Jesus reveal the depths of God's mercy toward us. For by his death, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and by rising, restored our life. In gratitude for all that we have received from God, let us go forth and treat one another with kindness and mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's first reading speaks of the early Christians living in community and showing great concern for one another. The Church grew as the Lord blessed their work. The second reading highlights the blessings of following Christ, even in times of trial. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to the Apostles and sends them out to forgive sins and bring people to salvation.

Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 1) Acts 2:14, 22-33
- 2) 1 Peter 1:17-21
- 3) Luke 24:13-35

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF APRIL 8-9

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,610.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 723.30
On-line giving.....	\$ 85.00
Total.....	\$5,418.30

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 Foccus	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Natural Family Planning	Annie & David Coffey	979-8464
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

CCD NEWS: Registration for 2017-18 year is under way. Registration forms were given to the current CCD students last Wednesday. Additional forms may be picked up at the Rectory or download from our web site; stmvictoria.org. Register now through **June 1st** for \$15.00, **June 2 - August 1** for \$30.00, after August only is space available for \$40.00. Sacrament students **MUST** have Baptism Certificate attached. Any questions, call Diana Starnes 361-550-9533.

40 Cans for Lent... Supported by Council 1329 Knights of Columbus Big Thanks to all our Parish family for your participation in the "40 Cans for Lent" program during Lent. Over 750lbs of food items were collected and given to the food pantries of our local St. Vincent de Paul Societies. Happy Easter Season!

Ordination and First Solemn Mass

Please join the Diocese of Victoria on **May 20th, 2017** in joyfully celebrating the ordination of Rev. Mr. Jacob Mendoza and Rev. Mr. Stephen Vacek to the order of priesthood. The ordination mass will be at **10:00 A.M** at Our Lady Victory Cathedral, with reception to follow.

On **May 21st, 2017** St. Mary's will host the First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for newly ordained Fr. Jacob Mendoza at the **10:30 A.M** mass with reception to follow. Please join us in welcoming his friends and family and joining him in this most joyous celebration. Please note that due to the increase guests, that seating may be limited.

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.

Novena of Masses for our Mothers living and deceased will begin on Mother's Day. Any offering will be accepted. Envelopes will be available next weekend at the entrance to the Church

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.



The flowers decorating the church this weekend were placed there by St. Mary's Altar Society from the extra funds received from donors for both the Christmas and Easter Flowers. Thank you for your generous support on these two yearly occasions. It enables us to provide flowers for these two great days as well as for the church throughout the year.



Thank you to the following parishioners who came to decorate the church for Easter: Deacon Jim Koenig, Geraldine Jurica, Stella Silva, Frieda Stubbs, Fred Kloesel, Loyd & Georgia West.

Catholic Home Mission

Next, week, we will take up- the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. right now, over 40 percent of diocese in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY

LECTORS

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. Jim Wearden

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris

10:30 a.m. Donald Shellenbarger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. Richard & Karen Evans, Mary Ann Innocenti, Emily Migl, Judy Jabbour

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Howard Pagel, Libby Ramirez, Michael Cuellar

10:30 a.m. Joan Saski, Corinne Copeland, David Janca, Dee Garza

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Caitlin & Catherine Alstrom

10:30 a.m. Ethan Elliott, Thomas Copeland, Eduardo Rodriguez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Loyd & Georgia West, Adolph Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Laszlo Nemes, Carolyn McConnell, John Cavazos

CCD Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm April 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 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex

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

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369, will host a Games Party on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3610 N. Ben Wilson, Victoria. Admission to the event, which will run from 3:30-7:00 p.m., is \$8.00 per person. Meal will be served at 5:30. Along with the games party, there will be door prizes, a silent auction, and a raffle. Reservations can be made by calling Joan Schramek at 485-2387, or Dolores Schroller at 575-6111.

KJT Society # 115 will be having a meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria, following the 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday April 30th, 2017 in the Bridal room. All members are invited to attend. For more information, please call Donald Dusek at 361-578-6730 or Lawrence Yanta at 361-649-7280.

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, April 24

6:30 †Edwin Vahalik

12:05 †Pearl Lucchese Polka

Tuesday, April 25, Saint Mark

6:30 †Francisco & Adelaida Espinoza

12:05 †A. J. Carver

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 †Ernest Innocenti.

12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

Thursday, April 27

6:30 †Charles Moody

9:00 Susana Cabanilla - Children's Liturgy Nazareth Academy

12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

Friday, April 28

6:30 Prayer and Communion Service

12:05 Prayer and Communion Service

Saturday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena

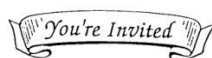
7:00 †Daniel Kubenka

5:00 †Terry & August Hermes

Sunday, April 30, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 Edwin & Vicky Hajek 50th Wedding Anniversary

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 Store. Call ahead orders [361-897-1398](tel:361-897-1398)

San Luis Catholic Church in Yorktown will be having our annual Jamaica, Sunday, April 30th at the San Luis Hall. At 11:00 AM a meal of Carne Guisada, Rice, Beans and a Tortilla will be available for \$10.00 in the hall.

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**