

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- 2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- 3) John 10:1-10

**FOCUS:** Christ is the very center of our faith. He is our shepherd and we listen to his voice; through him we enter into fullness of life.

We who belong to Jesus by virtue of our baptism now share in his mission of redemption. How we prepare for this task is important. We need to strive for repentance, lead lives of prayer and patient endurance, and desire to listen attentively to his voice.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first reading from Acts tells of Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaiming the risen Christ and calling all to repentance and baptism. The second reading exhorts the early Christians to imitate Christ: they are to be patient as Christ was patient in the face of his suffering. Our Gospel reminds us that we are to follow Christ as the sheep follow the shepherd: for as the shepherd cares for his sheep, so Christ cares for each of us.

Reading for the following Sunday:

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 1) Acts 6:1-7
- 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9
- 3) John 14:1-12

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S 100 BIRTHDAY WILL BE IN 2017.**

Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious groups, Sisters and Brothers and Lay Religious Groups have joined together to unite all those devoted to the Blessed Mother, Mary, under her title as Our Lady of Fatima. Each year, we will celebrate a Mass followed by the rosary, to honor her Feast Day on May 13th, which coincides with her last apparition in Fatima on October 13th, 1917. We are honored to have Our Lady of Fatima statue from May thru October. She will be in the Adoration Chapel Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and weekends in the Church so that you may make your devotion to her.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF APRIL 22-23**

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| Sunday Collection..... | \$2,832.00        |
| Loose Collection.....  | \$ 637.35         |
| On-line giving.....    | \$ 685.00         |
| <b>Total.....</b>      | <b>\$4,154.35</b> |

**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 |

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Will be Sun. May 21 from 2-5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register by noon on the Friday before the Sunday of the Class

**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](http://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.

**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.



**THANK YOU** to the Altar Society members who helped create another successful games party. The first one was in 1960 so the basic plan of how to set it all up and carry it out has been worked out but each year

decisions have to be made by those whose hearts and minds are focused on our paying guests having a wonderful experience at St. Mary's; we have those dedicated people. A big shout out to Susie Stevens and her Kitchen Angels, Adele Donalson, Geraldine Jurica, Fred Kloesel and all the helpers the day before and the day of the event. Of course, we can't forget all the behind the scenes members leading up to the big day...it takes alot of coordinating and preparing beforehand.

**The winners of the raffle are:**

1. Quilt-----Jean Theus
2. \$100 gift card-----Frieda Stubbs
3. \$100 gift card-----Glen Bone
4. \$100 gift card-----Edwin Stryk
5. Gift Basket-----Pat Babb
6. \$100 gift card-----Bill Spellacy
7. \$100 gift card-----Sandy Brzozowske
8. Quilted Placemats-----Elizabeth Jaschke



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

**Vacation Bible School FUNDRAISERS:** We will have a bake sale on the weekend of **May 27th & 28th** after all Masses, in front of the Rectory, to help with supply costs for our **2017 Discovery Mission VBS. CAN YOU BRING A BAKED ITEM to help us out?** Drop it off the day of the bake sale or contact Marie Immenhauser at 572-3863 for more information. Thank you!!



**St. Mary's Parish** will celebrate with our graduating Seniors on Sun. May 7 at the 8:00 p.m. Mass followed by a Brunch in the Activity Center for the students and their immediate family.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, May 13**  
 5:00 p.m. Richard Evans  
**Sunday, May 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Diana Starnes  
 10:30 a.m. Judy Gilley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, May 13**  
 5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Innocenti, Judy Jabbour, Karen Evans, Denise Bednorz  
**Sunday, May 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, Adolph Hernandez, Libby Ramirez, Diana Pagel  
 10:30 a.m. Joan Saski, Dee Garza, Clem Cantu, Lucinda Cavazos

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, May 13**  
 5:00 p.m. Jakob Ward, John Paul Pilkington  
**Sunday, May 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Luke Hernandez, Zackry Kinnison  
 10:30 a.m. Andrew & Matthew Barton, Eduardo Rodriguez, Emily Chaney

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday, May 13**  
 5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka  
**Sunday, May 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, David Johnson, Stella Silva, Paul Janacek  
 10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, John Cavazos, Linda Cantu

**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, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex

**Altar Care for May will be** - Fred & Shirley Kloesel

**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.



**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

**Diocesan Summer Activities**

Camp David Jr. High Session I – June 11-13  
 Camp David Jr. High Session II – June 14 - 16  
 Camp David Elementary Day Camp – June 14  
 Rocky Mountain High Retreat – June 24 - July 2  
 St. Joseph the Worker Work Camp – July 9 - 12  
 Registration information and more details on summer activities were available at St. Mary's Office

**Masses For The Week**



**Saturday, May 6**  
 7:00 †Mary Ann Otto  
 5:00 †Janie May

**Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 †Ernest Covarrubias (ANNIV)  
 10:30 People of the Parish

**Monday, May 8**  
 6:30 †Elizabeth Fields  
 12:05 †Marcus Janak

**Tuesday, May 9**  
 6:30 †Frank & Annie Janca Matocha  
 12:05 †Ronnie Castillo

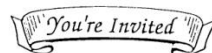
**Wednesday, May 10**  
 6:30 †Mark J., Louis J. & David Migl  
 12:05 The David Resse Family

**Thursday, May 11**  
 6:30 †Dec. Mem. of Daniel Moscatelli Family  
 8:10 †Jimmy Culak - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy  
 12:05 †Charles & Ann Pesek

**Friday, May 12**  
 6:30 Mary Lou Weiss  
 12:05 †Ora Lyssy

**Saturday, May 13**  
 7:00 †Lloyd Heibel  
 5:00 †George Tyng

**Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 People of the Parish  
 10:30 Mother's Day Novena



**The 36th Annual Holy Family Festival** will take place on Sunday, May 7 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. \$9.00 per plate, \$6.00 children under 10. 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.

**Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn** will be hosting MAYFEST on Sun. May 7, at 936 FM 2436 (6 miles south of LaGrange off Highway 77), serving Bar-B-Q Pork & Sausage dinner with all the trimming, starting at 11 a.m. Adults \$9.00, children under 12 \$5.00. Auction at 1:00 P.M. music throughout the Day, 10% of the profit will be donated to AMEN Food Pantry Building Fund and Children's Advocacy Center  
**Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ** will be held May 21st from 8:30 am until sold out. NOTE: selling will not start until 8:30. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans are available for \$1.50 per pint. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. For info, call the hall Sunday morning at 575-9214.

**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