



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

**335-4071 – Cemetery & Religious
Education Offices**

February 17, 2019 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Cross Faith Formation, and Holy Cross Cemetery.

Diocese of Victoria Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By Appointment

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

ADORATION: From 7:30 AM Thursday continually until 7:00 PM Thursday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM



Monday 18

No Service

Tuesday 19

No Service

Wednesday 20

No Service

Thursday 21

7:00 AM

+Albert Chumchal

Friday 22

7:00 AM

Parishioners

Saturday 23

2:00 PM

Wedding – Blommer & Stelzel

Saturday 23

5:00 PM

+John Korenek & Brandi Ward

Sunday 24

8:00 AM

+Charlscie Krivacka

Sunday 24

10:00 AM

+Frank & Cecilia Valigura & Marvin Janik

Sunday 24

11:30 AM

Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Saturday, February 23 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Camden Fucik, Chloe & Jillian Faltysek

Lector: Cynthia Dusek

Ushers: Kyle Mazoch, Ed & Judy Schneider, Aidan Marik

Eucharist: Host-Melinda Alvarado

Cup-Clint & Jennifer Coker, Gloria Demny, Janice Polak

Sunday, February 24 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Weston Swoboda, Cole Polak, Luke Minks

Lector: Karen Moszkowicz

Ushers: Jody & Sandra Fuechec

Eucharist: Host-Daniel Pesek

Cup-Helen Pesek, Todd Swoboda, Doris Brandes, Jo Ann Preisler

Sunday, February 24 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Ethan Rejsek, London & Keegan Cavness

Lector: Henriette Jalowy

Ushers: Donald & Kim Buxkemper

Eucharist: Host-Alphonse Smaistrla

Cup-Eric Youngblood, Lance Rejsek, Bill & Bernice Cavness

Sunday, February 24 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

Assigned



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 747

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,384.00

Parish Development: \$325.00

Donations to Fr. Don's Retirement Fund exceeded \$20,000.

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Maria Lopez Family in memory of Carlos Orozco & Ma. De Jesus Trejo.



MDA, WDM, MJM, Pete Acosta, Virginia Acuna, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Ryan M. Adamek, Lawrence Bartosh, A.J. Bennetsen, Clifton Bram, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Florence Chernohorsky, Anna Chumchal, Dr. Ronald Cochran, Laura Cohrs, Gracie Cordova, Michael Cromeans, Anton Dybala, Bernice Futschik, Cruz Gavarrete, Edward Halcom, Charlene Hennecke, Lee Hillmann, Jr., Gene & Joan Karasek, Larry Karasek, Derek M. Keller, Ray Kiefert, Chris King, Leo Kolafa, Sr., Bernice Kopecky, David Kopecky, Sophie Korenek, Frank Kubes, Jr., Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Liam, Danilo Lopez, Jose Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Lillian Marek, Patricia Michulka, Agnes Minks, Margaret Moore, Traci Paul, Sonny, Antonio Olvera, Ma-Guadalupe Orozco, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Frankie Orsak, Bernice Pribyl, Loraine Schneider, Georgie Sliva, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Pat Vacek, Herbert Wendel, Brock Zimmerman
 Please send us a note or call us at 335-7551 if you want to add someone.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins every Thursday after the 7:00 A.M. Mass and closes at 7:00 P.M.

Communion to the Homes:

February 17: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness

February 24: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Janice Polak

Please call Evelyn Kramr at 335-4467 if you need to receive home communion.

Altar Society: Mary Ann Kramr, Yvonne Naiser, Mary Ann Tichacek

Second Collection: Collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe Ash Wednesday - March 6. Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl – Sundays of Lent & Easter Sunday

The monthly meeting of Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held Monday, February 18, in the Holy Cross Meeting Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m. For more info, contact Regent Berna Pilcik, 979-531-9028. Please remember to bring your food item for the needy.

Solemn Lenten Vespers: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

Just a reminder about the Blood Drive this coming Sunday at the Holy Cross Education Building in East Bernard. Times are from 7:00am to 12:30pm. You can schedule an appointment at giveblood.org. Just login to Digital Donor, enter code 0242 or contact Robert or Patricia Michulka at 979-335-6107. Appointments are not necessary and walk-ins are welcomed.

*Pope Francis Monthly Intention for February: Human Trafficking-
 For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking,
 of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

Banns of Marriage:
Third Bann: Michael Raymond Blommer & Lyndsay Elizabeth Stelzel
Second Bann: Jacob Carrell Wilkerson & Cassidy Renee Mica

29th Annual Kolache Klobase Festival – Saturday, June 8
Raffle prizes needed – contact Big Ed Marik at 979-335-6402 by March 1st.
Volunteer workers needed – contact Jason Hlavinka at 979-533-1536. Thanks for your support.

Breve reflexión sobre el evangelio

La versión evangélica de San Lucas nos enseña a servir ministerialmente a un mundo quebrado y marginado cómo lo hizo Jesús. Nos presenta a un Jesús que provoca una conversión personal en su auditorio. Jesús se sienta a comer con personas diecisiete veces y conversa hasta que los comensales optan por transformar sus vidas. El Señor recoge a discípulos para que aprendan a cuestionar y señalar la presencia de Dios en la humanidad. Las personas tocadas por sus parábolas dan una respuesta coherente a ese Dios. Y todos ellos son llamados a una decisión clara. No hay condiciones sobreimpuestas. (Por Pbro. Donaldo Headley)

KJT #40 Scholarship Fund: Bryan & Stacy Lehmann in memory of Boyce Gertson, Rick Kaluza, Marie Vacek, Ray Dusek, & Charles Kemp, Jr.

KJT #40 Renovation Fund: Syl Dusek in memory of Ray Dusek.

Lent Faith Sharing Groups: Disciples on the Journey books available in Spanish and English. Join a group or host a group in your home. Call Patricia Michulka, 281-344-7551 for more information.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY
Faith Sharing for Lent
Please put your form in the collection basket.
For more info, please call Patricia Michulka at 281-344-7551.

Name _____ Phone # _____

English _____ Spanish _____

Teen & Family material available on line at www.disciplesonthejourney.org

Tuesday Morning _____ Tuesday Evening _____ Wednesday Evening _____

Queridos amigos,

En este tiempo de cambio en la parroquia y cuando yo y Pe. Don estamos al punto de salir quisiera compartir unos pensamientos tiernos y cariñosos. Primero quiero agradecerles por las tarjetas de agradecimiento y las fiestas estas últimas semanas.

Hemos logrado muchos éxitos durante del año anterior. Sin embargo, deseo que Uds. enfoquen no sólo en el pasado sino en el futuro y su papel en el crecimiento de la presencia latina in Santa Cruz. Al seguir hacerlo Uds. será una bendición para todos. Uds. me han mostrado su confianza y han compartido su cultura y profunda fe con la parroquia entera. Ojalá que aprovechen Uds. la llegada del nuevo párroco y compartir con el la misma confianza y buena voluntad que me dieron. Se encuentra a Dios no sólo por nuestras oraciones y culto sino también al dedicarnos a vivir plenamente cada día y perseguir los valores del Reino de Dios: reconciliación, comunidad, la búsqueda de justicia y Cristo presente por los sacramentos.

Llevaré un pedacito de Santa Cruz en mi corazón y les aseguro que pediré que Dios y la Virgen de Guadalupe los protejan y acompañan los próximos semanas y meses.

En unas semanas mandaré mi nueva dirección a Donna.

Con cariño,

Pe. Mateo

As the transition to a new pastor begins this week, I too will be going through my own transition as I move to St. Louis, MO. For those who have asked about my address I have decided that once I get there and things clarify for me I will send Donna my address. You will be able to get it from her at that time, but it won't be right away.

I personally responded with thank-yous to all those who gave me a card of appreciation. In case I missed someone or a family know of my thanks. You have shown me much affection and support, which have challenged me to try to be a better person. Fr. Don could not have given me more encouragement, or generosity. But what I will most treasure is your response to me and my family upon my mother's death in September of 2018.

I pray you be open to how God invites you to grow and learn and serve each other these coming weeks, months, and years.

I let the poet T.S. Eliot have the last words:

*Not farewell,
but fare forward, voyagers.*

Livin' the dream,

Fr. Mat

*Thank
you*

From Father Don

Twenty-two of the forty-one years I have been a priest have been spent with you, the wonderful people of Holy Cross Parish and the East Bernard Community. Pen and ink I haven't enough to thank each of you personally for the kindness and love you have shown me during this time. During my years

at Holy Cross, I baptized 831 individuals, married 287 couples, gave First Holy Communion to 702 children and adults, and had 381 funerals. The beauty of the church at Christmas and Easter and the formality of special liturgies accompanied by wonderful music are memories I will always relish. The farewell/retirement reception last Sunday was wonderful. I appreciate the time and effort so many parishioners put into making it a memorable afternoon. I am humbled by your generosity and appreciate the many gifts and messages of gratitude. My intention to thank you individually with a personal note is being delayed by the pressure of moving, remodeling an older home and the sheer number of cards to be written. When I am settled in Yoakum and watching the deer cross the pasture on their way to graze local gardens and flower beds, I will, hopefully, have time to begin writing thank you notes. Don't hold your breath – it may take some time. In the meantime, I want to say "Thank You" for your kindness and generosity now and throughout the years.

A few storm clouds hovered over East Bernard and Holy Cross when I arrived. The skies soon cleared and fair weather prevailed. Over the years we have laughed together and shared the sad moments of life. Your love, friendship and support are gifts I will always cherish.

My new address: 611 Ducey Street – Yoakum, TX 77995

Telephone: 361-293-2173 E-Mail: donruppert@gmail.com (once I get an internet connection)

You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep me in your prayers.

Father Don Ruppert

Parish Fund Donations: Cemetery Fund: Ed & Judy Schneider in memory of Ray Dusek. Jim & Adette Kovar in memory of Ray Dusek. Bernadette Janicek in memory of Rick Kaluza. Fred & Shirley Macha in memory of Ray Dusek. Aurelia Cerny in memory of Ray Dusek.

Parish Development Fund: Gary & Debbie Kaminsky in memory of Rick Kaluza.

Scholarship Fund: Jim & Adette Kovar in memory of Charles Kemp, Jr. Christine Kelner in memory of Mary Leveridge & Ray Dusek. Brenda Stelzel & Shae Menard Allison in memory of Ray Dusek, Boyce Gertson, Rick Kaluza, & Charles Kemp, Jr. Victor & Mary Ann Tichacek in memory of Rick Kaluza.