



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

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

March 31, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday 1		No Service
Tuesday 2	7:00 AM	+Travis Henrichsen
Wednesday 3	7:00 AM	+Ann Doris Kopecky
Thursday 4	7:00 AM	+Frank & Tillie Dusek, John & Winnie Meyers
Friday 5	8:00 AM	Christian Mothers, Living & Deceased
Friday 5	7:00 PM	+Awald & Georgia Stelzel
Saturday 6	5:00 PM	+Pat Smaistrila
Sunday 7	8:00 AM	+Stephen Macha
Sunday 7	10:00 AM	First Holy Communion Students & Parents
Sunday 7	11:30 AM	Parishioners

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Tuesday – 7 a.m. – Taylor, Tyler, & Claire Viktorin
Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Lance Zapalac, Camden Fucik
Thursday – 7 a.m. – Nolan Triplett, Zachary Fuechec
Friday – 7 p.m. – Josef, Jacob, Rachel Kulcak

Saturday, April 6 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: C Kubicek, C & J Faltysek, C Dusek
Lector: Melinda Alvarado
Ushers: Raymond & Janice Polak
Eucharist: Host-Thomas P. Vacek
Cup-M Kubena, Al Smaistrila, M A Morse, G Demny

Sunday, April 7 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

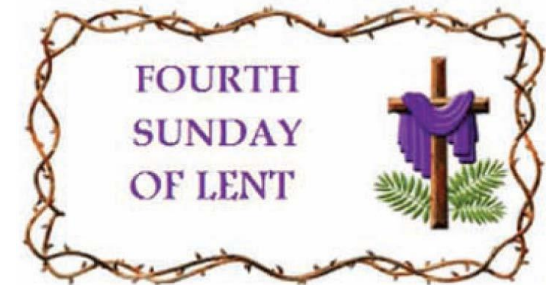
Servers: H Henry, B Babin, C Polak, T Buxkemper
Lector: Karen Moszkowicz
Ushers: Daniel & Cindy Garza
Eucharist: Host-Todd Swoboda
Cup-D Brandes, H Mica, Y Naiser, E Youngblood

Sunday, April 7 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Cole Janecek, Emma, Sam, Cooper Potts
Lector: Lance Rejsek
Ushers: Douglas & Daphne Fucik
Eucharist: Host-Martha Prochaska
Cup-Rudy & Tyna Vacek, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin

Sunday, April 7 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

Servers: Maria Avila, Magaly Avila, Roxana Moreno
Lector: Miguel Rendon
Ushers: Juan & Yolanda Figueroa
Eucharist: Host-Yolanda Romero
Cup- Paulina Hernandez, Anita Tovar



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 626
Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,798.00
Parish Development: \$210.00
Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
All Confirmation Students & Parents.



Seth, Joe, MDA, WDM, MJM, Virginia Acuna, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Ryan M. Adamek, Lawrence Bartosh, A.J. Bennetsen, Clifton Bram, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Estaban Castaneda, Florence Chernohorsky, Anna Chumchal, Dr. Ronald Cochran, Laura Cohrs, Gracie Cordova, Michael Cromeans, Uncle Dave, Anton Dybala, Bernice Futschik, Cruz Gavarrete, Edward Halcom, Charlene Hennecke, Lynnlea Johnson, Gene & Joan Karasek, Larry Karasek, Derek M. Keller, Ray Kiefert, Chris King,

Georgie Koehne, Leo Kolafa, Sr., Bernice Kopecky, David Kopecky, Sophie Korenek, Frank Kubes, Jr., David Kulhanek, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Liam, Danilo Lopez, Jose Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Lillian Marek, Patricia Michulka, Agnes Minks, Margaret Moore, Traci Paul, Sonny, Antonio Olvera, Carlos Orozco, Ma-Guadalupe Orozco, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Frankie Orsak, Ronnie Pitman, Bernice Pribyl, Isaiah Sandoval, Gayla Schimek, Loraine Schneider, Georgie Sliva, Michael Sliva, Hector Soliz, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Pat Vacek, Herbert Wendel, Theresa Wysocki, Brock Zimmerman

Please send us a note or call us at 335-7551 if you want to add someone.

We pray for the souls of Martha Hlavinka Ballou & Anna Chumchal (mother of Darline Polak) who passed away last week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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:

March 31: Janice Polak, Tim & Lora Faltysek

April 7: Mary Ann Morse, Ann Kramr

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

Altar Society: Patricia Michulka, Delores Pietsch, Jo Ann Preisler, Sharon Sebesta

Second Collection:

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl – Sundays of Lent & Easter Sunday

Holy Cross Easter Flower Offering – anytime before Easter.

Confirmation – Sunday, March 31 at 10 a.m.

First Communion – Sunday, April 7 at 10 a.m.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

This Week's Lenten Services

TUESDAY (April 2) – Mass at 7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (April 3) – Mass at 7:00 a.m.

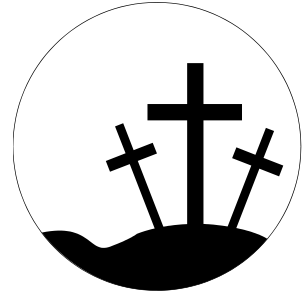
THURSDAY (April 4) – Mass at 7:00 a.m. - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY (April 5) – Catholics may NOT EAT MEAT on all Fridays of Lent.

Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross.

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

“Disciples on the Journey” groups meet throughout the week at designated times. Call Patricia Michulka, 281-344-7551 for more information.



Stations of the Cross: if you would like to lead the Stations please call the parish office and let us know, 335-7551, for either the 8 a.m. or the 7 p.m. Thank you!

Polka Mass – Saturday, May 18 at 5 pm – Mark your calendar.

Parish Fund Donations:

Scholarship Fund: Jimmie & Georgie Losack in memory of Ann Doris Kopecky & Joe Macek.

CONFESSION CIRCUIT EASTER 2019 SCHEDULE

Starts at 7 p.m. in all locations.

Sunday, March 31 Hungerford/Beasley

Tuesday, April 2 Wharton (Holy Family)

Wednesday, April 3 Rosenberg (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, April 4 East Bernard

Wednesday, April 10 New Taiton*

***Easter is Sunday, April 21, 2019.**



SOMOS SALVOS POR LA MISERICORDIA Y EL AMOR DE NUESTRO PADRE

La primera lectura prepara el mensaje contenido en el Evangelio. El pueblo de Israel no llegó a la tierra de la libertad por sí mismo, no fueron salvos por su propia fuerza, fueron guiados por Dios. También el hijo menor en la parábola no encontraba su camino a casa por sí mismo, fue conducido de vuelta por el amor gratuito e ilimitado de su padre.

¿Dónde, cómo y por qué nos sentimos hoy como uno de estos dos hijos? ¿No encontramos en nosotros algo del hijo pequeño o algo del anciano? ¿Cuándo razonamos diferente del padre? ¿No hay nada que podamos cambiar?

La segunda lectura es una invitación a aceptar reconciliarse con Dios y con los demás miembros de la comunidad, y por lo tanto, está en armonía con el tema del domingo.

¡ Sí, Levantémonos y volvamos a nuestro padre y él perdonará nuestros numerosos pecados!

¡Bendiciones!

WE ARE SAVED BY THE MERCY AND THE LOVE OF OUR FATHER

The first reading prepares the message contained in the Gospel. The people of Israel did not reach the land of freedom by themselves, they were not saved by their own strength, they were guided by God. Also, the younger son of the parable did not find his way home by himself, he was led back by the gratuitous and unlimited love of his father.

Where, how and why do we feel today like one of these two sons? Don't we find in us something of the young son, and something of the elder? When do we reason differently from the Father? Isn't there anything we can change?

The second reading is an invitation to accept to be reconciled to God and to the other members of the community, and thus, it is in harmony with the theme of the Sunday.

Yes, let us arise and return to our Father and he will forgive us our numerous sins!

Blessings!

Please Read: The list for Lectors and EMEs needs to be updated and new ministers added. Everyone needs to choose one ministry – Lector or EME (not both) Training for all ministers will be announced at a later date. Everyone interested must sign up by calling or emailing Rectory.



Confirmation Candidates

*Kendall Riley Sofia Araguz
Brooke Paige Genevieve Babin
Carah Emily Anne Chilek
Julia Grace Gianna Coker
Jose Antonio Apollos Cubias
Dakota Lyn Genevieve Domel
Caitlyn Paige Elizabeth Fuechec
Ramiro Rita Garza III
Hailey Mae Therese Henry
Cody Dale Christopher Hillmann
Colby John Cornelius Jedlicka
Dylan Brent Joseph Johnston
Victoria Elaine Adelaide Koenig
Rachel Arlene Catherine Kulcak
Efrain Francis Lopez
Ryan Christopher Maximilian Morse
McKenna Rae Elizabeth Novicke
Brooke Innocence Bernadette Petrenella
Ethan James Sebastian Rejsek
Kara Elizabeth Rose Riley
Kenneth Louis Christopher Talas
Grace Ann Agnes Tovar
Reagan Dennis Peter Whitley
Maribel Rangel
Barrett Daniel Stavinoha
Carl Joseph Stavinoha
Douglas John Wilson*

**Baptism Class – April 2 at 7p.m. – Religious Education building.
Please call 335-4071 to sign up.**

**East Bernard Knights of Columbus #2500 2019 Fish Fry
At Riverside Hall – Serving 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit Local Scholarships & Charities.**

**Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
Desserts & Baked Items for sale at the Fish Fry.**