



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

335-4071 – Cemetery & Religious Education Offices

APRIL 7, 2019 – FIFTH 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: See schedule

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 8		No Service
Tuesday 9	6:00 PM	+A.W. Marek
Wednesday 10	7:00 AM	+Melba Blazek
Thursday 11	7:00 AM	+Jody Polak
Friday 12	8:00 AM	+Rudy Vrana, Sr.
Friday 12	7:00 PM	+Charles Ray Vincek
Saturday 13	5:00 PM	+Pete & Susie Lopez Family
Sunday 14	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday 14	10:00 AM	+John Dusek, James & Debbie Dusek
Sunday 14	11:30 AM	No Mass

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Aden Bradicich, Abby Hudgins

Thursday – 7 a.m. – Cadence Hammock, Brandon Rucka

Friday – 7 p.m. – Kayla, Nathan, Cody Kramr

Saturday, April 13 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Samuel & Julia Coker, Caitlyn & Zachary Fuechec

Lectors: Patricia Michulka (L), Gary Krenek (N) & Melinda Alvarado (S)

Ushers: Larry & Joan Wetz

Eucharist: Host-Clint Coker

Cup-Jennifer Coker, Alphonse Smaistrila, Patsy Krenek, Helen Mica

Sunday, April 14 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Rylee Vacek, Christopher, Hunter, Kyle Kopecky

Lectors: Lance Rejsek (L), Renee Hlavinka(N) & Todd Swoboda (S)

Ushers: Kenneth & Janet Stasney

Eucharist: Host-Henriette Jalowy

Cup-Doris Brandes, Janie Mendez, Daniel & Cindy Garza

Sunday, April 14 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Mara & Nolan Triplett, Maria Avila & Raul Contreras

Lectors: Rudy Vacek (L), Melissa Morse (N) & Stephen Hlavinka (S)

Ushers: Jodie & Jerry Smaistrila

Eucharist: Host-Tammy Triplett

Cup-Tyna Vacek, Bill & Bernice Cavness, Mary Ann Tichacek

Sunday, April 14 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

No Mass



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 737
Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,447.50
Parish Development: \$335.00
Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
All First Holy Communion 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, 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.

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:

April 7: Mary Ann Morse, Ann Kramr

April 14: Bill & Bernice Cavness, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin

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

Altar Society: Agnes Holub, Bernice Cavness, Linda Hlavinka

Second Collection:

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

Holy Cross Easter Flower Offering – anytime before Easter.

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

Sr. Citizen Luncheon April 9th: Please drop off your dessert at the American Legion Hall any time after 7:30am or leave in the back of church.

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Torn Areas

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

This Week's Lenten Services

TUESDAY (April 9) – Mass at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (April 10) – Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Confessions for Sr. Citizens 10am- 11am

THURSDAY (April 11) – 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 12) – 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.



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

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

KJT Society #40 meet on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall.

Please call Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 for more information.

Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, meet on the third Monday of the month, 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.

CONFESSION CIRCUIT EASTER 2019 SCHEDULE

Starts at 7 p.m. in all locations.

Wednesday, April 10

New Taiton*

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



From the Pastor's Desk

EL DIOS DE LAS SORPRESAS

Cuando el pueblo de Israel comenzó a mirar hacia atrás en su historia, se preguntaron por lo que Dios ya había hecho por ellos. Sin embargo, también se mantuvieron pensando que el Señor había hecho todo lo que podía y estaba en condiciones de hacer más. La primera lectura nos está diciendo que Dios está a punto de traer una salvación aún mayor que la que se hace liberando a Israel de Egipto. Esta es la primera sorpresa que se nos propone hoy.

En la segunda lectura vemos a Pablo, un hombre capaz de abrir su corazón a la mayor de las sorpresas de Dios: el envío de su hijo a este mundo.

También aquí, la forma humana de pensar está totalmente molesta: Dios es mucho más grande que su corazón, no condena a nadie. Aquí está, por lo tanto, otra sorpresa!

THE GOD OF SUPRISES

When the people of Israel began to look back at their history, they wondered at what God had already done for them. And yet they also kept thinking that the Lord had done whatever he could and was in the position to do more. The first reading is telling us that God is about to bring an even greater salvation than the one done by freeing Israel from Egypt. This is the first surprise that is being proposed to us today.

In the second reading we see Paul, a man capable of opening up his heart to the greatest of God's surprises: the sending of his Son into this world.

Here too, the human way of thinking is totally upset: God is much greater than their heart, he does not condemn anybody. Here is, therefore, yet another surprise!

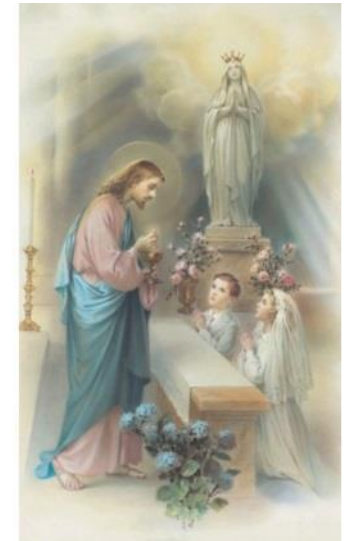
Holy Land Pilgrimage April 29th – May 8th

Prayer Petitions: If you wish to send prayer petitions for Fr. Charles to take to the Holy Land please send to the Rectory by April 26th. The petitions will be placed before the Altar in the Holy Land by Fr. Charles.

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.

1st Communion Class

*Presley Elizabeth Allison
Brody Wayne Brown
Lane Stockton Cerny
Sophia Rose Danford
Grace Evila-Anne Dimas
Korben Tyler Dorotik
Mateo Wade Garza
Luke Easton Janecek
Audrey Anna Jones
Kynlee Jo Kocurek
Ireland Grace Kopecky
Mary Evelyn Kulcak
Dallas Ray Longoria
Ismael Mando Lopez
Landon Joseph Losack
Ethan James Marik
Kaden Chase Morales
Benjamen Edward Potts
Ondrea Aurora Prochaska
Alicia Rendon
Melody Antonela Sanchez
Corbin John Toman
Brock Samuel Zimmerman*



**Faith Formation Classes end on Wednesday, April 10.
Parents are invited to attend the closing ceremonies.
Details were emailed and can be found on Faith Formation website.**