





## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Education Offices

December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

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

Diocese of Victoria Web site: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://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

Tuesday 4	6:00 PM	+Oscar & Agnes Litvik
Wednesday 5	12:10 PM	+Jody Polak
Thursday 6	7:00 AM	+Don Pietsch, Louis & Estelle Faltysek
Friday 7	7:00 AM	Christian Mothers Living & Deceased
Saturday 8	2:30PM	Wedding - Horelica and Knight
Saturday 8	5:00 PM	+Celestine Kucera
Sunday 9	8:00 AM	+David Korenek
Sunday 9	10:00 AM	Frank & Julia Kubes 35 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 9	11:30 AM	Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Thursday – 7 a.m. – Hunter & Christopher Kopecky

Friday – 7 a.m. – Cooper & Emma Potts

### Saturday, December 8 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Callie Dusek, Julia & Samuel Coker

Lector: Melinda Alvarado

Ushers: Larry & Joan Wetz

Eucharist: Host-Janie Mendez

Cup-Paulina Hernandez, Clint & Jennifer Coker, Gloria Demny

### Sunday, December 9 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Caitlyn & Zachery Fuechec, Kirbi Guthman

Lector: Ed Vacek

Ushers: Kenneth & Shelia Bohacek

Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek

Cup-Daniel & Helen Pesek, Dennis & Brenda Polak

### Sunday, December 9 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Hailey Henry, Mara Triplett, Colby Jedlicka

Lector: Stephen Hlavinka

Ushers: Chris & Melissa Morse

Eucharist: Host-Henriette Jalowy

Cup-Alphonse Smaistrila, Eric Youngblood, Yvonne Naiser, Tammy Triplett

### Sunday, December 9 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

Assigned



**Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 634**

**Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,591.75**

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:  
Betty Jo Mican In Memory of Michael Mican**



MDA, WDM, MJM, Virginia Acuna, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Casey Adams, Joseph Andrews, J.D. Bartek, Imogene Beard, Charlie Bucek, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Matthew Carson, Rosalie Chernohorsky, Adrienne Chance, Florence Chernohorsky, Anna Chumchal, J.C. & DeAnne Cooper, D. Demny, Brenda Dillon, Anton Dybala, Emily, Leonard John Fajkus, Lora Faltysek, Betty F., P.F., Ervin Fishbeck, Jr., Adie Fojtik, Joey Graves, Boyce Gertson, Angeline Grigar, Hayden, Edward Halcom, Richard Henning, Charlene Hennecke, Jared Horelica, Johnnie & Rita Janak, Albina Jasek, Jenny, X, Lynnlea Jo Johnson, Joni Joyner, Adolph & Abi Jurecek, Kaelei, Annie Kalinowski, Evelyn Karasek, Gene & Joan Karasek, Larry Karasek,

Chris King, Leo Kolafa, Bernice & David Kopecky, Sophie Korenek, Tommy Krenek, Frank Kubek, Jr., John & Mary Ann Kubek, Justin, Carly & Carson Kubicek, Tom Kucera, Mary Lahey, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Tom Lester, Danilo Lopez, Jose L. Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Gertrude Majewski, Louise Mareke, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Louise Marek, Bennie Matcek, Lauren McPherson, Barbara Michalec, Rudy & Cara Mickulec, Dakota Miller, Agnes & Charlie Minks, Jerry Montalvo, Richard Munoz, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Vicente A. Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, Frankie Orsak, Linda Parish, Traci Paul, Pat Pekar, Melanie Persyn, Brenda Polansky, James Polansky, Bernice Pribyl, Julius Pyka, Jr., Maria Roldan, Larry Ross, Isiah Sandoval, Phyllis Sanchez, Jerry Sebesta, Chip Shelton, Jaxon Siegel, Georgie Sliva, Steve Soto, Sylvia Preisler, Albert & Margaret Smaistrila, Donald Smaistrila, Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Hailey Svoboda, Tony, Connie Urban, Dennis Viktorin, Baby Wyatt Ward, Lillian Wilson, Daniel Wittig, Riley York, Johnnie Zak  
Please send us a note or call us if you want to add someone.

We pray for the soul of Annette Novak who passed away last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

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**Communion to the Homes:**

**December 2: Joey Pitman, Evelyn Kramr**

**December 9: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness**

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

**Altar Society: Monica Bubela, Patsy Talas**

**Second Collections:**

**Christmas Flower Offering – December 1 & 2**

**Retirement for Religious Fund – December 8 & 9**

**St. Bernard Council, # 2500 Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month,**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Meeting Room.**

**Please call Grand Knight Richard Carpenter at 360-606-0302 for more information.**

*Pope Francis said:*

*God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in Heaven.*

**Flowers for the Altar: No Flowers during Advent  
2019 Flower Calendar ready for your flower intentions!**

**Festajando Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

- El sábado 7 de diciembre veneramos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la misa de 5 pm. Nos acompañará los mariachis de Victoria y todos presentes estarán invitados llevar una flor a la Virgen al principio de la misa. (Las flores estarán disponibles en la iglesia.) Después habrá una convivencia en el salón de la parroquia. Pedimos que traiga un bocadillo para compartir.
- El día 12 de diciembre habrá mañanitas a las 5:15 AM. En cuanto se acaben habrá misa en español.

**History of Holy Cross Parish – A great gift**

Do you need a Christmas gift or a special gift for someone? Consider the History of Holy Cross Parish – a 267-page hard bound volume filled with photos, historical data and special stories about early pioneer days and parish life in East Bernard beginning in the late 1890's and early 1900's. It also contains descriptive narratives of life as it was in Czechoslovakia, the immigration to America and the hardships endured in the new land. This interesting book is valuable for research and genealogy purposes and would be a special gift for someone with roots in East Bernard. A convenient surname index of approximately 2500 names makes it easy to locate possible ancestors. Available in the church foyer and at the rectory at 839 Church Street, East Bernard or by calling 979-335-7551. Price reduced to \$25.00.

**KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 Renovation Fund:**

Raymond & Mary Hennecke in memory of Evelyn Kubicek, Ella Mae Seydler, Louis Srubar, Betty Kessler, Cynthia Pietzsch, & Teresa Petrosky.

Edwin C. Marik in memory of Betty Kessler, Robert Osborne & Marvin Polasek

Frank & Gloria Buxkemper in memory of Evelyn Kubicek, Betty Kessler, & Mary Ann Kubena

**KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 Scholarship Fund:**

KJT #40 in memory of Marvin Polasek

**Application for Scholarships from KJZT available. All info on bulletin board in church & on counter in vestibule.**

## Santa's Elves Have Been Busy

Thank you Klay, Tracy, Aidan and Ethan Marik; Patsy Talas and John Talas, for hanging up the Christmas lights on the rectory and outdoor chapel. Parishioners and the East Bernard community will enjoy the results of your work throughout the Christmas Season.

Thanks also to Lora and Tim Faltysek who make sure the Advent Tree is placed in the chapel and ready for the children to hang Christian symbols during the four weeks of Advent.

Patricia and Robert Michulka have been busy working with EBISD counsellors and faculty making certain that everyone has a happy Christmas. The Giving Tree is filled with tags that will bring a smile to many faces on Christmas morning.



## Banns of Marriage: Third Bann: Derek Horelica & Kristin Knight

**CARE is still in need of blankets! Please help out if you are able!**

## Wreaths Across America - National Remembrance Ceremony Saturday, December 15

### KJZT #30 & KJT #40 Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:30pm Riverside Hall  
Non-perishable food items accepted for The Giving Tree  
RSVP to Sandy Logan 713-409-0311

**Solemn Advent Vespers:** December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018 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.

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center Guided One-Day "Look Who Is Coming" (Advent Theme) presenter, Mary Frazier**

Saturday, December 8, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Guided Retreats include at least two reflections, ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available. \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

**Many thanks** to Scott Krivacka & Parishioners who put out the collection envelopes. It is a big job and takes a lot of organizing! Thank you all for your help!

### Parish Fund Donations

*Scholarship Fund:* St. Anne's Society KJZT #3 in memory of Annette Novak.  
*Vocation Fund:* Victor & Mary Ann Tichacek in memory of Annette Novak.

**5 p.m. Saturday, December 8 - Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Refreshments after Mass in the meeting room. Everyone Welcome!**

## Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice Begins! for December 24, 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

The first practice will be  
Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Parts will be given out, &  
costumes fitted on that day too.

To be in the program,  
one must attend this practice.

This is for children from  
4 years old up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



***Come and See! Single Catholic women 18 to 40 years of age are invited to come meet nuns (Sisters) and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on December 8-9, 2018 and/or January 19-20, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@[yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com). See [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.***