



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

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

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Web site: www.eastbernardholycross.com
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

Sunday 24	4:00 PM	+Chosin Few – Louis & Daisy Losack
Sunday 24	Midnight	Parishioners
Monday 25	8:00 AM	Personal Intentions
Monday 25	10:00 AM	+Henriette & Rudy Klecka, Rudy Jr., Jaime Rosa
Tuesday 26		No Service
Wednesday 27		No Service
Thursday 28	7:00 AM	+James Kresta, Sr.
Friday 29	7:00 AM	+Syl Marik
Saturday 30	5:00 PM	+L.C. & Josephine Jan
Sunday 31	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday 31	10:00AM	+Rudy & Janelle Barta

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

Merry Christmas!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – Volunteers

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Saturday, December 30 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Brooke Babin, Hannah & Ralston Chumchal

Lector: Melinda Alvarado

Ushers: Raymond & Janice Polak

Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek

Cup-Clint & Jennifer Coker, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin

Sunday, December 31 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Caitlyn, Jared, Zachery Fuechec

Lector: Karen Moszkowicz

Ushers: David & Terry Dusek

Eucharist: Host-Gloria Demny

Cup-Joey Pitman, Dennis & Brenda Polak, Helen Mica

Sunday, December 31 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Jonathan Anders, Eric Bradicich, Taylor Buxkemper

Lector: Stephen Hlavinka

Ushers: Bill & Bernice Cavness

Eucharist: Host-Yvonne Naiser

Cup-Rudy & Tyna Vacek, Alphonse Smaistrila, Donna Cavness



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 630

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,834.00

Parish Development: \$1,160.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Fr. Don Ruppert & Fr. Matthew Kessler.**



MDA, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Joseph Andrews, Nonnie M. Arriola, Frances Arzu, Baby Luciana, John Balusek, David Bartosh, Marty Bezdek, Clifton Bram, Terry Brown, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Jason K. Carson, Sebastian Carrillo, Bennie & Anna Chumchal, Carla & Margaret, Hunter Clough, Sarrette Cooper, Michael Demny, Ashley Dusek, Helen Dusek, Joyce Dusek, James Dusek, Anton Dybala, Joseph Fishbeck, Margaret Flagg, Betty Franzetti, Bernice Futschik, Cheryl Garbs, Billy Gouldie, Edward Halcom, Nancy Hall, Kurt Hacker, Haley, Lou Ellen Hatchett, Charlene Hennecke, Penny Herrera, Scott Herrera, Jerry Horelica, Jr., Gloria Hudgins, Jo Ishee, Brandon Janak, Johnny & Rita Janik, Albina Jasek, Richard Jochec, Douglas Johse, Lynnlea Johnson, Marion Kalinowski, Gene & Joan Karasek, Bernice Kopecky, David Kopecky, Linda Kopecky, Ann Kramr, Jerry W. Kubena, John Kubes, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Darlene Lockard, Danilo Lopez, Vincente Lopez, MJM, SJM, WDM, MM, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Marty, Sandy McCarty, Lauren McPherson, Robert Sr. & Frances Montano, Paul Nawara, Annette Novak, Emiliano Olbera, Carol Oliver, Frankie Orsak, Melanie Persyn, Lisa Phillips, Diana Polak, Willie & Hazel Prazak, Glen Pribyl, Jane Primrose, Julius Pyka, Jr., Gary Reese, Emiliano Rivera, Reba Rosipal, Larry Ross, Phyllis Sanchez, Sandra Schmidt, Jerry Sebesta, Hannah Slaughter, Georgie Sliva, Susan Sliva, Mila Sosa, Donald Smaistrila, Margaret Smaistrila, Louis & Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Gary Sutton, Emma Svoboda, Ronnie Tate, Victor James Tichacek, Dorothy Twardowski, Katie Vacek, Sandy Vacek, Marco Valenzuela, Lillian Wilson, Johnnie Zak, Louis Zbranek

Please call us 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:

December 24: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness

December 31: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Janice Polak

Please call Evelyn Kramr at 335-7324 if you need to receive home communion.

Please pick up your new schedule in the sacristy. Thank you.

Altar Society: Helen Mica, Rita Jochec, Cathryn Winkler, Lisa Rubio, Maria Garcia

KJZT Scholarship Applications are available now, due February 9, 2018.

Flyer in Church with all information needed.

CDA Raffle Tickets Ready for Pick Up – located in Church vestibule.

Please get your Raffle Tickets so mailing is not necessary.

Pope Francis said:

"Go out to meet Jesus, spend time with Him in prayer, and entrust your whole life to His merciful love."

Thank you from Lillian Marek:

I want to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and good wishes that you sent to me during my illness. I appreciate your care and concern.
Lillian Marek

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Bernadette #1108

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

With Raffle & Silent Auction

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Serving Begins at 5:00 PM

Dine In or Bring your own container to take home

Bowl of Soup - \$3.00 each

Chicken Salad Sandwich - \$3.00 each

Pastries Available. Raffle Drawing for 76 prizes at 7:00 PM

Parish Donations:

Cemetery Fund:

Wilfred & Jeanette Rejsek in memory of Celestine Kucera & Agnes Litvik.

E.B. Air Conditioning & Heating Service in memory of Celestine Kucera & Agnes Litvik.

Scholarship Fund:

Jimmie & Georgie Losack in memory of Celestine Kucera, Tillie Dusek, Agnes Litvik, & Dorothy Pullin.

Bazaar News!

Special Thank You to Bazaar Co-Chairs: Vicky Alvarado, Irene Vasquez, Valerie Munoz, Danni Montalvo, & Wanda Montalvo. Many thanks to you all for volunteering!

30th Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, January 27 2018 ~ Holy Family Church, Wharton

The seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching will be presented by 22 speakers.

Info and online registration are available at www.victoriadiocese.org or call the Chancery Office at (361) 573-0828.

Finding Christ in the World -

A Twelve-Week Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life

Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N.E. Water St. Victoria, TX will offer a twelve-week Ignatian Retreat entitled “*Finding Christ in the World,*” a prayer experience to help you see where God breaks into your daily life.

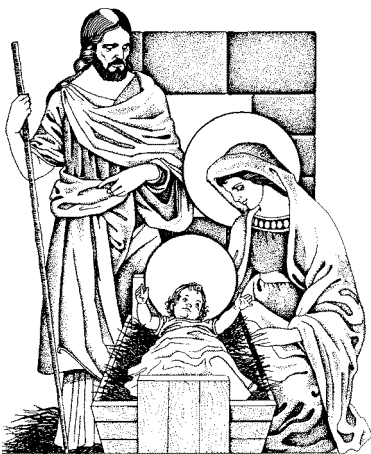
A small group of 6 to 10 persons will meet at Incarnate Word Convent Amor Meus Prayer Room on Wednesday evening each week beginning January 3 through March 21, 2018 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM to share and explore their experience of prayer.

The retreat fee is \$10 dollars per week for the 12 weeks, which includes a workbook for the entire retreat.

To register: Call: Sister Digna at [\(361\) 485-0866](tel:3614850866) the group is limited to **no more** than 10 persons. Call early to secure a space.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 7:00 pm—8:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Incarnate Word Convent [1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria](https://www.ignatius.org/locations/1101-n-e-water-st-victoria) – [361-575-7111](tel:3615757111). Please park in the back.

Junior Catholic Daughters is a girls youth program for ages 6 through 18. JCDA helps girls to enrich their lives through service to others in their church, community, and world. Currently JCDA in our parish is in need of sponsors. Sponsors would be asked help lead a monthly meeting and service projects. For more information please contact Pam Youngblood
pam.youngblood@hotmail.com [979-533-3754](tel:9795333754)



Wishing You a Most Blessed and Merry Christmas

Christmas is a time to remember God's goodness. We should strive to imitate the Love of God revealed to us in the person of Jesus His Son who became one of us on that first Christmas morning. The compassion and "true" love He showed toward others is much needed in the world today. Hopefully we will try to live the words we often sing; "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

Holy Cross Church is especially beautiful this time of the year. The decorations and liturgies make it a wonderful place to worship, reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation and offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition.

I am most grateful for the unlimited hours so many parishioners put in to make the season so special – decorators, musicians/choirs, sacristans, environment committee, altar servers, parish staff, liturgy planners, flower/plant caretakers and Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and all the various ministry groups. Your hard work is a special Christmas gift every one enjoys. Thank you one and all.

I wish you and yours a most Blessed and Merry Christmas. It is a pleasure being pastor of this great parish family.

Father Don Ruppert
Pastor

