



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

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

JANUARY 21, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 22		No Service
Tuesday 23	7:00 AM	+Jose Villarreal
Wednesday 24	6:45 PM	+Annie Pilcik
Thursday 25	7:00 AM	+Dennis Dobias
Friday 26	7:00 AM	+Frank Joseph Valigura
Saturday 27	5:00 PM	+Mary & Jerry Orsak, Michael Mican
Sunday 28	8:00 AM	+Nicholas Sebring
Sunday 28	10:00AM	Parishioners

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. – Weston Swoboda, Luke Minks

Wednesday – 6:45 p.m. – 9th Grade

Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – Carson Kubicek, Jacob Kulcak

Friday – 7:00 a.m. – Mara Triplett, Rylee Vacek,

Saturday, January 27 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Samuel, Claire, Julia Coker

Lector: Clint Coker

Ushers: Brian & Michelle Mica

Eucharist: Host-Jennifer Coker

Cup-Gloria Demny, Mary Ann Morse, D & D Viktorin

Sunday, January 28 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Caitlyn, Jared, Zachery Fuechec

Lector: Karen Moszkowicz

Ushers: Lance & Karen Rejsek

Eucharist: Host-Jo Ann Preisler

Cup-Bill & Bernice Cavness, Doris Brandes, Janie Mendez

Sunday, January 28 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

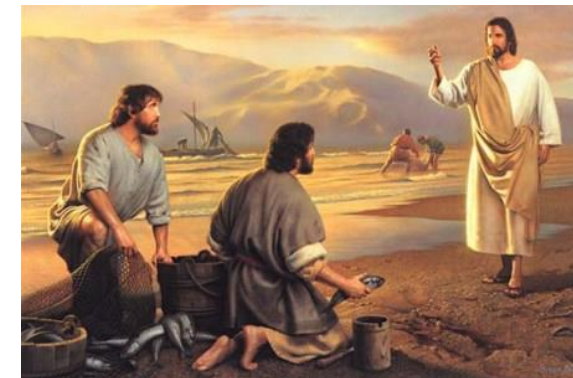
Servers: Christopher, Hunter, Kyle Kopecky

Lector: Tammy Triplett

Ushers: Doug & Daphne Fucik

Eucharist: Host-Marvin Adamek

Cup-Henriette Jalowy, Yvonne Naiser, David & Lisa Pless



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 724

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,893.00

Parish Development: \$631.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Mary Lahey in memory of Mark Lahey.**



DCK, MDA, WDM, MJM, Joseph Andrews, Calvin Blackman, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Florence Chernohorsky, Joyce Dusek, Anton Dybala, Boyce Gertson, Angeline Grigar, Johnnie & Rita Janak, Janie Joyner, Gene & Joan Karasek, Bernice & David Kopecy, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Danilo Lopez, Jose L. Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Baby Luciana, Louise Marke, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Louise Marek, Beverly Murrile, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Vicente A. Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, Melanie Persyn, Kimberly Polak, Phyllis Sanchez, Jerry Sebesta, Georgie Sliva, Steve Soto, Donald

Smaistrla, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Dorothy Twardowski, Johnnie Zak

Please send us a note or call us if you want to add someone.

We pray for the soul of Josh Chmelik who passed away last week.

Please keep his family 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.

We welcome into our faith Charlotte Marie Kelner & Reina Faustina Perez.

Communion to the Homes:

January 21: Joey Pitman, Evelyn Kramr

January 28: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness

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

Altar Society: Emilia Svoboda, Mary Hacker, Judith Michulka

Second Collection: January 28 – For the Church in Latin America

Your support to the Collection for the Church in Latin America has helped the Siervas del Plan de Dios (Servants of the Plan of God) train lay people to become Catholic missionaries and catechists in parishes. The sisters have set up a missionary formation program as a step toward enlivening and sustaining the Catholic faith.

Christian Mothers

Please pay your dues! You can call Patsy Talas at 335-6139 if you have any questions.

Bluebonnet ACTS Men Retreat – March 1-4 – Registration forms in Church vestibule.

JCDA Meeting: Next Sunday, January 28th at 4:00 PM in the first classroom at CCE building.

JCDA members and their moms are invited to this informational meeting about Junior Catholic Daughters. Young Catholic ladies age 6 through senior in high school who might be thinking of joining are also invited to see what JCDA is about! Please contact Evelyn Vacek for more information -- 335-4071.

Pope Francis said: "We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice."

Special Adult Education Opportunities



Offered by
Father Mathew Kessler, CSSR

1) Monday morning faith discussion – January 22 – March 26

Join us on Monday mornings to reflect on the upcoming readings for the following Sunday as well as a brief presentation by Fr. Kessler on a topic that the group surfaces. (10:30 – 11:45 am)

2) Catholic Spirituality: What is it and how can I develop it?

All classes on Thursday from 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Jan. 25: The dynamic human person

Feb. 1: The sources of Christian spirituality

Feb. 8: (No Class)

Feb. 15: Various schools of Christian spirituality

Feb. 22: Developing one's spiritual life through the decades

3) Scripture Study

All sessions on Monday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

March 5: The Synoptic Gospels, Jesus, and the Kingdom of God

March 12: Key Events leading up to the Last Supper

March 19: Last Supper and the Religious and Political Trials

March 26: Jesus' Death and Resurrection in service to the Kingdom of God

Anyone planning to attend is asked to call 979-335-7551 to register. This will assure that ample materials are available.

CDA Education Contest

Catholic Daughters Court St. Bernadette is sponsoring an Education Contest that is open to ALL students, Catholic and Non-Catholic, in Grade 4 through 12 and all Catholic Daughter adult members.

The following categories are available to compete for awards:

Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music and Photography

The themes for this year are "THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY. Ps. 126 or FINDING JOY IN MY LIFE.

Winners in each category will be awarded \$15.00 for first place, \$10.00 for second place and \$5.00 for third place. First place submissions will be sent to the Texas State Court for judging.

Forms and contest rules are available in the vestibule of Holy Cross Church. Submit your entries by **February 9, 2018** to CDA Education Chairman Janice Polak. Contact her at [979-533-0178](tel:979-533-0178) with any questions.

30th Annual Catholic Conference – Saturday, January 27 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton. The Keynote Speaker is Mr. Jack Jezreel. The conference is for **ALL** Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith. Workshops are in English and Spanish. Visit www.hcfaith.org or www.victoriadiocese.org for a complete list. Registration is done online. If you are a Holy Cross Parishioner contact Faith Formation Office before registering.

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

Mark your calendars!! **Parish Mission is February 11-13.**
Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (aka "Dr. Italy) will present a mission entitled "Why Be Catholic".

Sunday, January 21, Father Don will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Parishioners are invited to a covered-dish dinner in his honor. We will gather in the parish meeting room between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. (after the 10:00 am Mass). The meal will be served at 11:30 am. Each family is asked to bring a main meat dish and a side vegetable/salad or dessert. There will be no lengthy programs, speeches or other shenanigans – just time to share a good meal and visit with Father Don.

Flowers for the Altar: In Honor of Fr. Don Ruppert's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY Faith Sharing for Lent 2018

**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 _____

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions now being scheduled.

2018 Flower Calendar Ready for Your Intentions

Red roses have been placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother by the Catholic Daughters Court St. Bernadette in honor of all mothers who choose life for their babies...



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**KJZT Scholarship Applications are available now, due February 9, 2018.
Flyer in Church with all information needed.**

Consecrated Life Day to be Celebrated at Incarnate Word Convent

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted an annual day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This year, we, the Catechists of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, the Vietnamese Dominican Sisters, and the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament serving in the diocese of Victoria invite you to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill.

This Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Incarnate Word Convent Chapel, 1101 NE Water Street.

A reception will follow in the Sisters' Dining Room where each congregation will display material about their community. All are invited.



Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace March 9-11, 2018

Registrations are open for a Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace located at 2911 FM 2672, Schulenburg, TX. Weekend begins Friday evening and concludes with Sunday Mass. Open to couples and singles. Cost is \$100 for retreat and food. Overnight lodging is not provided, but discounted rate is available at Holiday Inn in Schulenburg. Register online at www.godsembrace.org or call 979-561-8883.