



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MARCH 18, 2018 – 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: 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 19		No Service
Tuesday 20	7:00 AM	+Syl Marik
Wednesday 21	6:45 PM	+Josh Chmelik
Thursday 22	7:00 AM	+Beverly Repka Fry
Friday 23	8:30 AM	+Frank & Cecilia Valigura
Saturday 24	5:00 PM	+Annie & Frank J. Pilcik, Jr.
Sunday 25	8:00 AM	+Tillie Dusek
Sunday 25	10:00 AM	+August Johec, Sr.
Sunday 25	11:30 AM	Parishioners (SPANISH MASS)

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. – Cadence Hammock, Abby Hudgins

Wednesday – 6:45 p.m. – 3rd Grade

Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – Cooper & Emma Potts

Friday – 8:30 a.m. – Volunteers

Saturday, March 24 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Ralston & Hannah Chumchal, Eric Bradicich

Lector: Robert Michulka

Ushers: Raymond & Janice Polak

Eucharist: Host-Patricia Michulka

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

Sunday, March 25 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Claire, Julia, Samuel Coker

Lector: Todd Swoboda

Ushers: David & Terry Dusek

Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek

Cup-Daniel & Cindy Garza, Dennis & Brenda Polak

Sunday, March 25 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Grace Tovar, Mara Triplett, Hailey Henry

Lector: Tammy Triplett

Ushers: Donald & Kim Buxkemper

Eucharist: Host-Mary Ann Tichacek

Cup-Denise Tovar, Rudy & Tyna Vacek, Donna Cavness



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 674

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,163.00

Parish Development: \$1,446.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
James Dusek in memory of Debbie Dusek &
In thanksgiving for God's blessings.**



Sr. Carola, MDA, WDM, MJM, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Marvin Adamek, Joseph Andrews, David Bartosh, Imogene Beard, Calvin Blackman, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Dorothy Carpenter, Jason K. Carson, Florence Chernohorsky, Bennie & Anna Chumchal, J.C. & DeAnne Cooper, Brenda Dillon, James Dusek, Joyce Dusek, Anton Dybala, Emily, Adie Fojtik, Boyce Gertson, Angeline Grigar, Edward Halcom, Charlene Hennecke, Johnnie & Rita Janak, Cathy Yanes, Douglas Johse, Janie Joyner, Annie Kalinowski, Marion Kalinowski, Gene & Joan Karasek, Chris King, Bernice & David Kopecky, Tommy Krenek, John Kubes, Shawn LaFrance, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Danilo Lopez, Jose L. Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Baby Luciana, Louise Marke, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Louise Marek, Bennie Matcek, Lauren McPherson, Barbara Merta, Annette Novak, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Vicente A. Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, Frankie Orsak, Cecilia A. Pelech, Linda Parish, Melanie Persyn, Delores Pietsch, Kimberly Polak, Bernice Pribyl, Phyllis Sanchez, Jerry Sebesta, Jaxon Siegel, Georgie Sliva, Steve Soto, Donald Smaistrla, Louis & Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Tony, Dorothy Twardowski, Riley York, James Vincek, Daniel Wittig, Johnnie Zak, Frank Zbranek

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

**We pray for the soul of Luis Enrique Roldan 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.**

Communion to the Homes:

March 18: Mary Ann Morse, Ann Kramr

March 25: Bill & Bernice Cavness, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin

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

Altar Society: Berna Pilcik, Carolyn Pilcik, Sandy Logan, Suzanne Dujka

Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl – Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Easter Flower Collection: Sunday, March 18 weekend

Next JCDA meeting is Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 PM at the CCE building. Young ladies of our parish, ages 6 through high school are welcome to join us. Come see what we're about!

The monthly meeting of Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held Monday, March 19, 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.

Pope Francis said:

*“If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters every day,
our hearts will not dwell in the past or the future.*

They will live in God’s present moment, in peace with everyone.”



This Week’s Lenten Services

TUESDAY (March 20) – Mass at 7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (March 21) – Mass at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (March 22) - Mass at 7:00 a.m. - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY (March 23) - Catholics may NOT EAT MEAT on all Fridays of Lent.

Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Stations of the Cross

Confessions 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

“Disciples on the Journey” groups meet throughout the week at designated times.

Fish Fry – East Bernard Knights of Columbus #2500

Every Friday Night – February 16 to March 23

Riverside Hall – Serving 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All you can eat \$10.00

Proceeds to benefit local Scholarships. CDA #1108 Pastry Sale at the Fish Fry.

Fr. Mathew Kessler’s Scripture Study All sessions on Monday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

March 19: Last Supper and the Religious and Political Trials

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

Confessions for Parishioners

Friday - March 23: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - March 24: 10 to 11:30 p.m. NO 4:00 PM CONFESSIONS

Confesiones en el mes de marzo

Hemos hecho un horario de confesiones por el mes de marzo. Los sacerdotes estarán disponibles escuchar confesiones a varias horas los días siguientes:

23 de marzo (viernes) 3:30-4:30 pm

24 de marzo (sábado) 10-11:30 am

NO habrá confesiones 24 de marzo (sábado) a las 4 pm

30 de marzo (viernes santo) 3:30-4:30 pm

No habrá confesiones 31 de marzo (sábado de gloria)

(Los alumnos en la doctrina se confesarán según un horario basado en sus clases de doctrina los miércoles este mes.)

TRIDUO PASCUAL

Jueves Santo: Misa Vespertina de la Última Cena del Señor 7:30 pm (inglés)

Viernes Santo:

Se llevará a cabo El Via Crucis en Español a las 3 pm Viernes Santo
La Celebración de la Pasión del Señor será a las 5:30 pm (español)

La Vigilia Pascual: 7:30 pm (inglés)

Domingo de Pascua: 11:30 am (español)

Grupo de Oración

A partir el mes de abril el Grupo de Oración se juntará el primer y tercer martes del mes.

El primer martes habrá exposición del Santísimo Sacramento por una hora en el templo. La hora se dividirá en cuatro partes: se rezará el Santo Rosario; meditaremos en silencio; serán leídas algunas lecturas sobre Cristo presente en el Santísimo Sacramento, y cantaremos. El tercer martes habrá estudio bíblico en la escuela de doctrina.

Para que tengamos suficientes recursos bíblicos, por favor llame a la parroquia y deje su nombre con Donna si va a asistir.

Ambas reuniones empezarán a las 7 de la noche.

The Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas Diocesan Services Appeal 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Victoria,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified certain areas of priority for our work in the coming years. As I've reflected on these, I believe we share a common vision:

- The first priority is Evangelization – to open wide the doors to Christ through missionary discipleship.
- The second priority is Marriage and Family – to encourage and heal all families.
- The third priority is Human Life and Dignity – to uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death with a special concern for the poor and vulnerable.

After preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaimed: "Your light must shine before others" (Mt. 5:16). This is the light that brings healing and mercy to a world that so often is filled with division and pain. The people of the Diocese of Victoria suffered devastating losses from Hurricane Harvey and continue to deal with the affects months later. In the midst of the darkest storm the sacrificial love of the human heart stood out as a bright light. People instinctively reached out to help their brothers and sisters in need.

The Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) helps us as the Body of Christ to bring this light and healing to our families and neighbors each day. Our DSA is committed to fund administration offices and programs that help us bring the light of Christ to each of these priorities in the Crossroads. Thank you so much for your generous support of the DSA. God bless you and your families; let's keep one another in prayer,

+ Bradford Cahill

**Choir practice for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday is on
March 25 at 3:00 PM in the choir loft. Come join us!**



Holy Week Schedule:

Living Stations of Cross (Mar. 28) at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday (Mar. 29): Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday (Mar.30): Service 1 p.m.

Holy Saturday (Mar. 31): Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (Apr. 1): 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Parish Funds Donations:

Cemetery Fund: United Ag Cooperative, Inc., Judith Rottmann, Ed & Judy Schneider, all in memory of Don Pietsch, Sr.

Parish Development Fund: Bubba & Doris Brandes in memory of Don Pietsch, Sr.

Scholarship Fund: Chip & Mary Ann Shelton in memory of Don Pietsch, Sr., Josh Chmelik, Agnes Litvik, Celestine Kucera, Amy Gaudette, & Gerri Blanchette.

Randy & Stacy Lehmann in memory of David Stelzel, Tyler Menard, Eddie Vasut, Josh Chmelik, & Don Pietsch, Sr. Charles & Jenny Earp in memory of Josh Chmelik.

Jimmie & Georgie Losack in memory of Amy Gaudette & Don Pietsch, Sr.

Vocation Fund: Daniel & Roxane Marek, Gladys Dusek, all in memory of Don Pietsch, Sr.

Albert & Margaret Smaistrila in memory of Doris Johs & Eddie Vasut.

Don & Gloria Demny in memory of Josh Chmelik & Luis Roldan.

Buck & Ruth Boettcher in memory of Dennis Grahmann.

ALL HOLY CROSS SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE – ONLINE OR IN CHURCH.

Next Polka Mass will be on Saturday, April 28 at 5 p.m.