

February 9, 2014: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13s, 14

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Feb. 9 (Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Vernon Supak

Monday, February 10, St. Scholastica, Virgin (1 Kgs

8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56)

7:00 am- Leon & Leona Grahmann

10:00 am- Bill Gohlke, Benefactor (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes (1 Kgs

8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13)

7:00 am- Sedra Gutierrez

Wednesday, February 12 (1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23)

7:00 am- Alois & Arlyn Leopold

8:05 am- Annette Krupala

Thursday, February 13 (1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30)

7:00 am- Fred & Angeline Pustejovsky

10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann, Benefactors (Stevens)

Friday, February 14, Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius,

Bishop (1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37)

7:00 am- C.W. & Ludmilla Brown

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Theo & Mary Golsch Family

Saturday, February 15 (1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk

8:1-10)

5:30 pm- Anton Vavrusa, Stacey Harned, John & Mary Mozisek

Sunday, February 16 (Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt

5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Frank Polasek

Church Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Frank & Rita Zaruba in memory of Nicholas & Annie Grahmann.

Vigil Light: Special Intention for faith.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,876.50; Initial Env.-\$155; Building Repair Fund-\$1,286; Church Endowment Env.-\$160; Loose-\$1,395; Children-\$25.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Lad Kolacny*, father of Ron Kolacny of our parish family. *May he & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

-First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Family Center.

-Youth Night Holy Hour, 5 pm in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in prayer and adoration.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

-Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Christian Mothers Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

-CCD: K-12th Grades, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

-RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Youth House.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

-Youth Spectacular, Holy Family Church, Victoria.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Kyle Stellige, Victor Vasek, Kassia Kubena, Barbara Gummelt, Louise Tesch, Robert Butschek, Karen Kahanek, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Promise of Marriage: Holly Pustejovsky and Shayne Stovall on February 22.

Anniversaries:

Robert & Georgia Pohl	52 years	Feb. 9
Clarence & Beatrice Brown	56 years	Feb. 15

Area Festivals & Picnics:

St. Mary Parish Festival, Feb. 9, Victoria Com. Center.
St. Roch Parish Turkey-Dressing Dinner, Feb. 9, Mentz.

Christian Mother's Society Meeting, Monday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m., Family Center, followed by noodle soup supper and Bunco. Members are encouraged to come for a fun evening.

Catholic Daughter 2014 Dues are due. Please pay your \$20 dues at the meeting or make check payable to CDA & mail to Anita Steffek, 549 CR 186, Hallettsville. For more information, call Anita Steffek 798-3771.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is considering offering a PreK-3 educational program for 3 year old children beginning the 2014-15 school year. A child would need to be 3 years old by September 1, 2014 in order to be eligible. Please call the school office at 798-4251 by March 1 if you are interested. A decision will be made based on the number of persons interested in the program.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

The picture taking for the Parish Directory is underway. Thank you to all who have already had your picture taken or have scheduled it for the upcoming times. Please be sure to get your picture in the Directory!

Please save the following dates on your calendar:
Sunday, March 30th – Msgr. John’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration. Mass will be at 3:00 p.m. followed by a supper at the K.C. Hall at 5:15 p.m.
April 5th-9th – Parish Mission for Lent. Fr. Bob Hogan from San Antonio will give the Mission.

If you know of someone who is a shut-in at home and is not receiving Holy Communion, please call the Rectory and we will make arrangements for someone to bring them Holy Communion.

CCD News ~~

Feb. 9: First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Family Center.

Feb. 16: **Confirmation Candidates attendance** of the Youth Spectacular at Holy Family Church in Victoria is **mandatory**. Doors open 11:00 a.m. Event begins 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop David Fellhauer.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Don't forget! Photography will be this week, **February 11-15**, for the parish directory. Please come **no more than 5 minutes before** your scheduled time. There is no need to wait...come in, take the picture, view your portrait and it's done! Call Linda Pavliska 798-3253 or go to www.shcatholicchurch.org to schedule appointments. Next photography session: February 18 & 22.

Dates to remember: Group pictures will be taken in church after 8:00 a.m. Mass on **February 16** for the following – **Altar Servers, Cantors, Organists, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Rosary Leaders & Ushers.** Please make every effort to be present for these pictures.

Nursing Home Residents: Scheduled photography for our residents –

Hallettsville Rehab: Monday, February 17 after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Stevens: Thursday, February 20 after 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to be present for your loved one's picture taking, please feel free to attend.

Our Troops to be honored: We will have a page in the directory saluting our military who are members of Sacred Heart Church. Please bring a picture of your loved one who is serving our country to the Rectory so we can include them on our page honoring our troops.

Youth Group ~

YOUTH NIGHT!! We encourage all students to join us this Sunday evening Feb. 9th from 5-7:30 for our Feb. Youth night. Adoration will begin at 5 followed by social and games at the youth house. Please join us for an awesome time!

We are still accepting forms for the Victoria Diocese **YOUTH SPECTACULAR** taking place on Sunday, Feb. 16th; however, we are now subject to the late registration cost which is \$25.00. Please make checks payable to Diocese of Victoria Youth Ministry, and leave forms in the rectory.

Also, if you are interested in our summer trip to **STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU (June 26-29)** please turn in your forms to the rectory or you may request one by calling Troy Spring at [361-772-1797](tel:361-772-1797) or by email at troy@splashwaywaterpark.com.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

Feb. 10: High School students dismissed from classes. TAPPS District Academic Meet.

Feb. 13: Jr. High Academic Meet. Classes dismissed 2:00 p.m. No extended care.

Feb. 14: Student Council Blood Drive, 11:00am-6:00pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time –

"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." Being Christian is not supposed to be boring! On the contrary, Jesus gave us the mission to bring flavor to the world, and to brighten things up when they seem dark and dismal. What a misunderstanding it is to think that following Christ would ever mean abandoning "the good life" or becoming dull servants of a rigid master. No, we are meant to be like the salt that brings a delicious meal to perfection. We are called to be the light that enables energy and activity. An authentic Christian is filled with life in the truest sense, filled with the One who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

Joy and gratitude are really meant to be at the heart of the Christian experience. Our loving Father has given us the gift of salvation and the hope of heaven as free gifts. Because Christ has conquered sin and death, we can exult with Easter joy all year long! This is the good news we proclaim. It's not news that's meant to be whispered in a private corner. Jesus tells us to be like a city set on a mountain, and a lamp radiating light from a lampstand. We have a mission to invigorate the world with the hope, the happiness, and the fulfillment found in Christ.

Jesus said that we are in fact salt and light. The question is only whether we will "lose our taste." That of course is up to us. If we let our faith in the good news fade, we are bound to grow dull. But when we remain rooted in Christ, we will truly be able to let our light shine.