

March 22 – Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." — Jn 12:23-24

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Mar. 22 (Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Rudolph & Elizabeth Schindler Family

Monday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11)

7:00 am- Willie & Rosie Migl, Reinhold & Mary Koenig
10:00 am- Donnie & Yvonne Muska (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 24 (Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30)

7:00 am- Emil Grahmann

Wednesday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

(Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am- Dorothy Henneke & Trey Kapalski
8:05 am- Marie Grafe
12:05 pm- John & Frances Valigura, Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr.



Thursday, March 26 (Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59)

7:00 am- Emil Veselka
10:00 am- Deceased members of Alois & Marie Morkovsky Family (Stevens)

Friday, March 27 (Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42)

7:00 am- Anton & Frances Honish
8:05 am- Deceased members of Joe Kuhn and Anton Kainer Families
12:05 pm- Adolph, Mary, Jerome, Fred & Joe Jansky
6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28 (Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56)

5:30 pm- Herbert, Rosie, Brenda, George, Adela Bludau

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Eddie & Georgie Janak
5:00 pm- Daniel Silgero (Spanish Mass)

Penance Services for Lent:

Monday, March 23: St. Joseph, Moulton – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24: Sacred Heart, H'ville – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26: St. Joseph, Yoakum – 5:30 p.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of John & Frances Valigura, & Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Life Branch #22.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,476.50; Loose-\$1,788; Children-\$25; Rice Bowl-\$1,500; Catholic Ed.-\$1,607.

Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel ends at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 2 and resumes on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.
-Blood Drive, 9:00am-12:00pm, SHCS Gym Parking Lot.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m.
-Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:00 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

-God's Embrace, 6:30 p.m., SHCS Old Library Room (next to Mike Tankersley's Room).
-RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., SHCS New Computer Lab.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

-Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church.



SUNDAY, MARCH 29

-Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, John Moore, Jr., Lillian Haas, Victor Roeber, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Parish Finance Council & Parish Advisory Council will meet Monday, March 30. Finance Council at 6:30 p.m. and Advisory Council at 7:00 p.m., Mary's House.

Mission Churches Confessions & Holy Week Schedule

St. Mary Church:

Confession – Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Mass, March 29, 9:15 a.m.
Good Friday Service, April 3, 3:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass, April 5, 9:15 a.m.

Ascension Church, Moravia:

Palm Sunday Mass, Saturday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.
Confession – Wednesday, April 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil Mass), April 4, 6:00 p.m.

St. John Church:

Palm Sunday Mass, March 29, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Thurs., Apr. 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m.
Confession – Friday, April 3, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service, April 3, 1:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass, April 5, 9:30 a.m.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Lent is a time of reconciliation. Everyone should try to receive the Sacrament of Penance or confession. You will have the perfect opportunity to go to confession at our Parish Penance Service on **Tuesday, March 24th** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please try to take advantage of this opportunity since we will have 6 or 7 priests hearing confession. There will be some other times for confession, but if too many people wait for those last confession times, the lines will be long. Please try to come on Tuesday evening if possible.

On **Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31st**, there will be the Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria. The Bishop and all the priests of the Diocese gather for the Mass and the blessing of the oils that are used in the various sacraments throughout the year. Parishioners from throughout the Diocese are invited to attend. You may wish to carpool to the Mass and then go out to lunch afterwards.

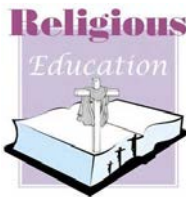
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Mar. 25: 6th-8th Gr Penance.

2nd Gr Last Supper Feast.

Sacred Heart School News ~~

Registration Fees: If paid by March 24 - \$100 per student. After March 24 - \$200 per student.



Raffle prize donors are needed for our Spring Picnic on May 24. Please come by the Rectory at your earliest convenience if you are able to donate a prize.

Lenten Vespers (evening prayers giving thanks for the day just past and making an evening sacrifice of praise to God), 5:00-5:45 p.m., March 22 & 29, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. **Silent Guided Day Retreat**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., March 28, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information or to register: Sr. Emilie Eilers 575-7111.

Reminder: The "40 Cans for Lent" collection is continuing through Lent with the final collection on Easter Sunday. All contributions (food and monetary) will be turned in to Manna Food Pantry. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity in helping the needy in our area.

South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, K. C. Hall.

Dance: \$9 per person per day.

March 21: Holy Mass 3:00 pm. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 pm. Sausage Dinner 4:00 p.m.-closing.

March 22: Shiner Hobos 11 am-1 pm. Red Ravens, Ennis Czech Boys & Czechaholics 1-8 pm. Concert 4:30-5 pm. Fried Chicken Dinner 10:30 am.

Chicken Noodle Soup available Saturday and Sunday.



Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, you may place your donation in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory.



This year at the Easter Vigil we will welcome ten adults into the Catholic Church. There will be a basket in the foyer of the church where parishioners can put cards and letters of welcome. These will be given to the new Catholics (Neophytes) at the Easter Vigil. The names are: **Jeremy Hill, Melanie Janssen, Roxanne Pilat, Nicole Gilliam, Ruben Gilliam, Shane Stovall, Jolene Janak, Brandon DeLaRosa, Bruce Ziegler, and Christine Ziegler.**

5th Sunday of Lent-

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be." In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about death. He gives the analogy of the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. Later, He speaks about how He will be "lifted up from the earth," making reference to His crucifixion. He says that the fruit of this will be that He will "draw everyone" to Himself.



Jesus is telling us that death yields a greater good, that it produces fruit. So, when He insists that we must follow Him, we can take courage. Yes, following Jesus means accompanying Him all the way to the cross. It means that we too are called to carry our own cross and die to ourselves: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." But this death leads to a greater kind of life. When we stay connected to Jesus through thick and thin, we receive eternal life in the end! Jesus says, "The Father will honor whoever serves Me."

The season of Lent is designed not only to help us reflect a bit more deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ, but also to prepare us for the glory that follows. The joy of Easter and the triumph of the Resurrection are all the more powerful precisely because they emerge out of the darkest, most "hopeless" of situations. When we cling to Jesus even through these kinds of circumstances in our own lives--whether they be sickness, unemployment, conflict, or disappointment--we are those servants that Jesus spoke of, the ones who go where Jesus goes, even when the going gets tough. But let us remember, as we march through Lent, that this journey will bear much fruit.

