

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

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**The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

**Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer**  
**Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek**

**March 31, 2019**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Gladys Newby

9:30 a.m. Hilda & Edwin Schmidt

**April 1 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. James Wegener

10:00 a.m. Father Dan O'Brien (Nursing Home)

6:30 p.m. Lenten Parish Mission

**April 2 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese Dominican Community

6:30 p.m. Lenten Parish Mission

**April 3 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Joe & Emily Patek Family

6:30 p.m. Lenten Parish Mission

**April 4 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Edgar & Lillian Guettner

**April 5 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. George & Irene Leininger

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**April 6 – Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Elo & Henrietta Jahn

**April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. Cynthia Chilek

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**Reflection on the Gospel**



Today's Gospel from Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and

understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II, *Dives in misericordia*, 5).

Mercy — as Christ has presented it in the parable of the prodigal son — has *the interior form of the love* that in the New Testament is called *agape*. This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and 'restored to value'. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy, that he has been 'found again' and that he has 'returned to life'. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son; it also indicates a good that has been found again, which in the case of the prodigal son was his return to the truth about himself" (*Dives in misericordia*, 6).

Source: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)

**LENT – 2019**

Lent is half-over. What have you done to grow spiritually during this Holy Season? It is not too late to take part in the many spiritual opportunities provided in our parish.

- † **Parish Mission, April 1-3, 2019**
- † **Stations of the Cross – This week Stations are at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday.**
- † **Attend Mass during the week – daily if possible.**
- † **Sign up for an hour of Adoration in the Chapel.**
- † **Confessions: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 5:55 p.m.; Fridays, during Stations; Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m. See hours of Penitential Services in area parishes listed below.**
- † **"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Retreat, This week the group will meet on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.**
- † **Kapaun's Men Group – Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in PAC.**
- † **Lenten Lunch Lessons – Fridays at 12:05 p.m.**
- † **Bible Study, Mondays, 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
- † **Give generously to the Rice Bowl collections.**
- † **Do spiritual reading using the Bible, or other resources.**

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**Lenten Parish Mission, April 1 - 3**

You are invited to join us for a Parish Mission from Monday through Wednesday, **April 1-3, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** each evening. The title is: *Mission: Via Dolorosa*. The speakers and their topics are as follows:

**Monday, April 1:** "The Way of Suffering/ Redemptive Suffering" by Jeremy Rodriguez.

**Tuesday, April 2:** "Disciple or Christian" by Chris Bartlett, Director of Youth Ministry at St. William's in Round Rock.

**Wednesday April 3:** "The Front Porch" by Ennie Hickman, founder and national speaker, of Del Rio

Plan to attend as many sessions as possible as we journey through the desert with Christ on this Lenten journey.

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**Schedule of Parish Penance Services**

**Monday, April 8,** St. Joseph, Moulton, 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9,** Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 11,** Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 12,** St. Joseph, Yoakum, 5:30 p.m.

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**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Notes**



The following hours are open:

**Sundays,** 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesdays,** 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (Both of these hours are for every other week.)

**Wednesdays,** 3:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

**Thursdays,** 10:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**Fridays,** 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Call the office at 594-3836 if you can take any of these hours.

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**First Communion** will take place on Saturday, April 27. Parents and students will be participating in a Retreat on Sunday, April 7. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat**

This Retreat group will meet Thursday this week from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in the PAC due to the Parish Lenten Retreat.

**Weekly Excerpt from Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat – By Fr. Mike Gaitley**

**Session 3:** This week we examine one of the two ways in which we can console the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ that is Jesus Himself.

**Retroactive Consolation:** The idea of giving retroactive consolation to Christ has something to do with consoling Him now for His suffering in the past. Pope Pius XI endorses such an idea in his Encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor*:

Now if, because of our sins also which were as yet in the future, but were *foreseen*, the soul of Christ became sorrowful unto death, it cannot be doubted that then, too, already He derived somewhat solace from our reparation, which was *likewise foreseen*, when "there appeared to Him an angel from heaven" (Lk 22:43), in order that His Heart, oppressed with weariness and anguish, might find consolation. And so even now, in a wondrous yet true manner, we can and ought to console that Most Sacred Heart which is continually wounded by the sins of thankless men, since – as we also read in sacred liturgy – Christ Himself, by the mouth of the Psalmist complains that He is forsaken by His friends: "My Heart hath expected reproach and misery, and I looked for one that would grieve with me, but there was none: and for one that would comfort me, and I found none." Psalm 69:21

In other words we can console Jesus while He was in the Garden of Gethsemane by our acts of love and reparation today.



**Diaconate Ordination Announcement for Chase Goodman:**

With great joy, I wish to inform you that seminarian Chase Goodman has petitioned for the Order of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Brendan Cahill. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank the people of this parish for your generous support of Chase during his time of formation. It is through your prayers, encouragement, and support that we have vocations such as this. If you have any grave concerns affecting his ordination to the diaconate, please contact me in writing enclosed in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to: The Very Reverend Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235.



**Free Movie, "The Power in My Hands,"** sponsored by Bishop Cahill, has two more showings in our diocese. This 81 minute movie uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the prayer of the Rosary. This movie is for singles, couples, families – all are welcome and invited!

Sunday, March 31, 2:00 p.m., Holy Family, Wharton  
Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m., St. Rose, Schulenburg.



**Parish Choir Notice:** No practice until May.

**Totus Tuus Chorum:** No rehearsal Wednesday, April 3 due to Lenten retreat. Rehearsals on Wednesdays, April 10 & 17 and Mondays, April 22 & 29 for the Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.

**Laudate Dominum:** No rehearsal on Monday, April 1 due to the Lenten Retreat. Rehearsals on all the other Mondays in April at 7:00 for Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.



**Shiner Catholic School** is hiring a part time cafeteria worker for the 2019-20 school year. Interested persons are asked to call the school office at (361)594-3843.

**Church Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Evelyn Novak by God's Little Helpers

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor and Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Memory of Cole Kloesel by Victor & Susan Kasper

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Deceased Members of Joe & Emily Patek Family

**Vocations Cross**

Confirmation Class

**Easter Flowers:** Donations for the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please call or stop by the parish office.



**Thank You!** A big note of thanks is due to the K.C.'s for their help in removing the trees on the south side of the gym. Thanks to Ben Machacek for organizing the crew of workers. The trees were cut down due to the age of the trees and problems with root rotting.

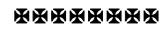
**Fish Filets:** The K.C.'s have eleven packages of fish filets left from their recent Fish Fry. Packages range from five to seven pounds each. Price: \$3.60/pound. Call Leonard Pesek at 361-293-8249 if interested in purchasing.



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes .....	\$7,545.00
Loose Collections.....	\$1,049.00
Parish Repair Fund Envelopes.....	\$ 997.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 751.86

**Rice Bowl:** On the weekends during Lent our second collections are for Operation Rice Bowl.



**Raffles Prizes Needed for Spring Picnic:** We are in need of a few more prizes in order to have an attractive slate of prizes for the raffle. **Please call the parish office at 594-3836 by Monday, April 1, if you are willing to donate a prize.**

**Picnic Chairpersons** are asked to start updating their list of workers and be ready to turn the list in by April 15.



**The International Mission Trip** with Catholic Heart Work Camp is sponsoring a "**Spring Plant Sale**" for the weekend of Palm Sunday. Several teens and adult parishioners are going on this mission and are sponsoring this sale to help finance the trip. Flowers being offered are lilies, geraniums and caladium bulbs. Pre-orders are being taken thru March 31. Pick up will be April 12-14, just in time for Easter. There will be extra plants available for sale, but pre-orders encouraged. Please see flyer on church bulletin board for prices and information. To order email [tjalufka@att.net](mailto:tjalufka@att.net) or call Tracey at 361-293-0991.



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Sunday, May 5, Family Fun Day**



**Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of Clergy.**

**Contact:** \*The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at [1-800-252-5400](tel:1-800-252-5400) or [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or local police department. .If the person is in immediate danger, call 911 and contact Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186 or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org); Or Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828.

\*Written Allegations should be sent to: Office of the Bishop P. O. Box 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903. Mark as "Personal and Confidential".

\*We will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria. If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact **Vicki L. Pyatt (361) 827-7186** or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org).