



OUR LADY OF Lourdes

CATHOLIC PARISH



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

PASTOR
Rev. Paul E. Sumler

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

PERMANENT DEACON
Rev. Mr. Stephen Sellers

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm

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BAPTISMS Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes all registered parishioners who are wishing to have their child baptized. In order to come to Baptismal instruction class, please contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers deaconss@sbcglobal.net

HOLY MATRIMONY Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

CONFESSIONS by appointment (call parish office)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
 †Jean Constance
 †Donald Olivier

Sunday, February 14

10:00 am †Linda Kennedy
 †Dotty Mayea

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 pm †M/M Erick Zuber

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
 †Cary Hester
 †Byron Ready

Sunday, February 21

10:00 am †Uina Shafer
 †James & Shirlene Humphries

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SUN 2/14	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MON 2/15	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
TUE 2/16	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
WED 2/17	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR 2/18	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
FRI 2/19	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
SAT 2/20	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass suspended here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish until Father Paul recovers from surgery. We are grateful for your understanding. You are encouraged to attend daily Mass at another local community parish or live-stream. We are grateful for the service of Father Paul and continue to pray for his health and recovery.

REVISION MASS INTENTIONS STIPEND

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10.00 per mass; for a great many years the customary Mass stipend has been \$5.00. However, now the customary amount in the United States is \$10.00. This brings the ordinary stipend amount into conformity with many dioceses around us.

ALTAR FLOWERS FEBRUARY 13 & 14

Flower Intentions for Dionesia Mendoza



During Lent a certain moderation in the décor within the sanctuary should be exercised; therefore, there will be no flowers within the sanctuary during the Lenten Season.



Marie Bagley passed away January 31, 2021.



Beamon Crockett Minton passed away February 4, 2021.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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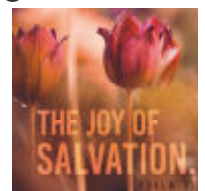


Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: **In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise.** Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

January 31, 2021.....\$3,359.00
Building/Maintenance..... \$104.00

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS NEXT WEEKEND

The collection to support the Black and Indian Mission Office is taken up every year on the First Sunday of Lent, and it allows the Office to continue as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants which support and strengthen evangelization efforts in dioceses throughout the United States.





ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Wednesday, February 17th marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a Mass in Church at 6:00 p.m. with distribution of ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 19th.



VIDOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5789 will have Fish and/or Shrimp (combination) Dinners beginning every Friday, February 19th through March 26th, 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., **DRIVE THRU ONLY** next to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.

LENTEN FISH/SHRIMP DINNER MENU \$8.00 a plate



Fish and/or Shrimp
French Fries
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No drinks will be available

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 57892021 Scholarship applications available in back of church Scholarship recipient is based upon commitment and participation in the parish and to our community, as well as an individual whom the selection committee of the Knights of Columbus Council 5789 feels demonstrates a true passion and commitment to family, church, community, country and education. This recipient will also be someone who the selection committee believes will truly benefit from as well as continue to invest in their educational and spiritual growth. **Please note: Application and all other required material must be post marked by April 1, 2021 and received by mail by April 15, 2021.**

2020 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL



We thank everyone who pledged to the 2020 Appeal. **Our Lady of Lourdes Goal: \$40,329.00.**

As of December 2020 Pledges Received: \$61,838.50.

Total Payments Received: \$61,538.50

Amount Over goal in payments: \$21,209.50.

Please Note: Our parish will receive any over goal payments. Thank you for your support to 2020 BFA Appeal.

2021 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL



If you have not made your gift to the Bishop's Faith Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. We ask you to pray to the Holy Spirit as you

consider your blessings. Think about this: if you have not suffered from hunger, you are better off than many U.S. citizens who live in deep poverty. Some of them are your neighbors here in Southeast Texas. We ask that you make a pledge to the appeal, as an expression of your gratitude for your many blessings. **You may find BFA envelopes at the entrance of the church. Thank you.**

FREE TAX HELP

Free Tax Assistance to qualifying families and individuals through the community tax center program. There are available flyers for you at the entrance of the church. For additional information please call: 211.



IN TODAY'S DIGITAL WORLD, DO WE REALLY NEED TO BE FACE-TO-FACE WITH A PRIEST TO CONFESS OUR SINS? WOULD FACETIME OR ZOOM EVER BE ALLOWED?

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind.

First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we

respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).



Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience

or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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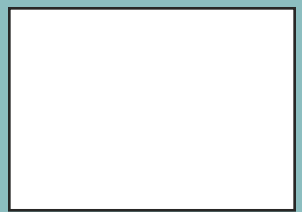
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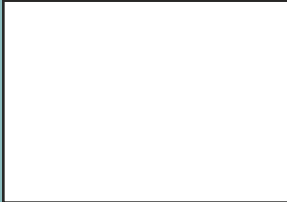
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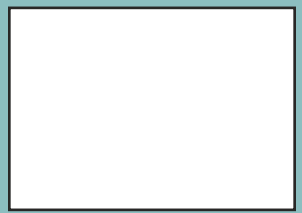
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