



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 22, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Master, to whom
shall we go?

**You have
the words of
eternal life.**

John 6:68

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the

bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Patrick Knippenberg, Pastor

Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary

Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper

Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator

Tammy Fikac, PCL

Thomas Santos & Tracie Tibiletti, Music Ministry

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

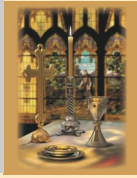
Wednesday Evening

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

The greatest
among you



must be
your servant.

~ Matthew 23:11

SUNDAY - August 22 - Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Johnny † & Theresa Bomersbach
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

MONDAY - August 23
8:00 am - Kenneth Record †

TUESDAY - August 24
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

WEDNESDAY - August 25
8:00 am - Charlie Tater †

THURSDAY - August 26
8:00 am - Madlen Hanselman Matej †

FRIDAY - August 27
8:00 am - Buddy Waida †

SATURDAY - August 28
8:00 am - Betty Jean Knippenberg †
4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

SUNDAY - August 29 - Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Victor & Mary Anders †
10:00 am - Jackie Post †

Grace is not cheap but it comes to us free of charge.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

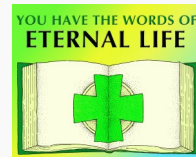
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Joel Nava, Bernice Drost, Lawrence Yanta, Hai-ley Vasquez, Patsy Wieland, W. R. Nichols, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Veronica Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Tom Vivion, Adam Michaelis, Ruben & Frances Espino, Maria Garcia, Larry Vitek, Kathleen Edwards, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Frank & Gloria Wearden, Marjorie Anders, Frank Reyes, Jr., Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Patsy Bradicich, Judy Parsons, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Michael & Michelle Yates, Kevin Quinn

THIS WEEK



The TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Offering
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

The TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Offering

GOD WITHIN

God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all.

—St. John of the Cross

NEXT WEEKEND - August 28/29, 2021



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Standby
Sun. 7:30 am - James Novak
Sun. 10:00 am - Standby
Donna Maxey (Choir)

Harvin Suggs
Ofelia Elizondo
Teresa Magaw

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan,
Sun. 7:30 am - 3 Standbys
Sun. 10:00 am - Renee B., Cole W-J

USHERS/Door Monitors:

Sat. 4:00 pm - John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Michael Fikac, Frank Marbach, James Novak
Sun. 10:00 am - Joe Ryan, Kenneth Spann, Standby

Questions of the Week

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?



WEEKEND
of August 14/15, 2021

Count - 348

Total Operating Income \$ 3,262.00
2nd Collection: Altar Servers' Education Fund \$ 546.75
Online (July) \$ 2,865.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated!

TAKE A



Look!

Fall
Festi-
val
Info

AT THIS...

2021 OLL Parish Festival News

Arts and Crafts and baked goodies will be combined again at this year's festival. Crafts can be homemade or purchased. Your donations will be appreciated.

Diane Heller (361-550-7710)

Catechist Information

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! Our parish children and young people will soon be returning to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a catechist of Faith Formation. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow in your faith as well! **Please consider volunteering your time, and being the disciple we are asked to be when we were baptized.** We are looking for and welcome catechists, co-catechists, and catechist aides. Classes are held on Sundays from 8:30 am-9:45 am. If interested or for more information, contact Martha Nichols at 361-571-0337 or Tammy Fikac at 361-649-3717.

Registration Information

Religious Education classes for grades K – 10 will begin Sunday, **August 22, 2021**. Class time is from 8:30 am to 9:45 am. Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church. Please complete the forms and drop them off at the registration table on the front porch of the Education Building on August 22nd. Please note – ONE Registration Form may be used per family; however, EACH CHILD will need to submit a completed Medical and Photo Permission Form. A birth certificate and a baptism certificate are required for NEW students. If your family is not registered as a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, membership is greatly encouraged. Membership forms are also available at the back of the church.



Refer to Bulletin Insert of August 1, 2021

August

Vocations:

God is calling.

See August Family Info. Sheet for fun activities and more!

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -



As a parish, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Pat and his family upon the passing of their dad, Mr. Bob Knippenberg. Let us pray that God's love enfolds and comforts them during this very sad time.

The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes congratulates **Eric Tibiletti** as the recipient of The 2021 Altar Servers' Scholarship.

Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish (Cistern Texas)

**Annual Homecoming Picnic
August 22, 2021**

Holy Mass @ 10:00 am

Fried Chicken and V & V Sausage

Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Something for Everyone!

Portion of Net Proceeds Donated to Cistern Fire Station Building

"Finding Christ in the World"

A 12-week **Ignatian Retreat**, entitled "**Finding Christ in the World**", is being offered at **Amor Meus Spirituality Center**, 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria, TX 77901, beginning **August 25, 2021**.

Retreatants will pray with a Scripture passage each day at home and meet each week at **Amor Meus** Prayer Room for one hour to share their prayer experiences with one another. The prayer manual for this retreat has information on prayer, faith and spirituality.

For more information or to register, call Sister Digna Vela, IWBS (361) 485-0866 or email amormeuscenter@gmail.com.

KJT Society # 115 Victoria, will be having a quarterly meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria, in the Bridal Room, following the 7:30 am Mass, on Sunday, **August 29, 2021**. All members are invited to attend. For more information, please call Donald Dusek at 361-578-6730, cell # 361-571-4777.



Attention all Catholic Women! The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** Court St. Ann #369 will meet Monday **August 30, 2021**, at 6:10 pm at the KC Hall. Please join us.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annual Fall Picnic (Hallettsville, Texas)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Country Fried Chicken, Stew, Homemade Cornbread Dressing

Serving Starts @ 10:30 am (KC Hall)

Dinner Tickets: \$12.00

Over 12 sessions, participants will discuss such topics such as healing, learning to forgive, and how to move forward. All who have experienced divorce and separation are welcome, and sessions are kept confidential. They will be facilitated by a Catholic man and a woman who have each experienced their own divorce, in conjunction with an excellent video series by Ascension. **The Fall 2021 Group will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, starting on September 9** at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. Register at: www.victoriadiocese.org/survivingdivorce.




For your convenience, printed brochures are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

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