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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*Behold, the wages you
withheld from the workers
who harvested your
fields are crying aloud;
and the cries of the harvesters
have reached the ears
of the Lord of hosts.*

James 5:4

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are *they* a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

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UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.

Today's Readings: Num 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Cindy Doyle, 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:

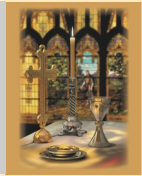
Wednesday Evening

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 - September 26 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (Priesthood Sunday)**

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Family of Kenneth F. & Mary Ann Bernhard

MONDAY - September 27 (St. Vincent de Paul)

8:00 am - Robin Janecka

TUESDAY - September 28

8:00 am - Jamie Moreno (Special Intention)

**WEDNESDAY - September 29 (Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and
Raphael)**

8:00 am - Mary Mijares & Cayetana Castillo †

THURSDAY - September 30 (St. Jerome)

8:00 am - Madlen Hanselman Matej †

**FIRST FRIDAY - October 1 (St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus)**

8:00 am - Joe & Adella Mullino, Linda Uthoff †



FIRST SATURDAY - October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

8:00 am - Ramona Torres †
4:00 pm - Felipa Nieto †

**SUNDAY - October 3 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am - Alton Marbach †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5;
Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Veronica Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krenk, 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, Kevin Quinn, Tom Tengler, Tommie Brennan, Joel Nava, Bernice Drost, Lawrence Yanta, Hailey Vasquez, W. R. Nichols

THIS WEEK

The TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

**FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 8:00 am Mass (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)**

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

The TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Offering
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God. —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

NEXT WEEKEND - October 2/3, 2021



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION**

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan
Sun. 7:30 am - Dennis Boehm
Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann
Donna Maxey (Choir)

Harvin Suggs
Emily Yeary
David Post

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan, Bailey U.
Sun. 7:30 am - Kalynn & Kylie F.
Sun. 10:00 am - Renee B., Cole W-J., David K.

USHERS/Door Monitors:

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

Questions of the Week

What aspect of my selfhood leads me to sin?
What must I do to remove that aspect?



**WEEKEND
of September 18/19, 2021**

Count - 364

Total Operating Income \$ 4,950.00
2nd Collection: Altar Servers' Education Fund \$ 825.00
(Other): Building Repairs & Maintenance Fund \$ 12,775.00

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**Our
Lady of
Lourdes**



2021 OLL Parish Festival News

Raffle tickets are waiting for you at the entrance of the church. Please help sell because this is a major fundraiser! Each ticket is \$5.00. You may turn in your money and ticket stubs in an envelope (with your name written on the outside) to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. Thank you so much for all your donations and help!

Placemat ads are available for purchase. If you are interested, please fill out a form at the entrance of the Church and return it with a check or cash to a collection basket or the rectory. **Deadline to turn in is October 24th**. If you have any questions, please call *Lynette Mayer* at 361-578-9487.

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)

The Silent Auction Committee is again asking for your help to make the Silent Auction at the 2021 Festival a huge success. Donations of handcrafted items, seasonal autumn harvest and Christmas items, baked goods, baskets of homemade canned goods, and/or anything else you can think of would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have already donated items and baskets. With all of us working together we can make this year's Festival the best one yet! Thanks, Chairperson: *Sherron Baker (361-550-1556)*

Blue Mass 2021



The Diocese of Victoria will celebrate its second **Blue Mass** at 5:30 pm September 29 for first responders in the diocese at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. Please RSVP to the Rev. Dalton Ervin at dervin@victoriadiocese.org, or call 361-575-4741.

September 29 is the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, patron of police officers, St. Raphael the Archangel, patron of healers, and St. Gabriel the Archangel, patron of messengers.

If the devil can't take you out, he will try to wear you out.

Bishop Cahill will open the third **Rosary Congress** in the diocese during the 9:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory on October 3. The day also marks the close of the DOV's **Year of the Family**.

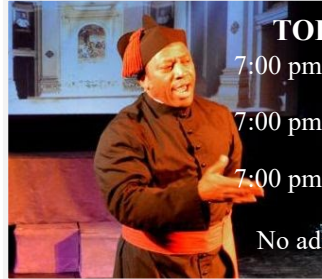


Refer to Bulletin Insert of August 29, 2021.

**September
Discipleship:
Take up your cross.**

**See September Family Info. Sheet
for fun activities and more!**

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -



TOLSON: From Slave to Priest
7:00 pm Sept. 25 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center
7:00 pm Sept. 26 at Our Lady of the Gulf School gym
7:00 pm Sept. 27 at Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts
No admission charge; free-will offering.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

All children and youth in our Religious Education Program are given additional information on how to protect themselves and become aware of their surroundings. The following are dates and topics for this coming year. Parents and Guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend your children's class (8:30 am), or any class of interest to you.

September 26 - Grades 3-4
"Violence Prevention"

October 3 - Grades K-2
"It's Your Body, You're in Charge"

October 17 - Grades 5-6
"Bullying & Harassment"

October 31 - Grades 7-8
"Stop Bullying! Stand up for Yourself and Others"

Turkey Festival (Bloomington)

We will be having our annual turkey dinner this year on **September 26** to raise funds for our diocesan quota and much needed church repairs. Due to the increase in Covid cases, we will only have Plates to Go for \$12.00. We plan to sell 1500 plates. Raffle tickets will be available.



Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville
Sunday, **September 26, 2021**
BBQ Meal to Go \$10 per plate & Raffle \$5 each or 5 for \$20

**St. Mary's Altar Society
Retreat
Vocations for All Ages**



Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Registration 8:30, Retreat 9:00 am
Dynamic Speakers, Mass, & Lunch
St. Mary Parish Hall
401 S. Liberty St.-Victoria, TX
Reservations - Gratis
Pattie S. - 361-894-2381
Virginia B. - 361-550-3053

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 will meet on October 4, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus Hall; prayer begins at 6:00 pm with a business meeting to follow.



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