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February 24, 2019 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever read or heard anything about Jesus being called a “radical”? What such a statement ignores is that God has been a radical all through salvation history. What kind of superior being forgives the kind of unloving actions humankind has committed through the centuries? Answer: a God of radical mercy, kindness, love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches that, like himself, like God, we must love with God-like radical compassion, even those who are our “enemies.” Didn’t Jesus give us an extreme example, forgiving those who put him to death? How difficult it is to be like God, like Jesus, forgiving, even *loving*, the very people who have treated us badly!

The first reading gives another example. David was under a death sentence by King Saul, who had become David’s enemy through jealousy. Given an opportunity to murder Saul in his sleep, David chose to let him live, out of respect for God’s will toward Saul. David recognized that the only way for him to do God’s will was to love Saul, his enemy, enough to refrain from being judge, jury, and executioner.

BEARING A GOD-LIKE IMAGE

Today’s psalm praises God for showing mercy toward us, even though we are weak-willed and consistently in need of forgiveness. God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, too, and calls us to show this God-like mercy to all. In Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that by living and loving as Jesus did, as new creatures, we will bear his image as well. That being the case, and knowing that we are all children of a merciful God, made in God’s image and likeness, we take on the image of Jesus through God-like kindness and compassion.

That word “radical” comes from the Latin word for root (*radix*)—we hear this truth every year during the season of Advent. One of the “names” of the Promised One, Jesus, is “Root” of Jesse—indeed, a radical from before his birth.

Today’s Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13; 1 Cor 15:45–49; Lk 6:27–38

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Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

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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.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30 p.m. Vigil;
8:00 a.m. Morning of Holy Day
(except Christmas)

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:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - February 24 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Max & Lillian Mayer †

MONDAY - February 25

8:00 am - Edward Sablatura †

TUESDAY - February 26

8:00 am - Elanora Sablatura †

WEDNESDAY - February 27

8:00 am - Joseph Petru & Julie Anne Kalinowski †

THURSDAY - February 28

8:00 am - Teresa Lagunay †

FIRST FRIDAY - March 1 (World Day of Prayer)

8:00 am - Adella Mullino †



FIRST SATURDAY - March 2

8:00 am - Bettie Clarke Janda †
10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service - Fr. Phi Nguyen/Celebrant
4:00 pm - Billy Yandell †

SUNDAY - March 3 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - J. V. Myers †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
11:30 am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen/
Celebrant

SUNDAY - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

SATURDAY - Pre-Confirmation Retreat (Beginning with Mass @ 8:00 am)

10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service
Fr. Phi Nguyen/Celebrant

Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday. The Ashes used on this day are from the Blessed Palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

This year, our *Service for the Burning of the Palms* will be on Tuesday, March 5 (Eve of Ash Wednesday) at 5:30 pm. Collection of the old Blessed Palms continues. Please bring them to Church or to the rectory.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

NEXT WEEKEND - March 2/3, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Lori Ballard, Liz Lemke
Joe Lara, Standby x1
Sun. 7:30 am - Dorothy & Dennis Claudia Schoener
Boehm, Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann, Carol Bludau
Olivia & Andy Aguilar

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Kaden & Kalynn & Kylie F.
Sun. 10:00 am - Renee B., Joseph V., Andrea V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krennek, Standby x1

Questions of the Week

How am I showing my mercy, my humanity to others?
Am I witnessing to the God-given Spirit within me?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Carson Halterman, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Darren Mikulik, Steve Motal, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Patty Pantel, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Teresa Berger Dodson, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Mae Jean Willemin, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke, David Dierlam, Kevin Mozisek, Margie Tater, Ann & Robert Hagel, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley

WEEKEND of February 16/17, 2019

Count - 508

Total Operating Income \$ 3,563.00

2nd Collection: Altar Servers' Education \$ 390.00
Memorial Scholarship

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**Amor Meus Spirituality Center
Guided One-Day Retreat: Becoming
Spiritually Deeper and More Generous Disciples –
(Facilitator: Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS)**

Saturday, **March 9, 2019**, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

During Lent, we remember Jesus being moved by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted and wrestled with what his mission was to be. We also are tempted and struggle with our meaning and mission as disciples, while attempting to answer these two questions: "What do I want to let go of?" and "What do I want to give myself to?" this Lenten retreat will offer an opportunity to ponder prayerfully these two questions in the stillness of the day. Guided retreats include at least two reflections, ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available for \$5.00. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for the 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel at Incarnate Word Convent (1101 NE Water Street, Victoria).

For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4307
SHRIMP ETOUFFEE & GUMBO MEAL
Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall
Blessing, Texas**

Serving from 10:30 am til 1:00 pm

Bowl - \$10.00 (served with rice---includes dessert & tea)
Live Auction & Raffle

Solemn Lenten Vespers

**March 10, 17, 24, 31,
April 7, 14, 2019
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm**



Incarnate Word Convent Chapel
1101 NE Water Street, Victoria

Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.



The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the **Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, March 26, 2019** at the Texas Capitol in Austin. If you are interested in participating, please go to the Diocese of Victoria website to register.

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day>

Collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -



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St. Joseph High School Library, 8:30-11:30 am

Contact Jen Korinek, STJ Director of Admissions, to sign-up for the exam.

361.573.2446 x217 or jkorinek@stjflyers.com

**Placement exams for Pre-AP English, Spanish and Math will be offered in May.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends



Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on February 27. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.

Weekend Retreat: Moving from Goodwill to Grace - The Struggle to Overcome our Congenital Bad Habits, Addictions, and Reticence in Our Lives

March 29-31, 2019

Spiritual Renewal Center (Victoria, TX)

Presenter: **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**

(For additional information on Fr. Rolheiser, visit his website at www.ronrolheiser.com)

The retreat cost is \$230.00 per person which includes all meals and lodging. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday. Space is limited and will be reserved in the order deposits are received (\$50.00/non-refundable). **The balance is due March 1.** Retreat fees (less deposit) refundable until 3/1, no refunds after that date. Partial grants are available should finances be a problem. This retreat is open to men, women and couples.

Make checks payable to Spirit Wind Ministry and mail to: Susan Oakley, 103 Woodmere, Victoria, TX 77904. Please include your name, address, telephone number and email address with your deposit. For additional information, contact Susan Oakley at 361-649-6391 or email: smoak53@msn.com.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court

St. Ann #369 will meet on **Monday, March 4** at 6:10 pm with a Rosary and meeting and Salad Supper to follow. Come give yourself the Gift of CDA. For more information, contact Deidra Kalina 361-648-6374.

Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament benefiting the Office of Vocations and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is set for Friday, **April 26, 2019**, at The Club at Colony Creek. More information about sponsorships and how to play in the tournament is available online.

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