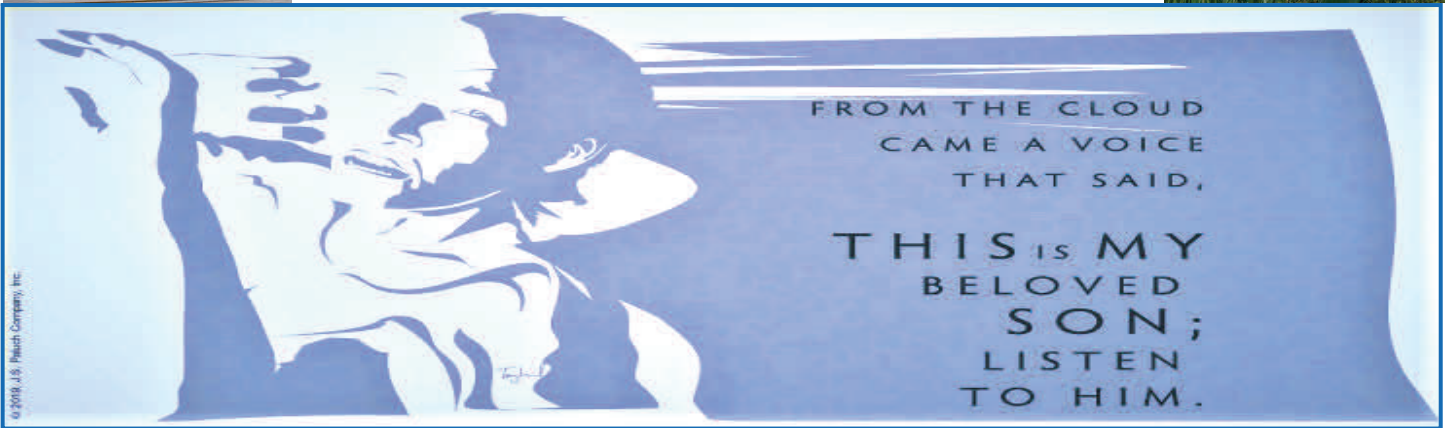




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March 17, 2019 • Second Sunday of Lent

How do you listen to God? While it might seem as though it is impossible to hear God's voice, the more we listen, the more attuned we become to hearing. We listen in prayer, in reading the Bible and hearing sacred scripture, in the homily, and in the prayers during Mass. We listen in the companionship of other faith-filled friends who share their hopes and dreams with us, and who help us discern what God may be calling us to do. Abram heard God's voice and opened himself to the unknown. Peter, James, and John followed Jesus, even while still unsure about him or his mission. Each took steps toward faith, and in faith followed God's way. Whether in times of certainty, when it seems God is everywhere we look, or in those periods when we yearn to know that God is with us, we are called to listen, to trust, and to take steps of faith, modeling our lives on the life and call of Jesus Christ.

TAKE A LEAP

At times, the steps we take feel more like leaps of faith. While we might be called to "walk the walk" of faith in our

daily lives, as the apostles and countless other disciples have throughout the ages, there are moments when we may need to step out into an unknown future, as did Abram before us. The glimpses of God's presence and glory experienced by Abram and the disciples provided needed encouragement at pivotal moments, and especially when it seemed for a while that God was absent. The glimpses we perceive in those moments of closeness with God help us to remain on Christ's path, especially when we are unsure of what to do next. With the psalmist, take a leap of faith and find hope in the Lord: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"

Today's Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

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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

SUNDAY - March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent
 7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
 10:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

MONDAY - March 18
 8:00 am - Adella Mullino †

TUESDAY - March 19
 (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 8:00 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY - March 20
 8:00 am - Jackie Post †

THURSDAY - March 21
 8:00 am - Teresa Berger Dodson

FRIDAY - March 22
 8:00 am - "Dede" Koenig †
 5:30 pm - Allen Novian †

SATURDAY - March 23
 8:00 am - Max & Lillian Mayer †
 4:00 pm - Elaine Wheat †

SUNDAY - March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent
 7:30 am - Deceased Members of the Gray & Kandler Families †
 10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 or Lk 2:41-51a
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
 Lk 15:13, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Question of the Week

How can I be a witness to God's grace in my life?

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, 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 Willem, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke, David Dierlam, Kevin Mozisek, Margie Tater, Ann & Robert Hagel, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, W. R. Nichols, John Carroll, Samuel William Bek, Dennis Boehm

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Lent
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship & Altar Servers' Scholarship Fund
2nd Collection: Rice Bag Collection



TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

FRIDAY - Day of Abstinence
 5:30 Mass, Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Supper by Social Group

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

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Lent
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
 KC's 4th Degree Meeting (after 7:30 am Mass)

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.

NEXT WEEKEND - March 23/24, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Harvin Suggs, Arleen & Pat Brennan	Gregory Ford
Sun. 7:30 am - Claudia & Alvin Schoener, Pat Krenek	Sherry Kainer
Sun. 10:00 am - Donna Maxey, Pauline Hinojosa	Liz Lemke

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Joshua Z., Standby x2
Sun. 10:00 am - Carly & Cy R.

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, Standby x2

WEEKEND of March 9/10, 2019

There is no **WEEKLY OFFERING** report due to an early bulletin transmittal. The report will be included in next week's bulletin.





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PREVIEW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

- ⇒ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- ⇒ FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS
- ⇒ PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY**
- ⇒ **EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Stations of the Cross
Lenten Soup Supper Schedule**

March 22, 2019	Social Group
March 29, 2019	Choir
April 5, 2019	Pot Luck
April 12, 2019	Catechists

Solemn Lenten Vespers

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



Incarinate 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.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT
February 2019**

UTILITIES	\$ 434.78
RENT	\$ 101.00
FOOD	\$ 401.02
MEDICAL/prescriptions	\$ 454.87
GABRIEL PROJECT	\$ 0.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 0.00
CELL PHONE	\$ 51.54
QUARTERLY DUES	\$ 341.05
VCAM	\$ 100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,884.26
BLACK BAG COLLECTION	\$ 1,373.00
TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED	71

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS)

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -



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. **Deadline to register is March 19.**
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day>

**Amor Meus Spirituality Center
Taizé Prayer Service**

March 19, (Lenten Theme) 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes song and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. For more information, call Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111 or visit the website at www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

Bunco Party, hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society, will be Thursday, **April 4th,** from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm in the basement hall. Lunch and door prizes provided. Sign-in is at 9:00 am. Please call in your reservation to Elaine Mayer @ 575-5040.



Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school, visit our website at www.nazarethacademy.org. To set up a tour or shadow time for your child, please call Debbie Michalski at 361.573.6651 or email her at dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We would love to have you join our school family! Put your faith in us!

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, our parish children and young people will return to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a **catechist for Faith Formation**. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! Classes are held on Sundays from 8:30am – 9:45am. If interested or for more information, contact Martha Nichols at 361-571-0337 or Tammy Fikac at 361-649-3717.

Jesus is in Need of Adorers

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers for the 8 to 9 am hour on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There is also an opening Fridays from 5- 6 pm.

Don't worry about making this commitment. We've got substitutes who can fill in when you are unable to keep your time.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour per week with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510 to sign up and receive the new code for the chapel.

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