



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## March 24, 2019 • Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a man who had planted a fig tree in his orchard. The fig tree was not bearing fruit, and the owner was ready to give up. The gardener is more patient. He will cultivate the soil around it and fertilize it. Then, if it still fails to bear fruit, it can be cut down. The parable tells of God's patient mercy. Like the gardener, the Lord wants us to be rooted in God's merciful love and live fruitful lives, responsive to the grace and goodness in which we stand. Like the fig tree, however, we sometimes fail to bear good fruit, remaining dormant, living for ourselves, grumbling when we face challenges rather than relying on the fertilizer of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Moses was never the same after his encounter with God on Mount Horeb. We are called to be open to an encounter with God's love every day. Lent is a season when we more consciously turn away from sin and toward God, opening ourselves to conversion, change of mind and heart, in order to be touched and changed by the Lord's

patient mercy. Doing so, we can be sure we will never be the same again.

### CULTIVATING HOLY GROUND

There are three traditional Lenten practices that help us to cultivate the ground of our lives in order to grow in holiness and bear good fruit: prayer, which deepens our relationship with God and strengthens our desire to live as followers of Jesus; fasting, through which we heighten our hunger for God and become more attentive to the hunger and needs of others; almsgiving: sacrificing time, money, or resources in order to share God's merciful love with the poor and vulnerable. As we continue to journey through Lent, cultivate the holy ground of your life through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that you may live fruitfully and well.

Today's Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

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.

#### Parish Staff

**Rev. Albert Yankey, Parochial Administrator**  
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary  
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Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator  
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Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH - RCIA  
Elaine Mayer, 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.  
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](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org)  
or email: [ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org](mailto:ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org)

## THIS WEEK

**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

**MONDAY - March 25**  
**(Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)**  
 8:00 am - Fr. Frank Lomica

**TUESDAY - March 26**  
 8:00 am - Harrison Raska †

**WEDNESDAY - March 27**  
 8:00 am - Cecilia Edwards †

**THURSDAY - March 28**  
 8:00 am - Minnie Bochat †

**FRIDAY - March 29**  
 8:00 am - William "Bill" Striedel, Jr. †  
 5:30 pm - Edward Sablatura †

**SATURDAY - March 30**  
 8:00 am - Mary Foerster †  
 4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

**SUNDAY - March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 am - Mary Resson †  
 10:00 am - Max & Lillian Mayer †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
 Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
 Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



### Questions of the Week

How am I like the fig tree that has not borne fruit?  
 How can I bear fruit in the year ahead?

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, 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 Willemin, 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 - Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship**  
**2nd Collection: Rice Bag Collection**  
 KC's 4th Degree Meeting (after 7:30 am Mass)

**TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass**

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

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

**SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship**  
**2nd Collection: Rice Bag Collection**  
**Extra Envelope: Easter Flowers**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$1,631.00 to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

### NEXT WEEKEND - March 30/31, 2019

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Standby x3 Harvin Suggs  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - James Novak, Sherry Dennis Boehm  
 Kainer. Standby x1  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Toni & Travis Schaar, John Vecera  
 GERALYN BIEDIGER

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Kaden & Kalynn & Kylie F.  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Abby & David K., Cole W-J.

### 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 Krenek, Standby x1

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Count - 289   
 Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ 1,631.00

### WEEKEND of March 9/10, 2019

Count - 507  
 Total Operating Income \$ 4,937.00  
 2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal \$ 1,941.00  
 Operation Rice Bowl \$ 424.00

### WEEKEND of March 16/17, 2019

Count - 493  
 Total Operating Income \$ 3,990.00  
 2nd Collection: Altar Servers' Scholarship Fund \$ 644.00  
 Operation Rice Bowl \$ 323.00





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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 29, 2019**      **Choir**  
**April 5, 2019**      **Pot Luck**  
**April 12, 2019**     **Catechists**

### Solemn Lenten Vespers

**March 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.

## Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When the devil said to Jesus, "command this stone to become bread", Jesus said, "One does not ...

Y	B	E	V
R	B	I	L
E	E	L	A
N	O	A	D

L \_\_\_\_\_ ."

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 Answer: *live by bread alone*

### 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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## - EVENTS ALL AROUND -

All are Welcome!  
 - Singles -  
 - Couples -  
 - Families -

# POWER IN MY HANDS

Join us for a  
**FREE**  
 showing at a  
 parish near you!

Sunday, March 24th  
 Holy Family, Victoria  
 2PM

Sunday, March 31st  
 Holy Family, Wharton  
 2PM

Sunday, April 7th  
 St. Rose, Schulenburg  
 2PM

This movie was shown at the Bishops' meeting and was found to be a powerful movie on the Rosary.  
**All are welcome!**

### Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society

Sponsors 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken/Sausage Dinner

Sunday March 31, 2019

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church 105 N. William St.

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

BBQ Chicken or Sausage, Cole Slaw,  
 Potato Salad and Beans

\$10.00 per plate

All plates are to go

Plates may be taken into the basement to eat.

**Bunco Party**, hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society, will be Thursday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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