

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 7, 2019

Sacred Liturgies

April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. Cynthia Chilek

April 8 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Sotero & Josephine Amador

10:00 a.m. Louis DeMarco (Nursing Home)

April 9 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Pauline Beal and Edward Beal

April 10 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Gene Pustka

April 11 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Louis & Frances Krenek

April 12 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Ed Beal

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

April 13 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Paul Patek

April 14 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. John & Virginia Pustka & Deceased
Members of Grahmann & Pustka Families

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Reflection on the Gospel

John 8:1-11

Today's Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to

offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. We hear not a parable, but the report of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. Jesus shows His loving kindness and mercy to the woman. The mercy of God does not condone sin but rather compassionately recognizes repentance and grants forgiveness. For the woman, the experience of Christ's love provides an opportunity for her to move forward in a renewed life of holiness.

When we fail to follow Jesus as His follower, why should we think that He would not show us the same loving kindness and mercy? We can accept His invitation to believe, to move forward, and to walk the path as His follower – especially during this season of Lent. No matter how many times we may stumble and fall, He is always there, inviting us to be with Him, renewing us, urging us to begin again.

Our Christian life is about meeting Jesus every day and knowing that His love for us is ever new life. Life in Christ gives us strength to overcome difficulties that come into our lives. Lent is not about being perfect. Rather, it is about learning to follow the Lord Jesus as best we can, always relying on His love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. When we do this we are set free and brought to new life.

During these last few days of Lent, let our daily prayer be: *Lord Jesus, renew us with your love.*

Excerpts from: www.christdesert.org

LENT – 2019

- † **Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Friday.**
- † **Attend Mass during the week – daily if possible.**
- † **Sign up for an hour of Adoration in the Chapel.**
- † **Confessions: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 5:55 p.m.; Fridays, during Stations; Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m. See hours of Penitential Services in area parishes listed below.**
- † **“Consoling the Heart of Jesus” Retreat, Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in PAC.**
- † **Kapaun’s Men Group – Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in PAC.**
- † **Lenten Lunch Lessons – Fridays at 12:05 p.m.**
- † **Bible Study, Mondays, 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
- † **Give generously to the Rice Bowl collections.**
- † **Do spiritual reading using the Bible, or other resources.**

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Schedule of Area Parish Penance Services

- Monday, April 8, St. Joseph, Moulton, 5:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, April 9, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, 5:30 p.m.**
- Thursday, April 11, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 5:30 p.m.**
- Friday, April 12, St. Joseph, Yoakum, 5:30 p.m.**

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Notes



The following hours are open:

Sundays, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (Both of these hours are for every other week.)

Wednesdays, 3:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

Fridays, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Call the office at 594-3836 if you can take any of these hours.

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Thank You ... to everyone who took the time to attend the Mission held in our parish this past week. Whether you attended one or more of the conferences, it is hoped that the fruits of the message of the mission speakers will remain with you. A big thank you and note of appreciation is extended to Jeremy Rodriguez, Music Coordinator of our parish, for his work in providing the music, arranging the speakers and organizing the services.

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A Vocation Reflection: “Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Call Father Tommy Chen 361-552-6140.

First Communion is scheduled for April 27. Today, April 7, the parents and students are participating in a Retreat to prepare them for this important day.

Confirmation in our parish is scheduled for April 28.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat

Wednesdays: 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in the PAC.

Weekly Excerpt from Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat – By Fr. Mike Gaitley

Session 3 (cont'd): The second way of Consoling Jesus is by consoling the members of His Mystical Body. Pope Pius XI writes in his encyclical letter on the Sacred Heart, "When persecutions are stirred up against the Church, the Divine Head of the Church is Himself attacked and troubled." In other words, not only are Christians attacked and troubled when they're persecuted (obviously) but so is Christ Himself.

Pope Benedict XVI long pondered the topic of the resurrected Christ's communion with suffering humanity. In a book he wrote before becoming pope, he cites a passage in the writings of one of the early Church Fathers, Origen of Alexandria (185-254). Calling it an "unspeakable mystery," Origen gives the following explanation:

My Saviour grieves even now about my sins. My Saviour cannot rejoice as long as I remain in perversion. Why cannot He do this? Because He Himself is "an intercessor for our sins with the Father." ... How can He, who is an intercessor for my sins, drink the "wine" of joy, when I grieve Him with my sins? How can He who "approaches the altar" in order to atone for me a sinner, be joyful when the sadness of sin rises up to Him ceaselessly? ... Thus it is that He waits until we should be converted, in order that we may follow in His footsteps and He rejoice "with us" and "drink wine with us in the Kingdom of His Father." ... We are the ones who delay His joy by our negligence toward our lives. (Pages 52-58)



Last Showing of Free Movie, "The Power in My Hands," sponsored by Bishop Cahill, is **today, Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m. at St. Rose, Schulenburg.** This movie is for singles, couples, families – all are invited!



Altar Society will meet Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Reminder: Members may pay their 2019 dues at the meeting or mail to Mary Rose Barta, 1003 S Peck St, Shiner.

Parish Choir Notice: No practice until May.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals on Wednesdays, April 10 & 17 and Mondays, April 22 & 29 for the Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on the Mondays in April at 7:00 for Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.



Diaconate Ordination Announcement for Chase Goodman:

With great joy, I wish to inform you that seminarian Chase Goodman has petitioned for the Order of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Brendan Cahill. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank the people of this parish for your generous support of Chase during his time of formation. It is through your prayers, encouragement, and support that we have vocations such as this. If you have any grave concerns affecting his ordination to the diaconate, please contact me in writing enclosed in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to: The Very Reverend Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235.



Shiner Catholic School is hiring a part time cafeteria worker for the 2019-20 school year. Interested persons are asked to call the school office at (361)594-3843

Easter Flowers: Donations for the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please call or stop by the parish office.

Church Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Dan Kresta by Family

Children's Bulletin Sponsor: In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of John & Christina Chumchal Family for their Reunion

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Allen Krejci by Bea Krejci

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Hilda & Edwin Schmidt by Larry Schmidt

Vocations Cross

Confirmation Class



Thank You!! A big note of thanks goes to all the generous donors of prizes for our Picnic raffle. We ended up with a nice slate of thirty-two prizes. Thank you very much! The tickets are at the printers and will be ready in a couple of weeks.

Attention: Picnic Chairpersons: Please look over your workers' list, update if needed, and be ready to turn in **by April 15.**

Fish Filets: The K.C.'s have a few packages of fish filets left from their recent Fish Fry. Packages range from five to seven pounds each. Price: \$3.60/pound. Call Leonard Pesek at 361-293-8249 if interested in purchasing.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes	\$7,572.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 890.00
Parish Repair Fund Envelopes.....	\$ 295.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 572.64

Rice Bowl: On the weekends during Lent our second collections are for Operation Rice Bowl.



The International Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp is sponsoring a "**Spring Plant Sale**" for the weekend of Palm Sunday. Flowers being offered are lilies, geraniums and caladium bulbs. Pre-sale orders are guaranteed delivery, with pick up time scheduled for the afternoon of April 12 and Sunday April 14 in our church parking lot. Additional plants will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please see flyer on church bulletin board for prices and information.



Mark Your Calendar!
Sunday, May 5, Family Fun Day



Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of Clergy.

Contact: *The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at [1-800-252-5400](tel:1-800-252-5400) or www.txabusehotline.org or local police department. .If the person is in immediate danger, call 911 and contact Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186 or email pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org; Or Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828.

*Written Allegations should be sent to: Office of the Bishop P. O. Box 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903. Mark as "Personal and Confidential".

*We will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria. If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact [Vicki L. Pyatt \(361\) 827-7186](tel:361-827-7186) or email pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.