

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

Sacred Liturgies

March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius
9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Adolph & Frances Hybner Family

March 6 – Monday

6:30 a.m. B. J. & Adela Machart
10:00 a.m. Juanita Valenta (Nursing Home)

March 7 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese
Dominican Community

March 8 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Boyd Morgan

March 9 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Alois Pokluda

March 10 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Leroy & Rose Couvillon
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

March 11 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Agnes Kokas (Anniv.)

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius
9:30 a.m. Ben & Anne Torres



Today's Gospel
Matthew 4:1-11

Our Lord's forty days and nights of fasting followed by temptations has been chosen as a

reading for this first Sunday of Lent for our encouragement. Lent is a period of preparation for the central Christian events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Christ, the Son of God in human nature, died the excruciating death of crucifixion on Good Friday, because of the sins of the human race. By this supreme act of obedience to his heavenly Father he made atonement for all our sins and set us free from the slavery of Satan and sin.

For every sincere Christian, Lent should be a welcome opportunity to prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week. Christ's example of fasting from food for forty days should move even the coldest Christian heart to try to do something to make reparation for past negligence and sins. Christ had no sin to atone for; it was for our sins that he suffered.

If our Lord underwent temptation, we cannot expect to live a Christian life without similar tests and trials. Our purpose in life is not to collect life's treasures, honors or pleasures. We are here for a few short years, to merit the unending life which Christ has won for us. Lent is a golden opportunity to review our past and make sensible resolutions for our future.

Excerpts from: catholicculture.org



Spiritual Opportunities for Lent

Spiritual Growth should be a part of everyone's Lenten resolutions. This can take different forms, depending on our schedules, lifestyles and time restrictions. It can include adding to our prayer life, i.e. daily Rosary or other prayers, spending time in the Adoration Chapel, praying the Stations of the Cross, attending an adult education class or Bible Study class, reading Scriptures or other spiritual materials or making a retreat.

It could also include using resources available online or through prayer apps on smart phones, such as **Laudate and iBreviary**, as Father Bryan mentioned in last week's bulletin. Additional spiritual opportunities are available on the diocesan website, including daily reflections by our bishop on Facebook and at victoriadiocese.org.

Stations of the Cross: Friday, 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard on: Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (prior to Mass); Friday, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (during Stations); Saturday, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

The Little Black Book presents daily reflections for Lent. There are copies left at the church entrances. Be sure to pick up one for your family.

Adult Education. Class on "Church" by Bishop Cahill at St. Paul H.S. via long distance learning - Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m., Call Sharon at 594-3234 for more details.

FORMED: The Online Program of Catholic Learning offers **new programs for the Lenten Season**. Visit our parish website at sscmshiner.org, under the Faith Formation tab click on FORMED.org. Enter our **parish code: 6Z3HJX**. For questions, contact Sharon at 361-594-3234

Bible Study: Mondays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the PAC. New members always welcome – even if it is only during Lent.



Triduum Choir for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday:

All parishioners are welcome and invited to be a part of this choir that will sing for these special services. This includes members of the various choirs in our parish as well as others. The group will be singing downstairs and will meet for their first practice, today, Sunday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in church.



RCIA Notes: As the RCIA class members continue their preparation for being received into the Catholic Church, they will be participating in the "Rite of Sending" at the 9:30 a.m. Mass today. Later in the day, at 2:00 p.m., they will be attending the "Rite of Election" at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Please keep all the RCIA class members in your prayers.

Liturgy Assignments for March 2017 are available in church and on our parish website.

KJT Society #20 will meet on Sunday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the PAC. Various topics will be discussed.

Parish Choir Practice: Monday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. Choir will sing March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on Mondays, March 6 & 13 for the 9:30 mass on March 19. New members always welcome. Contact Marty Egan at [361-594-8554](tel:361-594-8554) or marthaegan110@gmail.com.

Totus Tuus Chorum: No rehearsals on Wednesdays March 8 & 15. Rehearsals resume Wednesday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sun., April 16.



Church Bulletin

In Memory of Deceased Members of Couvillon and Maillet Families

Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Juanita Valenta by James Valenta

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Mary Ann Novak by Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Mary Lou Zissa By Frank & Mildred Targac

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Chad & Alice Leonard



Attention, Parish Ladies: Are you looking for a way to grow closer to Our Lord? Please consider coming to an inspiring Morning of Recollection at Featherock Conference Center, 934 Holub Road, Schulenburg. The first Meditation will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the morning activities will conclude with Mass at 11:30 – our Lord is joyfully waiting for you.

Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace: God's Embrace Ministries invites you to attend the new Team-Based retreat experience. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat will be held at God's Embrace Ministries Retreat Center at 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg. The weekend begins 5:00pm Friday, March 24, and concludes Sunday, March 26 with 12:30 p.m. Mass held at St. Mary Church in High Hill. Open to couples and singles - men and women. Space is limited so register soon online at www.godsembrace.org or call [979-561-8883](tel:979-561-8883).



For Sale: School Bus Barn, located behind Janak Music Center. Building is 30 x 40 feet and may be moved or disassembled. Building doesn't include lawn mower storage area or aluminum can recycle area. Sealed bids should be marked "School Bus Barn Bid" and must be delivered or mailed to parish office at 306 South Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984, by **noon March 6, 2017**. If awarded the bid, building must be removed or disassembled and removed from the premises between March 11 & 18 (school spring break). For more information, contact Deacon Joe Machacek at 594-3836 or 550-6080. Minimum bid: \$5.00.

Sunday, March 5

CDA/JCDA 4-Piece Kettle Fried Chicken Dinner

The menu will include 4 pieces fried chicken, giblet rice, green beans. Price: \$9.00. Serving in drive-thru lines, K.C. Hall, 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Proceeds benefit the charitable projects of CDA and JCDA.

Coming Soon: K.C.'s Fish Fry – Friday, March 17.

More details next week.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 5,636.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 775.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 1,426.20

CRS Rice Bowl: Join our parish family—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with the Rice Bowl. Our second collections during Lent will be for the Rice Bowl.

Convent Restoration Fund Envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Donations for this project are continuing to come in. Please consider making a donation.



Our Spring Picnic is in the works. General Picnic Chairmen David Patek and Philip Pilat ask for your prayers during the planning process of this massive event. We are happy to report that most all Chairmen for each specific booth/area have committed to another year of service to "our Church." One known area of need is Bingo Chairman. Please call the parish office at 594-3836 to lead this aspect of our Picnic.

Strudels for Sale: Stop by the parish office anytime during office hours. Price: \$15.



Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in February, 2017.

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of Robert Siegel, \$20
In memory of Frank Orsak, \$50
In memory of Paul Patek, \$25

Church Endowment Fund:

In memory of Minnie Vera, \$10

St. Nicholas Society:

In memory of Paul Patek, \$25
In memory of Robert Siegel, \$25

Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:

In memory of Flora Barrera, \$15

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Paul Patek, \$65
In memory of Norbert Janak, \$20

Convent Restoration Fund:

In memory of Paul Leininger, \$500
In memory of Paul Patek, \$3,605
In memory of Walter Wayne Spann, \$110
In memory of Flora Barrera, \$25
In memory of Robert Siegel, \$495
In memory of Eugene Vincik, \$40

Church Window Restoration Fund:

In memory of Paul Patek, \$2,255
In memory of Robert Siegel, \$20

SS. Cyril & Methodius Assistance Food Pantry:

In memory of Paul Patek, \$710

God's Little Helpers:

In memory of Paul Patek, \$10
In memory of Frank Orsak, \$20

Church Organ/Music Fund:

In memory of Elvera Jaks, \$50

