

February 8, 2009: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So He went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. – Mark 1:38-39

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 8 (Jb7:1-4,6-7/1Cor9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39)

8:00 AM- Ervin & Vlasta Dieringer

10:30 AM- Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr.

Monday, February 9 (Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Theo & Agnes Etzler; Carolyn Dworsky

10:00 AM- In Thanksgiving (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 10, St. Scholastica (Gn 1:20;2:4a/Mk 7:1-13)

7:00 AM- Lorine Vasek

Wednesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick (Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23)

7:00 AM- Maggie Timm

8:05 AM- Alois A. Leopold

Thursday, February 12 (Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30)

7:00 AM- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann

10:00 AM- Charlie, Frank & Mary Henke; Frank & Anna Klekar (Stevens)

Friday, February 13 (Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37)

7:00 AM- Linhart & Ludmilla Hermis; Adolph & Hermina Marek

8:05 AM- Joe & Cecilia Fabian

Saturday, February 14, Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Gn 3:9-24/ Mk 8:1-10)

8:00 AM- For rain

5:30 PM- Anton Vavrusa, Stacey Harned, John & Mary Mozisek

Sunday, February 15 (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31;11:1/ Mk 1:40-45)

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family

10:30 AM- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life

Bulletin Sponsors: In memory of Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr. by Bob & Lou Kubena.

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Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,086; Building Repair Fund-\$696; Loose-\$926; Children's-\$50.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia Pederson, mother of Linda Cull. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Promise of Marriage: Kevin Steffek & Tiffani Croy on February 14th; Stuart Kalisek & Holly Holik on Feb. 21st.

Flowers in Adoration Chapel last week in honor of David & Kori Pohl's 35th anniversary & this week in honor of Melanie Schneider's bridal shower by Steve & Donna Kossa.

Bulletin Bloopers: "The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the parish would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

-First Communion Workshop, 3:00 p.m., Family Center.

-St. Mary Parish Festival, Victoria Community Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in the church.

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-KJT Society #43, meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wied Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

-Mini Mission by Fr. Denis Wilde, 7:00 pm in church.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

-Mini Mission by Fr. Denis Wilde, 7:00 pm in church.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

-Mass at 8:00 a.m. with mission talk.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

-*Firefall*, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenka, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Agatha Janak, Anita Kallus, Leonard Kubena, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Anita Drabek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Contribution Statements for 2008 are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.

Masses sent to area priests: Leonard Dominic-2; Frieda Renken-2; Hildegard Novosad-9; Eugene Szwarc-20; Viola Chovanetz-11; Mildred O'Brien-5; Julius Olsovsky-5; Mildred Wasserbauer-2; Maggie Timm-9; Hedwig Pustejovsky-2; deceased members of Joe & Justina Kolos family-8; Tim Schaefer-12; Helen Schulte-9; Viola C.

Grahmann-41; Mary M. Steffek-13; Willie & Mary Zappe-12; Charles Rohan-2; Dennis Smirak-30; Dorothy Petru-23; Wilhelm Grahmann-16; Bernice Little-4; William & Ann Butschek-10; Lorene Fuller-19; deceased members of Anton & Mathilda Tupa family-3.

From the Desk of Father John

This coming Thursday & Friday evening, February 12 & 13 at 7:00 p.m., we will have a mini mission given by Fr. Denis Wilde from Priests for Life. He will also be speaking at all of the weekend Masses here at Sacred Heart next weekend.

We need to hear what he has to say about respecting life and about our responsibilities in protecting life. I encourage each of you to attend this mini mission. It is extremely important, especially in our day and time when respect for life is being challenged from all sides.

them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of James Kouba:

Gene & Maureen Schott	20.00
Brian & Janice Bludau & Family	20.00
Stanley & Becky Bujnoch	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Steinocher, Jr.	20.00

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



It was in May of 1873 that a young Belgian priest scaled through a rocky mountainous ridge and first set eyes on the village to which he was called to bring the Word of God. There, 816 people lived isolated from society; the priest not only ministered to their spiritual needs but to their physical needs as well. He did his best to provide medical assistance, he built houses, and he even dug graves, a task too frequently needed because this little village was named Kalaupapa on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai, where those afflicted with leprosy were banished to live. Father Damien contracted the disease as well, but continued his missionary work until his death in 1889 at the age of forty-nine.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus accompanying James, John, Andrew and Simon to see Simon's mother-in-law, who was sick with fever. Jesus relieved her suffering, and then left to pray in solitude. When His disciples found Him, He instructed them that they would now begin traveling to other villages in towns in the area, as it was His mission to spread His great news as far and wide as He could, especially to those who would need the saving grace of God the most.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the Holy Spirit is the leader of the principal mission of the Church, to reach out to the spiritually and physically poor, thus unfolding the path of Christ, a way of service and self-sacrifice even unto death (CCC 852). In our lives, we are presented with opportunities to walk this path with Christ every day. By accepting our mission to reach out to others who need us, we are assured that we will never walk that path alone.

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Estate of Joe Konvicka	500.00
Estate of Alfonse Mucala	1,000.00

In memory of Timothy Kostelnik:

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David Orsak & Lisa Chambers	20.00
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Chris & Sandra Steffek	10.00
Marty & Karen Steffek	20.00
Kurt & Tracy Swoboda	25.00



The Youth ConneXion



February 15: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

February 20 & 21: 5th – 8th Grade Youth Lock-In.

February 22: High School Youth Spectacular, Holy Family Parish, Victoria. See bulletin insert for details.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

February 8: First Communion Workshop at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

February 25: Ash Wednesday Parish Mass 6:15 p.m.; 10th Grade participate.

***Sacred Heart Catholic School News
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***Magazine Drive** begins February 9. Please save your renewal notices and discount coupons and subscribe for your magazines through SHCS.

Disciples on the Journey Lent 2009: Pope Benedict XVI has dedicated 2009 to the Word of God in Scriptures. Bishop Fellhauer is strongly encouraging all Catholics in the diocese to use *Disciples on the Journey Lent 2009* to reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. Make a decision to either join a *Disciples on the Journey* group in our parish, or invite your family or friends to join you in your home to share & reflect on the Word of God this Lent.



Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless

Patsy & Helen Zabransky	10.00
<u>In memory of Thelma Owen:</u>	
Peoples State Bank	10.00
<u>In memory of William E. Schindler:</u>	
Jerry & Margaret Kallus	15.00
<u>In memory of Magdalen Muras:</u>	
Loretta, John & Marvin Cordes, & Cleo Muras	100.00
<u>In memory of Blasé Konvicka, Sr.:</u>	
William & Sharee Rainosek & Sons	10.00

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February 2009

One Minute Meditations

Lenten rules

Abstinence: Catholics 14 years of age and older are to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

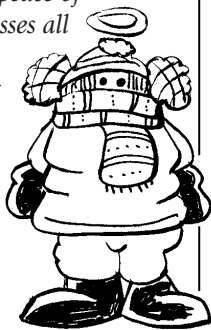
Fasting: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but together they should not equal a second full meal.

"Bless me, Father"

A priest is waiting to help you reconcile with God and the Church. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) is mandatory for absolution of serious sins. Let your parish priest help bring you back into God's friendship.

Worried?

These are challenging times and you may find yourself with real worries: job, finances, health, etc. *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7).



Five ways to have a more giving Lent

A fruitful observance of Lent involves sharing what we have and who we are with others. It's a way to offer love the way Jesus asked and to grow closer to God as a result. Try some of these ideas to have a more giving Lent.

Pray. Give God at least 15 minutes each day in dedicated prayer. Keep a journal and record your special intentions, people you pray for, and other petitions.

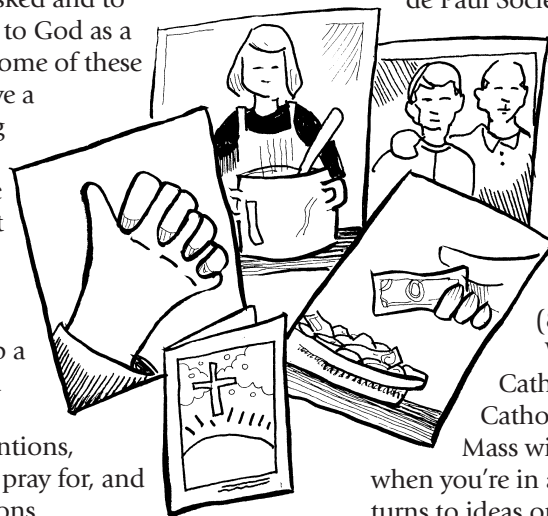
Serve. Whether it's the parish potluck, cleaning the church, or helping with a food drive, do something every day to serve others. Consider turning off the television and computer and spend time with family or friends instead.

Give. Whatever you can spare will boost someone in need. Donate gently used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (www.svdpusa.org, (314)576-3993).

Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week and donate the money you saved to your parish, diocese or to Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org, (888)277-7575).

Witness. Invite a non-Catholic or an inactive Catholic friend to attend Mass with you. Speak up when you're in a group and the talk turns to ideas or topics that are against Catholic teaching.

Remember. Send an Easter card to someone who needs cheering, such as someone serving overseas in the armed forces. (*Hint: refer to sites like www.anysoldier.com for information.*)



Why Do Catholics Do That?

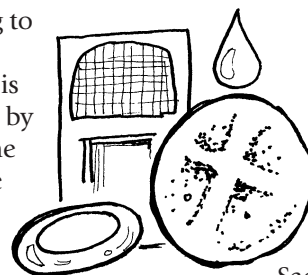
A Sacrament, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is a sign of grace instituted by Jesus and entrusted to the Church. Sacraments give us a share in divine life.

There are seven Sacraments in all. The Sacraments of initiation are

Why do Catholics celebrate Sacraments?

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and they help us turn from lives of sin to Spirit-filled lives. The Sacraments of healing are

Reconciliation (Confession) and Anointing of the Sick. The Sacraments of vocation are Holy Orders and Marriage.

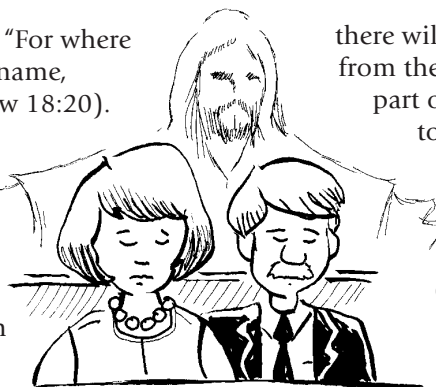


What do you get out of Mass?

The power of your prayers multiplies. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

When you participate in the Mass, you support the prayers of others and they support yours. Jesus gives special attention to prayers that are shared.

A fresh start each week. Before Mass, think about something in your life you'd like to change. Then look for an idea in the Mass that will help – and



there will always be at least one. It may be a phrase from the readings, a thought from the homily, or part of a prayer that applies. Then you can start to make a change in your life strengthened by the power of the Mass.

Take your rightful place with Jesus.

As a baptized Catholic, you have the right and power to be part of the Body of Christ. You become a member of the Body whenever you "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19).

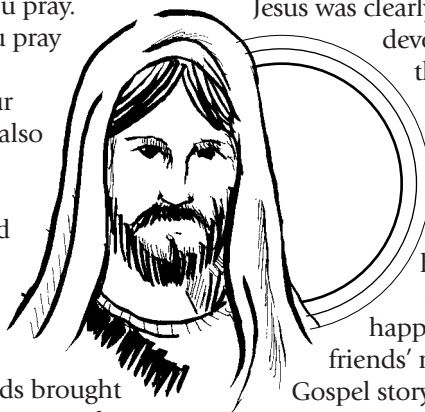
from Scripture

Mark 2:1-12, Faithful friends.

Prayer blesses both you and the people for whom you pray.

Those for whom you pray are blessed by the positive effect of your prayers. But you are also blessed by the connection prayer gives you to God and by seeing the results of your prayers.

In this Gospel reading (Mark 2:1-12), a group of friends brought a paralyzed man to see Jesus but couldn't get near him because of the crowds. Undeterred, the friends tore a hole in the roof and lowered his mat



through the hole to get him close to Jesus.

Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven'" and gave the desired cure.

Had it not been for his friends, this man would have remained paralyzed. Amazing things can

happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched. Imagine the kind of amazing difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends.

Q & A Is it possible to be holy in real life?

On its simplest level, being holy means living a life centered on God. This is done by talking with him a lot, imitating his behavior, and respecting his creations. It



also means being part of the Church he established on Earth to help us be holy. Try this:

Talk to God.

Spending time together is the best way to get

to know God better.

Practice sharing. God wants us to take care of each other. Look for more ways to share your money, time, and talents with someone who needs them.

Celebrate the Sacraments. Make Sunday Mass the highlight of your week. Go to Confession and celebrate God's forgiving spirit.

Be a voice in the wilderness. When you notice an injustice, be the first one to speak out and take action. Treat all people with the dignity they deserve as children of God.

Share your faith. Talk about God with anyone who will listen. He doesn't want us to keep his love all to ourselves. We have to pass it on.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 10 - St. Scholastica (547).

Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles south of her brother's monastery.

February 14 - St. Cyril (869). Along with his brother Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in a more easily understood manner. He died in Rome shortly after taking the monastic habit.

February 21 - St. Peter Damian (1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop for many years and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

February 25 - Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.



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2009 Youth Spectacular

FEATURING TAMMY EVEVARD



February 22, 2009
Holy Family, in Victoria

VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR LIFE TEEN MINISTRY

Tammy Evevard has spent the past twenty years telling anyone who will listen about the amazing love God has for us. Through her own experiences Tammy shares a journey of love, laughter, disappointments and sorrow with a constant thread of faith sewn through the tapestry of many colors. Tammy lives in the beautiful city of Boulder, Colorado with her husband and three children where she enjoys a good book, diet Coke, her local work for non-profits and an occasional shoe shopping excursion. There are many things that make up our lives and Tammy has found that these things are what make us who we are - the good, the bad and everything in between. As a girl, a teen and an adult woman... Tammy found that through all, there is a grace that can only come from the hand of God.

Also featuring Carlos Longoria, Froylan Silva, and Jose Ortega. These three Catholic Men of God are Victoria natives and enjoy sharing what it takes to live as a faithful man in this world that can make it very difficult. They will be leading a workshop for all the young men attending.



Wonderful Praise and Worship by the Our Lady of Sorrows Life Teen Music Ministry



Doors Open at 11:00 a.m. Spectacular Begins at 11:30 a.m. – Days ends at 6:00 p.m.

- Liturgy celebrated with Bishop Fellhauer !!!!
- Delicious Lunch!!!!
- Great Music !!!!!
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- Workshops!!!!
- Fun and Fellowship!!!!

For more information contact your parish coordinator or Debbie Vanelli at the Office of Youth and Youth Adult Ministry (361) 573-0828 dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org or Jose Ortega at jortega@victoriadiocese.org

Early Registration deadline is Thursday, February 19, 2009;

Early Registration price is \$17.00- students; \$7.00 - adults.

Group rate: 8 or more students - \$15.00; \$ 7:00 - adults. NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 19, 2009

At the door price: students and adults - \$20.00

2009 Spectacular Registration

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Parish City: _____ Phone Number: _____

Adult Sponsor attending: _____

Amt. Pd: _____ Ck/Cash/ Credit Card

Please Return to the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry ♦ P.O. Box 4070 ♦ Victoria, Texas 77903 ♦ Fax 361-573-5725

Early Registration deadline is February 19, 2009

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS
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NAME _____ Sex _____ Grade _____
Address _____ City _____
St/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
Age _____ Birthdate _____ Parish _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME _____
Address (if different than above) _____
Phone (if different than above) (____) _____

I hereby consent to participation by my son/daughter _____ in the Youth Spectacular sponsored by The Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Victoria on February 22, 2009. I understand that the activity will take place at **Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria, Texas** and that my son/daughter will be under the supervision of diocesan and/or parish personnel. As parent or legal guardian I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Diocese of Victoria, its clergy, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any claims, costs or expenses for property damages, personal injuries or other damages arising out of my son/daughter's participation in the above mentioned activity.

I grant permission for non-prescriptive medication (e.g. tylenol, throat lozenges, cough syrup, pepto-bismol, etc.) and routine nonsurgical medical care to be given to my son/daughter if deemed advisable by the supervising diocesan personnel. In case of an emergency, I also grant permission to transport my child to the nearest hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment and for an authorized adult sponsor to sign for treatment if I cannot be located.

Date _____ Parent's Signature _____
Family Physician _____ Phone (____) _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____

My son/daughter is allergic to: _____

My son/daughter takes the following medication (name, dosage): _____

This medication is for: _____

Medication that my son/daughter is allergic to: _____

Last immunization/booster for Diphtheria/Tetanus: _____

Any specific medical problems: _____

Any physical limitations: _____

In an emergency, if unable to reach parent/guardian, please contact:

Name _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Name of Insurance Company _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Name of Insured _____

Policy # _____ Group or Plan# _____

Photo Disclaimer: I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to be photographed or videotaped at the Diocese of Victoria. I realize that the photo may be published in the newspaper, a magazine, or other publication. The video may be used for educational or informational purposes regarding the programs or curriculum at the Diocese of Victoria.

Signed _____ Date _____

This form must be filled out completely, and must accompany the Lead Adult Chaperone.