

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

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**Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer**  
**Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek**

**March 24, 2019**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent**

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

9:30 a.m. Matthew Pohler

**March 25 – Monday**

No Mass

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

**March 26 – Tuesday**

No Mass

**March 27 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Madeline Michalec

**March 28 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. J. D. & Evelyn Elder

**March 29 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Gayle Boedeker Engelmohr

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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**March 30 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

**March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Gladys Newby

9:30 a.m. Hilda & Edwin Schmidt

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**Reflection on the Gospel**

**Luke 13:1-9**



Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, this Sunday's Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that

describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals.

In Luke's Gospel we hear the parable of the barren fig tree, which contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit He desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us; he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of His efforts. We are reminded again and again that God is all merciful.

Source: Excerpts from [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)

**LENT – 2019**

You are encouraged to make your Lent more meaningful by participating in as many of the spiritual opportunities being offered in our parish that you can.

- † **Parish Mission, April 1-3, 2019**
- † **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.**
- † **“Consoling the Heart of Jesus” Retreat, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.**
- † **Kapaun's Men Group – Join Father Bryan and a new men's group on Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in PAC.**
- † **Lenten Lunch Lessons – Fridays at 12:05 p.m.**
- † **Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 3:00 and 6:00.**
- † **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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**Lenten Parish Mission, April 1 - 3**

You are invited to join us for a Parish Mission from Monday through Wednesday, April 1-3, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. each evening. The title is: *Mission: Via Dolorosa*. The speakers and their topics are as follows:

**Monday, April 1:** *“The Way of Suffering/ Redemptive Suffering”* by Jeremy Rodriguez.

**Tuesday, April 2:** *“Disciple or Christian”* by Chris Bartlett, Director of Youth Ministry at St. William's in Round Rock.

**Wednesday April 3:** *“The Front Porch”* by Ennie Hickman, founder and national speaker, of Del Rio

Mark your calendar and plan to attend as many sessions as possible as we journey through the desert together with Christ on this Lenten journey.

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**Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat**

The group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in the PAC. You are invited to join the group. Book: \$15.

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

Exactly how it is that Jesus Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, suffers and, therefore, desires our consoling love is a great mystery. Following the lead of Pope Pius XI, I've explained at least two ways by which we can understand this mystery better: first, by treating the notion of retroactive consolation and, second, by explaining how Christ can, in a sense, be said to still suffer even as He's "happy in heaven." However we explain it, the point is clear: Christ somehow still suffers and longs for us to console Him – but make no mistake about it. His longing is not a sign of weakness. He's not emotionally needy or self-pitying as if He were some immature man. We can better grasp this idea when we realize that Christ chose to put into His Heart such a burning longing for our love and that He did so because He loves us. In sum: Jesus' need for our love is because He knows how desperately we need His love – He knows that, for us, it's a matter of life and death.

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**A Vocation Reflection:** *“I AM has sent me to you.”* Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Tommy Chen, 361-552-6140 or Father Kristopher Fuchs, 361-575-4741.

**Free Movie:** Bishop Brendan Cahill has generously paid for the license (permission) for showing the movie: **The Power in My Hands**, in our diocese. This 81 minute movie uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the prayer of the Rosary. This is a FREE movie for singles, couples, families – all are welcome and invited! It is being shown at the following parishes in the Victoria diocese:

Sunday, March 24, 2:00 p.m., Holy Family, Victoria  
Sunday, March 31, 2:00 p.m., Holy Family, Wharton  
Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m., St. Rose, Schulenburg.

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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. (every other week), 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (every other Week); **Wednesdays**, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; **Thursdays**, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.; **Fridays**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Call the office at 594-3836.



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**March 24-26, 2019 Adult Mission Trip**

Please pray for the parishioners and Father Bryan who will be making this mission trip to help those immigrants being served by the Catholic Charities Respite Center in San Juan, Texas. They will be leaving March 24 and returning on the evening of March 26.

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**CDA Meeting**, Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. A light meal will be served and youth winners in the Poetry & Essay Contest will be recognized. Members are reminded 2019 dues of \$25 may be paid at meeting or mailed to: Beverly Svetlik, 1653 FM 1891, Shiner, TX 77984.

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**Parish Choir Practice:** Monday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.

**Totus Tuus Chorum:** Rehearsals on Wednesdays, March 27 and April 10 & 17 and Mondays, April 22 & 29 for the Confirmation Mass and the May Crowning. No rehearsal on April 3 due to the Lenten Parish Mission.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsals on Mondays, March 25 and April 8, 15, 22, & 29 for the Confirmation Mass and the May Crowning. No rehearsal April 1 due to the Lenten Mission.

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**Addendum:** Although the scaffolding is down and the inside of the church is cleaned, there are still a few unfinished projects on the outside of the church. New concrete work of replacing or repairing sidewalks is still in progress. The crews are trying to work around the church schedules as much as possible. Please take notice of and avoid barricaded areas. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Thank You!** A big thank you is due to July & Lynn Jalufka for donating all the venetian blinds for the new Administrative/ Pre-K building. May God bless you for your generosity!

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**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Marvin & Madeline Michalec by Family

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Hilda & Edwin Schmidt by Larry Schmidt

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Edward Picha by the Harvey Picha Family

**Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Memory of Eugene & Lois Jirkovsky by Glen & JoAnn Kloesel & Family

**Vocations Cross**

Confirmation Class

**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes ..... \$7,460.00  
 Loose Collections..... \$ 884.43  
 Parish Repair Fund Envelopes..... \$ 290.00  
 Rice Bowl ..... \$ 730.92

**Rice Bowl:** On the weekends during Lent our second collections will be for Operation Rice Bowl.

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**Our Spring Picnic Date is May 26.** We are currently collecting prizes for the raffle. Your donations will be appreciated. Raffle prize deadline is April 1.

**Kettles Needed for Picnic.** We are in need of three more kettles for cooking details of the Picnic. The cost of each kettle is \$750. Donations of any amount would be most appreciated. Please call Patrick Klozik at 594-8160.

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**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses  
 February, 2019**

INCOME	
Collections	\$37,289.58
Donation for Seminarians	1,000.00
Building Rentals	275.00
Repair Fund Collections	9,333.57
Other Income	6,387.00
Purgatorial Society Stipends	25.00
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sales	30.00
Memorials to Church	675.00
DSA Collected	1,600.00
Strudel Bake Sales	48.00
Interest Earned	7.71
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$56,670.86</b>
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$16,780.25
Clergy Assistance	0
Payroll Taxes	2,898.30
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	1,845.39
Other Expenses	650.67
Auto Expenses – Gas	64.43
Repairs & Maintenance	2,217.78
School Subsidy	35,000.00
Parish Household/Office	986.19
Deacon Retreat	265.50
Religious Ed/Chastity Books	27.90
<b>Total Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$61,736.41</b>
<b>Monthly Expenses vs. Income</b>	<b>(\$5,065.55)</b>

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**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](http://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](mailto: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 or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org);