

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

## Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipation) ----- 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ----- 9:00 a.m.  
Monday at Ganado Nursing Home ----- 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday ----- 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ----- 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday ----- 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ----- 8:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday ----- 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister ----- Joey Sablatura  
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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: ----- 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

### New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!  
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

### Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Call the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, and to register for a class. **2017 class schedule: January 17, April 4, June 27, October 24**, 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Family Center.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

## January 8, 2017

### The Epiphany of the Lord

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6. *The glory of the Lord shines on all people.*

Psalms 72. *"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. *God's secret plan is revealed.*

Matthew 2:1-12. *They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

To what "strange lands" might God be inviting me to travel in this New Year to discover Christ? What gifts will I bring with me to offer there?

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Tues:** Hebrews 2:5-12  
Mark 1:21-28

**Wed:** Hebrews 2:14-18  
Mark 1:29-39

**Thurs:** Hebrews 3:7-14  
Mark 1:40-45

**Fri:** Hebrews 4:1-5, 11  
Mark 2:1-12

**Sat:** Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 2:13-17

**Sun:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

The Diocese of Victoria announces the following clergy personnel assignments: **Effective:**

**January 1, 2017**, Father George Kunnath, MCBS is appointed parochial vicar of Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton, Texas, and its mission of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Boling, Texas and sacramental minister for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Wharton, Texas.

**January 1, 2017**, Father John Kollannur, will begin a six month medical leave of absence from the Diocese of Victoria and will be returning to India for chemotherapy. Please keep Father John in prayer.

**January 4, 2017**, Father Patrick Knippenberg is appointed parochial vicar of Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Catholic Church in Victoria, Texas.

**January 20, 2017**, Father Charles Otsiwah is appointed parochial administrator of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goliad, Texas and its mission of Our Lady of Loreto Chapel at La Bahia.

**January 20, 2017**, Father David Berger, in addition to his assignment as pastor of the Catholic communities of Saint Michael Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Cuero, Texas, is appointed temporary administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville, Texas and its mission of Saint Aloysius in Westhoff, Texas.

I will be away this week for my annual priest retreat at the Diocesan Spiritual Renewal Center. There will be no daily Masses except on Friday. Please pray for me and the priests during this time.

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**Monday, January 9 (Ganado Nursing Home)**

**Tuesday, January 10**

**Wednesday, January 11**

**Thursday, January 12**

**Friday, January 13**

8:00 a.m. †Gene Macha In thanksgiving for their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedd. Anniv. - Leo & Lanoe Macha

**Saturday, January 14**

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 a.m. †Jerome "Slick" Knebel



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. I invite you to adopt the custom of asking God's blessing on your home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for

Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use **chalk** to write above the home's entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 17**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.*

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court St. Alberta #1381 - Ganado

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In memory of Strelec & Andel deceased family  
by Jo Ann Andel

In memory of Joe M. Sablatura  
by Jean Sablatura Family

In thanksgiving for Jerri Lara on her birthday  
by Raul Lara

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of Hicks family birthdays by Theresa Hicks  
In memory of Richard Steve Arriaga by Barbara Salinas  
In thanksgiving for Molly Sless on her birthday

## **GUADALUPANA MEETING**

Monday, January 9 - 5:00 p.m. – Parish hall

## **ACTS CORE MEETING**

Monday, January 9 - 6:00 p.m. – JPll Family Center

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**


Will meet **Thursday, January 12**, at the Parish hall. Social at 6:30 p.m., meal at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Cooking committee: Matthew Sulak, Bubba Toman, David Muegge, Ben Soto.

Members are reminded to pay their 2017 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2017. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado K of C, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 12, 2017 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**

Youth in Third grade and older are invited to train to become an Altar Server. Parents please call Joey Sablatura (771-3200) to sign up. Two-day training will be held: **Wednesdays, January 18 and 25**, during CCD class times.

## **PARISH HALL RENTAL**

 Effective January 2017 Special Events Insurance will be required for all parish facilities rentals. (Rare exceptions can be granted by the pastor.). This was requested by the Diocese of Victoria a few years ago but a policy was never established at Assumption parish. Special Events Insurance is intended to cover the deductible the parish would have to pay if an insurance claim was granted. The Special Events Insurance is **\$95** and must be paid, and applied for, no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event. This, of course, is in addition to any other hall rental fees.

**JOEY SABLATURA**, Youth Minister

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**CCD: WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, 25**

❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.

❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:30 p.m.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Sunday, January 29 – 4:00-5:45 p.m.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Joyce Bernal, Francis Callis, Jean Sablatura, Wanda Porche, Gilbert Luera, Jr., Carol Crist, Randy Vyvial, Edwin Fiala ❖ Norma Liberda, Virgil Knowlton, Tim Pair, Jerry Bassham, Barbara Arnold, Maria Jesus Canchola, Michelle Benavides, ❖ Luke Fridel, David & Marsha Bain, Antonio J. Rodriguez, Monroe Tyler, Joe & Mary Martinez, Terry Harris ❖ Carl Greathouse, Chris Cihal, Jimmie Roznovsky, Marcella Janecek, Joe Janecek, Jr. ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

## **MEMORIALS**

In grateful appreciation we want to acknowledge memorials received in December

### **CHURCH memorial fund:**

In memory of Msgr. Eustace Hermes \$25.00

### **MAINTENANCE fund**

In thanksgiving for Deacon Anthony Hensley \$250.00

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, January 18**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Jackson County Services Building – Edna

**Everyone** is invited to attend. This annual event is sponsored by Saint Agnes Church in Edna. The importance of all human life and the need for respect, dignity, and justice will be shown.

## **MINISTRIES for JANUARY 14 & 15**

### **LECTORS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jimmy Fowler  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Marnie Gabrysch

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Philip & Veronica Webernich  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Lou Ann Tupa & Emily Sulak

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Peyton Green, Maddi Luera,  
Monica Hernandez  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Ty, Mary, Luke Reid

### **USHERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Robert Landry, Mat Pena, Brian Holub  
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Roznovsky, Victor Martinez,  
Dale Staff

## **Readings for January 15: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

### **December 25**

Envelopes – \$5,909.00                      Loose – \$1,098.00  
Harvest – \$520.00                              Christmas – \$2,156.00

### **January 1**

Envelopes – \$2,892.00                      Loose – \$690.03  
Harvest – \$100.00                              New Year's Day – \$871.00

### **Monday Morning Bankers – January 9**

Bea Perez & Georgie Kruse

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**January 21/22** – Church in Latin America

**January 28/29** – Matthew 25 Ministry



**Looking For a Special Way to Begin the  
New Year With Your Spouse?  
How about a Marriage Retreat?**

Father Gary Janak, along with five married couples, will be sponsoring a weekend retreat for married couples.

**Choosing To L.O.V.E.**

is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence—their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage vows and in need of strengthening the core of who they are as husband and wife.

**The retreat will be held at the  
Baptist Encampment in Palacios, on  
February 10-12, 2017.**

Space is limited. The cost for the retreat will be \$250.00, which includes lodging, food and materials. Application forms are available at the St. Philip the Apostle Parish Office in El Campo, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria or by e-mailing [pastor@olvcathedral.org](mailto:pastor@olvcathedral.org).