Planning a parish event? To choose the best date, visit our DIOCESAN CALENDAR (under Calendar at top of page) at www.catholiclubbock.org. Many events -- including retreats and jamaicas -- are listed.

Call us at 806-792-3943 or e-mail pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org with news about parish events of interest to the diocese by noon on Tuesday.

Sign up for weekly updates: catholiclubbock@gmail.com

TOP NEWS - MOST RECENT

REPORTING ABUSE OR NEGLECT: Our clergy (bishop, priests, and deacons), seminarians, men and women in Consecrated Life, lay staff, and volunteers are trained to recognize and to report any disclosure or suspicion of physical abuse, sexual abuse, sexual assault, or neglect to the appropriate authorities. It is the policy of the Diocese of Lubbock to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to law enforcement. (More information online) Once local law enforcement, or the child abuse/vulnerable adult hotline have been called, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to Victim Assistance Coordinator Oscar Reyes at (806) 543-9178 or to diocesan officials.

FROM BISHOP COERVER – Diocesan response to coronavirus- See www.catholiclubbock.org Please see the Bishop’s directive in your email.

***NOTE: The Catholic Pastoral Center is closed. However, to contact staff between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. call (806) 792-3943. All churches and church offices are closed.***

FOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Catholic Charities staff is available online at www.cclubbock.org. (806) 765-8475. Most are working remotely from home. For specific needs:

Food for Your Family: Fill out a form for assistance at cclubbock.org/assistance. A case manager will call you to get additional information over the phone and via email. Go to South Plains Food Bank to pick up food when your case manager tells you.

Support for Your Family: Families may be feeling more stress during this uncertain time. Catholic Charities Youth and Family department is still here to help families’ mental and emotional health. Case managers can help with family conflict, stress, anxiety and more. To be contacted by a case manager, fill out a form at cclubbock.org/youth-and-families.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION that usually takes place on Good Friday has been moved to September 13, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, with the approval of Pope Francis.
ONLINE MASS – Check www.catholiclubbock.org/Covid-19 for a listing

"Go to the tabernacle in spirit when you are unable to do so physically, and there pour out your ardent desires, talk, pray, and embrace the Beloved of our souls, even more than if you had been permitted to receive Him sacramentally." - Saint Padre Pio

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O my sweet Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all others and above all things.
I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I pray

that you will please come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself to you with all my heart and soul.
I pray that you will never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

LENTEN RESOURCES FOR PRAYER – Many Lenten spiritual events have been canceled, but the following links can keep us spiritually connected to Our Lord:

Digital Daily Readings/Digital Liturgical Worship Aids
USCCB provides daily readings online in English at www.usccb.org/readings/ and in Spanish at www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas/

MAGNIFICAT has announced its decision to provide temporary complimentary access to its online versions of the daily prayer resource in English: www.magnificat.com/free and Spanish: www.magnificat.com/gratis

Give Us This Day has announced its decision to provide temporary complimentary access to its online versions of the daily prayer resource: giveusthisday.org/Digital

LITURGY OF THE HOURS can be found online at www.universalis.com/-700/index.htm
More resources can be found at www.catholiclubbock.org

Celebrating Holy Week and Easter at Home: https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/topic/rel-seasons-lent

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JOB OPENING - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, headed by Bishop Robert M. Coerver, desires to attract a professional and experienced Young Adult, Campus, and Youth Minister. This individual will work to coordinate and administer the Young Adult, Campus, and Youth Ministry for the Diocese as well as perform a variety of administrative and support activities. The Young Adult, Campus, and Youth Ministry Director reports directly to the Division Director of Evangelization and Family Faith Formation. More information can be found on the diocesan website at https://catholiclubbock.org/Employment.html

PART-TIME JOB OPENING – General maintenance (17 hours) at the Catholic Pastoral Center, flexible hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Contact Deacon Severo in Facilities – 806-441-5044.
OFFICE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Gathering Youth: Models and Strategies; Praying with Youth: Prayer Services, Liturgy, Youth and Mass, Adoration (a sample process) Forming Youth: Adolescent Catechesis/Confirmation - print and online resources, articles and research from the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis developed by the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Are you or someone in MARRIAGE MINISTRY at your parish needing to: Promote your parish’s couples’ retreat or family event? Find new marriage prep programs or studies to try for ministry? Form and train your parish’s marriage ministry team? Offer resources for hurting families and troubled marriages? Figure out practical ways to support healthy marriages and families?

If you answered YES to any of the above statements, the Marriage and Family Life Office can help.
Contact Jenna for more details at 832-659-1049 or ichang@catholiclubbock.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HOLY SPIRIT PRESCHOOL & PARENTS DAY OUT registration for the 2020-21 school year is open. Discounted registration fee of $50 is available until March 31. Class availability limited, offered on first come, first served basis. For more information: Kim Zaccardo- 806-698-1668.

OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS

Vocation Blurb – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion – April 4/5 – Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart. If you think God is calling you to be a priest or religious, contact the Vocations Office at 806-792-3943 ext. 226 or rperez@catholiclubbock.org

DiocesanPriest serves ordinary men who are responding to their call to holiness and offers guidance for the question: Is Jesus Christ calling me to be a Catholic priest? Visit www.diocesanpriest.com

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion- April 4/5 - We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we remember Christ’s passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we “emptied” ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of the Lord Jesus and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross.

Intercession: That the gifts with which God has entrusted to each of us are used for the good of others, we pray to the Lord.
**Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor** - Nosotros estamos en el umbral de la Semana Santa, en la que recordamos la pasión de Cristo. Jesús se humilló a sí mismo y se despojó de todo, vaciándose a sí mismo por nosotros. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, ¿cómo nos hemos unido al Señor? Nuestra oración, nuestras prácticas de penitencia y la dádiva de nuestras limosnas, ¿han impulsado la humildad de nosotros mismos ante el Señor? ¿Nos hemos alejado de las cosas que nos impiden ser auténticos corresponsables de Cristo Jesús? ¿Cómo nos hemos “vaciado” nosotros mismos para que cuando nos acerquemos a la mesa del Señor, podamos ser nutridos por Su cuerpo y sangre? Como discípulos de Cristo y corresponsables de Su don de fe, es tiempo de evaluar nuestras vidas bajo la cruz.

**Intercesión** – Que los dones que Dios ha confiado a cada uno de nosotros se utilicen para el bien de los demás, roguemos al Señor.

**COUNSELING:** Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. For appointment, call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074

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**OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY RADIO:** Visit 102.9 FM website at [http://www.olvradio.com](http://www.olvradio.com) to hear live streaming of EWTN. For program schedule, please see [http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp](http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp).

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA RADIO- Plainview:** Tune in to LP 100.7 FM 24 hours a day, seven days a week! Mass streamed live on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**TWITTER:** Bishop Coever is now on Twitter. You can follow him @BishopLubbock. [https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock](https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock)

**CONNECT WITH THE DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK:** Follow: @CatholicLubbock on Twitter & Instagram

SEND South Plains Catholic story ideas, stories, and photos (including names and explanations) to:

PO Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499-8700, or lflores@catholiclubbock.org. The next deadlines are:

**EDITION DATE:** May **DEADLINE:** April 22

**IN THE ABSENCE OF CONFESSION. . .** Remember your First Confession and being taught we must be sorry for our sins to be forgiven?

**There are two types of sorrow (contrition) for sins.**

- Imperfect Contrition -- focus on ourselves, fear of even greater punishment.
- Perfect Contrition -- focuses on the Other. Not the fear of hell, rather offending One who is all-loving. Perfect Contrition focuses on the relationship rather than the sin, the Redeemer rather than oneself.

**Why seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

- Personal abandonment to the Mercy and Grace of God

**What about now with the pandemic and “shelter in place?”** - Rely on the words of Psalm 103:8, “Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.”
- With Perfect Contrition, seek the Lord.
- Allow His Grace to penetrate the core of your being.
- Earnestly pray an Act of Contrition. - Resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible.
- Continue to restore your relationship with the Lord.
- Be confident that His Love is greater than our offenses; His mercy is everlasting.