

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 30, 2016

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 P.M. – Victor Pavliska

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7 A.M. – All Souls

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
5 P.M. – Joe L. Pekar

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
7 A.M. – Doris Riley  
9 A.M. – Edward Caka

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

### Your Gift to God: October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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| Sweet Home                                   | \$1,644.61 |
| Cemetery Fund                                | \$40       |
| Special Collection ( <i>World Missions</i> ) | \$274      |
| Koerth                                       | \$629      |
| Special Collection ( <i>World Missions</i> ) | \$102      |

*May God reward your generosity!*

### Special Collection This Weekend

A special collection to provide humanitarian aid to those affected by Hurricane Matthew will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, October 29-30.

### Special Collection Next Weekend

A special collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services, U.S.A. will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, November 5-6.

### Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

# Respect Life

### Gratitude

The parish family extends its appreciation and gratitude for the recent donation by Sweet Home Sand and Gravel of topsoil for the areas around the rectory. Many thanks!

### All Souls: Visitation of Cemeteries

There will be blessing of graves at Koerth Cemetery on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass and at Sweet Home Cemetery on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass.

### Feast of All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated that day at 6:30 P.M.

### All Souls Day

There will be Mass at 7:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Scheduling Mass Intentions

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> the 2017 calendar will be available for scheduling Mass intentions. Remember that the great majority of people want weekend Masses and there are a limited number of weekends. So be aware that not all intentions can be scheduled for weekends--some must be for weekdays. Scheduling can be done at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center during office hours for Sweet Home, Koerth, Hochheim and Yoakum. One should not simply drop a note to the Pastoral Center and assume a particular date is open--important that you speak with the staff to guarantee dates are open before making an assumption.

*"For the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save what was lost."*

## Priesthood Sunday

Today is Priesthood Sunday. Serra USA designates the last Sunday in October as a time when we express our appreciation for all that our priests do for us. Our local Serra Club in the Hallettsville area has sponsored a program, approved by Bishop Brendan and your pastor, in which all the priests' names in the Victoria Diocese are placed in a basket. Each person draws a name and keeps that priest in his or her prayer intentions for a year. In our prayer for vocations "we pray especially for our religious, keep them close to you." Now is your chance to take something out of the basket. All their names are included in our program so all of them can benefit from our prayers.

### FORMED.org

We are approaching the end of the first month of our "trial run" with FORMED.org. There have been a number of parish family members that have signed up for at least a peak. More need to sign in and utilize this offering so that the subscription is justified and worthwhile. This offering especially could be helpful with catechisms in Faith Formation. We will continue subscribing for another month and then evaluate if it is being utilized. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

### [www.qpcatholicchurch.com](http://www.qpcatholicchurch.com)

Make sure and check out the parish website for Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist. A few of the historical pictures are there (still looking for pictures of the church interiors) as well as CCD/Faith Formation calendar, registration and weekly bulletin. There is also a link to the diocesan cemetery database for both cemeteries and links to Catholic sites of interest.

### TMIY

Over seventy men have risked deeper involvement in their faith relationship and tried the *That Man Is You* offering we have embarked upon for the men of the parishes. It is never too late! Try it out...put your toe in the water...see if it is for you! Each Wednesday morning the men gather at 6:00 A.M.--breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All concludes at 7:30 A.M.

*"I will praise your name forever,  
my king and my God."*

### In Case You Have Not Heard....

This past week Bishop Cahill announced several priest personnel changes underway for our diocese. One involves our parish families: Bishop has appointed Fr. Jacob Koether as the parochial vicar at St. Joseph's, effective November 21, 2016. Fr. Jacob is a native of Van Vleck, is 29 years old, and was ordained a priest on June 6, 2015. He has served since ordination as the parochial vicar of Holy Family Church in Victoria. Fr. Pat Knippenberg continues his medical leave and is doing well. Once his leave is complete he will return to the diocese and to another parish assignment. Pray for the priests of our diocese...and for an increase in vocations!

### John Paul II Healing Center Event

As our Jubilee Year of Mercy draws to a close, experience God's mercy in a special way! Register now for **Healing the Whole Person Conference** to be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria on November 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.), November 11<sup>th</sup> (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), & November 12<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon). The event will be presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts, author of *Be Healed*, and the team from the John Paul II Healing Center in Tallahassee Florida. The cost of \$159 includes conference materials/meals. Visit [www.jpuihealingcenter.org](http://www.jpuihealingcenter.org) for more information or to register. Offline – If you are unable to register online, please contact Ray Beth Sills at 361-573-5304 ext. 208 or via email at [rsills@hfccvic.org](mailto:rsills@hfccvic.org)

### Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

#### Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matussek & J. O. Hermes

#### St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."*

## Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends **next Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 A.M. Be sure to set your clock **BACK** one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

*Please remember in prayer the priests  
of the Diocese of Victoria*

### *Prayer from St. Augustine*

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit  
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is Holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.*

*Amen.*

## Dates to Remember

### October 30

Blessing of Graves – Koerth Cemetery  
after 9 A.M. Mass in Sweet Home

### November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints

Mass – 6:30 P.M.

### November 2 – All Souls

Mass – 7 A.M. followed by Blessing of Graves  
at Queen of Peace Cemetery

### November 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

### November 12

Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.  
St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room

## Online Giving

The company that provides our offertory envelopes has the ability to allow “online giving” for those who would want to utilize it. There is a link on the parish website that has more information. It offers the possibility of using this for a one-time gift or for setting up regular giving in place of using envelopes. There is an instructional video that provides extra information posted there as well. The donations/gifts given are deposited directly either in Queen of Peace or St. John the Baptist Church accounts--and can be done by bank transfer, electronic check, or using a credit card--and can be setup for single instance, weekly, monthly, etc.

Pray  
for  
Vocations



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or call 361-212-0830

*Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*

## Preparing for Election Day

Our US Catholic Bishops provide us with a great aid to preparing to enter the election booth. It is their document entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," and can be found online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Take a look and use it as an aid for discernment as we exercise that wonderful right to select our leaders and representatives.

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at **St. Joseph in Yoakum** we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a time for Adoration from 6:00 A.M. to 6:25 A.M.. This is to offer the opportunity to spend a few moments before our Lord and seek his blessings for our nation on Election Day. The brief period will include the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus at the beginning, followed by time for silent personal prayer, and then conclude with the Litany for Liberty and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be as regularly scheduled at 6:30 A.M.

MAY THE  
NAME  
OF OUR  
Lord Jesus  
Be  
glorified  
IN YOU.  
2 Thes.

## Election Novena



Please join **Bishop Brendan Cahill** and the faithful  
of the **Diocese of Victoria**  
as we pray this novena  
beginning **Sunday Oct 30-Nov 7** for the upcoming  
elections.

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord,  
Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege  
Of being able to organize ourselves politically  
And of knowing that political loyalty  
Does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law,  
Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged  
And recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election  
year puts before us,  
To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,  
But to influence countless others to vote,  
And to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened.  
Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation,  
Their response to you requires that they be politically  
active.

Awaken your people to know that they are  
not called to be a sect fleeing the world  
But rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in  
prayer  
Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;  
That the same eyes that read your Word  
Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot,  
And that they do not cease to be Christians  
When they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice  
To the sanctity of marriage and the family,  
To the dignity of each individual human life,  
And to the truth that human rights begin when human lives  
begin,  
And not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today  
That we are citizens of your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed  
To being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life

## Prayer for the Faithful Departed

By Kate O'Hare

"My God, my God, Why have You forsaken Me?"

From the depths of Your Passion, sweet Christ,  
You cried unto the Father.

From the depths of our grief

We cry unto You.

With wounded hearts,

Empty arms,

We cry unto You.

For the souls of our beloved departed,

Those being purified still,

Especially those whose wounds

most need Your healing mercy,

We cry unto You.

For the faithful souls in Heaven,

Who gaze upon Your face,

But whose faces are beyond our sight,

We cry unto You.

For the innocent who never drew breath,

We cry unto You.

For those unrecorded and unremembered

Except in Your Sacred Heart,

We cry unto You.

For those who did not look to You in life,

Who lived the life of the world

With no thought of the life to come,

We cry unto You.

Oh, Blessed Lord, the Alpha and the Omega,

The source and destination of our souls,

We beg your grace for the living and the dead,

For the sake of the world,

We cry unto You.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

## Encounters with Silence

Excerpted from Karl Rahner, S.J.

That's why our heart is with them now, our loved ones who have taken leave of us. There is no substitute for them; there are no others who can fill the vacancy when one of those whom we love suddenly and unexpectedly departs and is with us no longer. In true love no one can replace another, for true love loves the person in that depth where he is irreplaceably himself. And this, as death has trodden roughly through our lives, every one of the departed has taken a piece of our hearts with them—and often enough—our whole heart.



*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.  
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei,  
requiescant in pace. Amen.*

