

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1st

5 P.M. – Frank P. Henke

Sunday, April 2nd

7 A.M. – Julius & Evelyn Tobola

9 A.M. – Sandy Reardon

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ep 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Your Gift to God: March 19th

Sweet Home	\$1,462
Online Giving	\$200
Building Fund	\$75
DSA	\$100
Rice Bowl	\$114
Koerth	\$524
Building Fund	\$51
Rice Bowl	\$20

May God reward your generosity!

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.

Operation Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent through Easter Sunday we will have the traditional almsgiving program, "Operation Rice Bowl" taken up as a second collection each weekend.

The Way of the Cross

Each Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

Deanery Penance Services

Monday, April 3rd – Sts. Cyril & Methodius - Shiner

Tuesday, April 4th – St. Joseph - Yoakum

Thursday, April 6th – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

Friday, April 7th – St. Joseph - Moulton

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
and the Priesthood

Mass – 7:00 P.M.

Nightwatch in the Church until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
1:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – Sweet Home

9:00 A.M. - Koerth

Holy Thursday Collection

A special collection For the Education of our Seminarians will be taken up at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Good Friday Special Collection

A special collection to help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service next Sunday, April 9th at the Austin Street Baptist. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. and will followed by a meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Sweet Home
American Legion #571
Pork Steak Dinner**

with Trimmings
\$9.00 Per Plate

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Sweet Home American Legion Hall

Dine-In or Plates-to-Go

Serving 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Silent Auction 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

**Lenten Day of Reflection &
Adoration**

*"My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God,
they shall be my people." Ezekiel 37:27*

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville

**Confession, Mass, Adoration, Stations,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction**

Please join us, for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Let's make time for our Lord!

For more information call: Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.

**Bluebonnet Youth Ranch
Spring Fling**

Sunday, April 2nd

Yoakum Community Center

Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Shiner Hobo Band performing
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans Market

Balloon Creations – Face Painting

Meal tickets available at First State Bank,
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch and
at the door.

Projects Update

Queen of Peace Church--Hopefully this coming week the stained glass exterior work will begin to wrap up. This will include the installation of the framing that requires a "boost" to reach.

Rectory--Painting continues as the exterior is being cleaned and primed. The pumphouse is complete and gives an idea of what the exterior of the rectory and garage will look like when completed.

St. John the Baptist Church--the pews were re-installed this week. The gold accents are in the process of being applied to the Altars. The driveway and parking area received some needed attention this past week as well. Still "to go" on the inside is the addition of the floor molding and it being painted--as well general paint touchup still needs be done. Easter Sunday looks a bit more certain as our "return Sunday."

KJZT Bake Sale

The St. Ludmila #12 KJZT, Sweet Home, will sponsor a Bake Sale on Saturday, April 8th after the 5:00 P.M. Mass and on Sunday, April 9th after the 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Sweet Home Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit "Meal on Wheels" and "Peter's Place".

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M. Mass

The 9:00 A.M. Mass on Palm Sunday, April 9th will begin at the Parish Hall, weather permitting, with the blessing and procession of palms.



*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me
will have the light of life."*

Catholic Faith Advocacy Day

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, on April 4, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. **If you are interested in participating please let us know ASAP. We are making plans to secure a bus if we have enough people. It will be first come first serve and the bus would leave from Victoria.**

Reserve your spot by calling Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at (361)573-0828, email: chancellor@victoriadiocese.org or visit <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

TMIY

That Man Is You continues to enrich the lives of the men who risk a bit more involvement and challenge in their journey of faith. You don't have to start from the beginning--if thinking about it considering a way to more actively engage your faith and strengthen your roots--don't procrastinate! **Come and join us this Wednesday at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center!**

Enrich Your Spiritual Life During Lent...ALPHA

Would you like to grow in your faith? Are you still looking for something to do during Lent? Try Alpha! This video series will give you the opportunity to reflect on the most important aspects of Christianity and to ask questions about life. Don't worry if you've missed any classes. You are still welcome to come. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Center.

Hope to see you Monday evening!

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, April 12th and reopen on Tuesday, April 18th. **Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, April 11th.**

Cemetery Inquiries

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

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matusek & 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.



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