

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## April 2, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Cecilie Bujnoch

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – M/M Joseph Lauer, Sr.

9 A.M. – John & Josephine Klimitchek

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,318
Online Giving	\$300
Building Fund	\$126
DSA	\$11
Rice Bowl	\$204
Koerth	\$821
Building Fund	\$100
Rice Bowl	\$35

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sts. Cyril & Methodius - Shiner

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph - Yoakum

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 Week/Easter Office Schedule

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

### 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.

## Lackluster Lenten Success?

Now that we are past the halfway mark as of last (Laetare) Sunday...it is time to begin planning just what special liturgical opportunities we might avail ourselves of in the last days of our Lenten journey. There can be no more impressive way to enter into the culmination of what Lent prepares us for than the special and solemn liturgies of the Sacred Triduum--Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. These sacred days are observed with rich symbolism and prayerful silence. Even if in your own assessment Lent has been personally somewhat lackluster...one could, as a family (these days are a true feast for the senses of young ones especially) choose to mark each of these days through participating in the high holy days. Give it some thought...and don't let these Sacred days simply pass by!

## Palm Sunday 9:00 A.M. Mass

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



## Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Little White Books

The Little White Books will be available next weekend for the Easter Season. Since there are a limited amount of books please consider sharing a book with family members.

## Projects Update

--**Queen of Peace** window work made some progress towards the end of this past week. By next week's end the window work in the Church should be complete.

--**St. John the Baptist Church** saw the pew installation completed. Baseboards are being added and then the final painting touch-ups will be done. Altar painting and the addition of the gold accents is coming along. We will be back in the Church for Easter Sunday 9:00 A.M. Mass.

## KJZT Bake Sale

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

## 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.

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die."*

## Sacrament of Marriage

As has been mentioned previously, celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage (weddings) are joyous, community gatherings. That is one unique aspect of small, rural Churches as they provide that connection in both a literal and figurative way. As a reminder, under the present circumstances weddings are booked according to the connection at least one of the parties has to the parish. The notion, as one bride-to-be instructed this priest--is that they are going to bring in their "own" priest as if that is a problem. This may take care of that priest providing the preparation/instructions, but it still places a need for someone to open up, setup, run ac/heat, and cleanup. One of these weddings this past summer that took place promised the world regarding cleanup...then left one of the newly arrived Altar cloths covered with wax from their "special" candles. When asked if they would get the cloth professionally cleaned, they agreed, but never did it. This was one of those weddings where they brought in their "own" priest--and which has little-to-no connection to parish life in Sweet Home or Koerth. Local folks who have a connection have a deeper investment in the care of, and providing for, their parish. It's the parishioners who fill the pews and provide for the parish who "pay the bills." That's why it is their prerogative to have their celebrations in their parish church. Guests are welcome--but do not have the right to make demands--or a mess and walk away with no concern. This may sound harsh--but think it through for a moment--it is not denying them the Sacrament--they can celebrate it in their home parish--rather, it's being protective and concerned for the local parish facilities and its community.

## 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!**

## Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling: TODAY!

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

## 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.

## 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.

*"With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption."*

*"Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned."*