

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

Mass Intentions

Thursday, April 13th

7 P.M. - Vocations

Saturday, April 15th

5 P.M. – Special Intention

Sunday, April 16th

7 A.M. – Julius & Evelyn Tobola

9 A.M. – James & Frances Hermes

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27

Your Gift to God: April 2nd

Sweet Home	\$1,455
Building Fund	\$25
DSA	\$15
Rice Bowl	\$227
Koerth	\$832
Building Fund	\$1,068
DSA	\$83
Rice Bowl	\$75

May God reward your generosity!

For Your Information

Confessions **will not be heard** on Holy Saturday prior to the Easter Vigil.

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.

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.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

CCD Notice

There are no CCD classes this Wednesday, April 12th. Classes resume April 19th.

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.**

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.

Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service today, 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.

Gratitude

The Koerth parish acknowledges and thanks Hermes-Pesek Memorials of Hallettsville for their assistance in moving the (solid marble) Baptismal Font back into the Church this past week. Many thanks!

*"My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?"*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Bill Reardon
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Bill Reardon & Elaine Berkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bill Reardon & Elaine Berkovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Juliet Monk
	9 A.M.	Bill Reardon

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Elaine Berkovsky
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Terry Hermes
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Elaine Berkovsky, Bill Reardon
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Lynnette Havel
	9 A.M.	Terry Hermes, Bill Reardon

Altar Servers

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Emma Fling, Jonah Hermes
<i>Fri.</i>	1:30 P.M.	Jonah Hermes, Faith Monk
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Emma Fling, Faith Monk
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jerome Bolom
	9 A.M.	Kaylee & Kamryn Frazer, Jonah Hermes

Reminders

Since Holy Week liturgies are somewhat more intricate and require some specialized planning in advance--with all of the unique and beautiful rituals once a year--some assistants with the services are being scheduled. Please arrive early so all can be in order.

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
12:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – Sweet Home
9:00 A.M. - Koerth

Chrism Mass

All are invited to the annual Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria on (this) Tuesday of Holy Week at 10:00 A.M. This Mass is celebrated by the Bishop with all the priests of the diocese during which the three Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated, and distributed to each of the priests for use in this upcoming year. It is a special moment in the life of the local Church and is a unique and beautiful experience.

Sacred Triduum

We are at the most sacred time of year as we will enter into the high holy days recalling and celebrating our salvation through the Paschal Mystery. All parishioners--especially families together--are encouraged to set time aside from their schedules and fully participate in these special liturgies. The rituals and symbols involved are a true feast for the senses--bring your Lent to its culmination and enter into the mystery and renew your faith and devotion.

Holy Thursday

The "mandatum" ritual of the washing of the feet will take place. We will need 12 parishioners to volunteer to assist by coming up at the invitation of Father and using one of the chairs that will be in place. Simply remove your room get shoe/sock and once all twelve have had their feet washed, then return to your place in the Church.

Night Watch

The Church will remain open until 10:00 P.M. for parishioners to spend time with the Lord during the "night watch." Our Lord's own admonition--Could you not stay awake for an hour--easily comes to mind and encourages us to take advantage of this silent time to be with Jesus in preparation for Calvary and the Cross.

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak,"

Reminder

Holy Communion may not be brought to the hospital, nursing home or homebound on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday due to the Sacred Triduum and the Church's liturgical law. The practice of bringing Holy Communion resumes with Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians

On April 13th, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. The Diocese of Victoria currently has 10 men in formation at various seminaries in the United States. At an average annual cost of \$35,000 per seminarian, this year the diocese will need approximately \$350,000 to fund this important endeavor. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

Good Friday Special Collection

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken up in every Catholic parish around the world. The Collection sustains Christianity in the Holy Land. With your support, the Franciscans and other ministers in parishes, provide formation and education, build homes and feed the hungry. And, of course, the sacred shrines in the Holy Land are maintained so pilgrims can still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Christians, along with all the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help!

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Help Wanted

One of the small "helps" with the preparations for Mass is having cleaned and pressed Sacred linens (the small linen cloths used at the Altar), and for maintaining the Altar Cloths (these are taken to the cleaners). There is no cost involved--just time and patience. The parish is in need of someone from Sweet Home and from Koerth to step forward and take on this responsibility at each parish. It is not difficult and whoever is willing can be shown the process for purifying, cleansing and folding these items. Let the Pastoral Center in Yoakum know if you are interested.

Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy?

If you intended to make the last consecration and it didn't work out, here is another opportunity! The final day of the retreat and Consecration Day is on the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima!

In our hectic day and time, St. Pope John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Join us on April 9th as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m. (except on Easter Sunday & Mother's Day) we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat. Contact Joyce Harper 361-798-6325 so that your book can be ordered.

"God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

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 ...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.

