

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3rd

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Anton & Hermina
Gajdousek

Sunday, June 4th

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Dolphie Jalufka
9 A.M. – Koerth – Father Charles Sonnier

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11; Ep 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Your Gift to God: May 21st

Sweet Home	\$1,410
Building Fund	\$60
Special Collection (<i>Retired Priests Fund</i>)	\$165
Koerth	\$743
Building Fund	\$25
DSA	\$25
Special Collection (<i>Retired Priests Fund</i>)	\$63.50

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.

Holiday: Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Saintly Thoughts

*"Men are generally the carpenters
of their own crosses."*

--St. Philip Neri

Koerth: Next Sunday

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost and will also be the first visit of Bishop Cahill to the Koerth parish. After Mass we will have light refreshments and coffee/tea available for parishioners to spend a few moments visiting the Bishop and welcoming him. All are asked to ring some goodies (kolache, pastry, cookies, cake) to share in the parish hall.

Rectory Update

The downstairs is nearing completion with the painting of the trim and doors--upstairs has been complete for weeks. Vinyl flooring is there awaiting installation after painters finalize their parts. Plumbers have been re-installing fixtures and all that is left is for the electricians to put up the lights and ceiling fans. All will then be complete. As mentioned previously, the challenge has been to get these folks to stay long enough between more pressing jobs they have to wrap up.

Concert to Benefit Prison Chapel

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation (SUCDC) is hosting a concert on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. Produced by World Vision, the YOUR LOVE IS UNBREAKABLE TOUR will begin at 7:00 P.M. and features Gospel Music Association artists Jason Crabb and the group Selah. Money gained from ticket sales will be tagged by the group to acquire grant writing services and to employ an architect for drafting conceptual drawings for a chapel construction project. Ticket sales for the public will begin June 26, however, a weeklong presale event for the local community will begin June 18. Tickets are \$20, \$40, & \$60 and can be purchased online at www.itickets.com. To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.

*"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always,
until the end of the world."*

Teen ACTS Retreat July 6-9, 2017

Spend a weekend with friends growing in your faith, community and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Spots fill up quickly & you must **MAIL IN** the applications...so act fast! Applications can be found in the back of the church. Contact Ashley Hermes (361-293-0700) if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School!!! If you have a child going into grades K thru 6 in the upcoming school year, consider registering them for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held July 10-14 from 9:00 A.M. to 12-noon. There is no fee and your child(ren) will have a great time enriching their knowledge of Jesus! If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information, please contact Jana Guajardo at faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com.

Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church or may be picked up or dropped off at the parish office in Yoakum. Deadline for registration is Friday, June 30th.

Retrovaille - August 4-6

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrovaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrovaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrovaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. **Retrovaille** provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises For more information about the Victoria August 4-6, 2017, Retrovaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way."

Emmaus Center Grief Group Summer Schedule

Grief Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at *The Emmaus Center* at 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140 on the following dates: June 12th and 26th; July 10th and 31st; August 14th and 22nd. The Group will not meet on Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day

Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830.

Save The Date

The annual "**Quo Vadis**" **Vocations Camp for Boys** will be July 2-5 at Cooper's Farm in Ledbetter, Texas. This year's theme will be "Basic Training: going back to the basics of our Catholic Faith." Young men who are currently in 8th grade through 21 years of age are welcome to attend. Please begin inviting young men to save the date to attend this Camp. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese will staff this retreat.

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Plenary Indulgence

The 100th Anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated in Fatima, Portugal on Friday, May 12 and 13. Pope Francis has offered the following opportunity for a special plenary indulgence that goes through October: "The faithful, with devotion, can visit a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory, or proper place of prayer during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. They must also offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives." **In the Diocese of Victoria, Bishop Cahill with the support of Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, has chosen St. Mary's Church in Victoria to have a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima available for veneration on the 13th of May, June, July, August, September, and October.**

Thanks...and a repeated: Help Wanted!

Special thanks to those who gave stepped forward in both parishes to assist with the care of the Sacred Linens. And, thanks to the youngins' who have jumped in and began helping with Serving at the Altar. But...we still need more help. Lectors are needed at both parishes, more young people to be Altar Servers, rosary leaders, and a more pressing need at Koerth is help putting the reception together for Bishop Cahill on Sunday, June 4th. Then soon enough there will be the joint effort Parish Picnic (Koerth this year) coming up down the road the last Sunday in September. If you are interested or curious about considering any of these areas just drop a note to pastor@stjatholicchurch.com or call the Pastoral Center (293-3518). We have the numbers--just need some more to step forward and "risk" more investment in the life of the parish family...rewards are experienced through the appreciation of the community, and personally knowing one is "giving back" from the many ways the Good Lord has given to you!

Prayer to St. Rita, for an impossible cause

Elizabeth Scalia | Mar 29, 2016

*A powerful intercessor to turn to under
the weight of our burdens*

Rita of Cascia devoted her life to the care of plague victims, without ever becoming infected with the disease. Immediately after her death she was venerated as a protector from the plague and was named the patroness of "impossible causes." We request her intercessory prayer through a form such as this:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

Under the weight of my burden, I turn to you, dear Rita, holy woman and saint. I am confident that you will hear my prayers and intercede on my behalf.

You, who were chosen by God to be an advocate for those whose cases are most desperate, have the graces necessary to understand my need. [Mention your intention.]

If my sins are an obstacle, impeding the fulfillment of my urgent plea, I beg you to obtain for me, from God, the necessary grace to see and understand my sinfulness, that I may, in sincere contrition, make a heartfelt reconciliation through the sacrament of penance.

From the glory of heaven, have compassion upon me, you who suffered by the grace of the thorn and the rose, that my suffering and anxieties may be lessened, that I may bear my crosses with courage, contentment and trust. I will everywhere proclaim my debt and friendship to you.

Oh, Bride of Jesus crucified, help me to live well and to die well. Amen.

God bless

*our men and
women in service*