

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 17th

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Louis Pustka &
Joe Pekar

Sunday, June 18th

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Anton & David Bujnoch
9 A.M. – Koerth – Joe & Louis Matula

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Your Gift to God: June 4th

Sweet Home	\$1,656
Building Fund	\$30
DSA	\$15
Koerth	\$1,160
Building Fund	\$430
DSA	\$42

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.

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.

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you."*

Gratitude

Special words of appreciation and gratitude to all who stepped up and assisted with the Mass welcoming Bishop Cahill to Koerth. Many worked behind the scenes to assure things would be nice and hospitable and the work and volunteer service made the occasion truly special. Many thanks!

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@stjatholicchurch.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.

Catholic Women's Conference July 28-29 in San Antonio

Are you ready to experience your "spa for the soul"? Jesus is ready to give you what the world cannot give you... peace, joy, strength, and renewal that is rooted in your special time spent with Him, knowing that you are a beloved daughter of God. Registration is \$50 if you register with our group by Friday, June 23rd. To make your payment and register stop by the parish office during business hours. We will be coordinating carpool transportation and lodging (additional cost) for those interested. Contact Ashley Hermes for more information, ashleyfay09@gmail.com or (361)293-0700.

Cemetery Reminder

Just a reminder that now might be the time to remove old floral decorations from Christmas in the cemetery--and that the rules are meant to keep a "fairness" for everyone regarding what is and what is not allowed. They have been in effect for a year--and have been posted at both cemeteries--for visitors who might not frequent or be parishioners. Maintenance and upkeep costs are bore by the parishes--which means everyone who drops their offering in the basket. There has to be a limit on how much or which "extras" are allowed so as to keep costs down for the mowing, etc. Obviously this will not please everyone, but there must be some basics which we all respect. Examples that often are met with anger are the issues concerning no more curbing additions, no outlining graves in rocks/pavers, no benches and keeping decor simple. Recently a complaint was strongly lodged about some handmade decoration on a grave that was missing. There is not an active "police force" doing "plot checks" daily. Most folks are not cemetery memorabilia collectors/thieves. If something is in the way of the mowing it might be moved, but it is not being stored or hidden so as the priest might pawn it and make a fortune. As the cemeteries remain open for public visitation, sometimes mischief is at work, sometimes strong winds, and sometimes some of God's four legged creatures create a little havoc--both cemeteries are out in the country we have to recall.

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.

"Glory and praise for ever!"

2017 Catechist Rally

Save the Date

On behalf of the Most Reverend Brendan J., Cahill and the catechetical office staff:

You are invited to the **2017 Catechist Rally** which includes:

Social

Bishop Brendan's Inspirational Talk

Dinner

Prayer Service and Commissioning

Door Prizes (must be present to win)

All catechists in attendance will receive a Diocese of Victoria "catechist" t-shirt, catechist bag with assorted gifts.

Invitations will be sent June 2nd to all clergy, parish catechetical leaders, and catechists. RSVP deadline is July 7th.

Saturday, July 22 nd	or	Saturday, July 29 th
Sacred Heart, Hallettsville		St. Andrew, Hillje
4:30 – 7:30 P.M.		4:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Two Ipad Pros 12.9 will be given away at each location (must be present to win)

Retrovaille - August 4-6

Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. It needs your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. **Retrouvaille** is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has veered off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about the Victoria August 4-6, 2017, Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

*Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was,
and who is to come."*

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.

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.



**Fortnight
for Freedom**
June 21 – July 4

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Text **FREEDOM** to
377377 to defend
your right to live
by your faith.



Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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YOUR WAYS
encourage
ONE ANOTHER
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How to enthrone the Sacred Heart in your home (and heart)

Philip Kosloski | Jun 01, 2017

Here are four different methods to consecrate your home to Jesus.

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, principally on account of the fact that the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (the Friday after the second Sunday following Pentecost) is celebrated in June.

According to the Directory on Popular Piety, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is “one of the most widespread and popular [devotions] in the Church.”

It is a deeply Christo-centric practice that has been promoted by numerous saints over the centuries. When viewed, “in the light of the Scriptures, the term ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The ‘Sacred Heart’ is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.”

Among the many pious customs involving the Sacred Heart is a traditional “enthronement,” or “consecration” of your house (and heart) to Jesus. In particular, Jesus promised to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque that, “I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.”

Over the years the Church has developed various types of enthronements that make the placing of an image of the Sacred Heart a more formal and spiritual event. For example, the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) has its own family consecration prayer service that can be found in Father James Kubicki’s book, *A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Besides the prayer service, Father Kubicki provides an engaging history on devotion to the Sacred Heart and why it is still relevant today.

Over the past several years Father Michael Gaitley has joined the cause and developed his own program called *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, which is very popular in parish settings. It features an extensive retreat that is aimed at uniting one’s heart closer to that of Jesus and ends in a consecration to the Sacred Heart.

Another chief promoter of the Sacred Heart is Cardinal Raymond Burke, who compiled a liturgical celebration of the enthronement in his book *The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. He also includes a basic introduction to the ancient custom and provides a detailed instruction on how to prepare spiritually.

Additionally, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque wrote a personal prayer of consecration that could be used when devoting oneself or one’s family to the Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

Whatever method you use to dedicate your home to the Sacred Heart, the emphasis should be placed on spiritual preparation. It is not simply an activity where you place an image of Jesus in a prominent place in your home. Similar to consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it is focused on joining your heart to the heart of Jesus so that you are one with him in all things.