

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 1st

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Deceased Members of
the Victor & Annie Smolik Family

Sunday, July 2nd

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Father Kuratko
9 A.M. – Koerth – Eddie Belcik

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Your Gift to God: June 18th

Sweet Home	\$1,449
Building Fund	\$10
Koerth	\$570
Building Fund	\$50
DSA	\$25

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.

Special Collection

A special collection for Peter's Pence (Holy Father) will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, July 1-2.

Holiday: Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 8:00 A.M.

Help Still Wanted

We are still in need of helpers with lectoring, Altar serving, Helpers for distribution of Holy Communion and ushers. If you are interested, let the Pastoral Center in Yoakum know.

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.

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.

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.

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.

RSVP deadline is July 7th.

Saturday, July 22nd or Saturday, July 29th
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)



Dynamic Catholic Bible Study

This July, St. Joseph's is offering an exciting Catholic study of the Bible for adults. The Great Adventure Catholic Bible study system created by Jeff Cavins provides the easiest way to understand the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. This study will help adults understand the Bible by finding the story that ties it all together. We will be using The Teen Timeline DVD series as well as The Great Adventure Storybook. The Storybook will be a perfect 'take away' from the study to share our salvation history with your children and grandchildren. Parishes everywhere are experiencing a renewal of faith and increased involvement from parishioners whose lives have been changed by The Great Adventure Bible study program. Sign up for this study will take place after Masses on the weekend of July 8-9. You can also contact the parish office at 293-3518 if you are interested. Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning July 12 and continuing through Wednesday, August 30. Please consider joining this wonderful opportunity to strengthen your Catholic faith!

S.O.S. Marriage Retreat

Surrender your marriage to God's plan. Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you. Serve the Lord in all that you do. Are you longing to better understand your spouse? Are you seeking a better understanding of God's plan for your family? Do you need time with your spouse and God?

Join us for a weekend marriage retreat that will allow you time with your spouse and with God. Time to draw closer to God and to each other. A retreat to equip you with tools to better communicate, love, and support each other and to better serve the Lord in your marriage and family. The marriage retreat will be held at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales on August 18-20. It will begin on Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon. All marriage types are encouraged to come; new and aged, strong and shaky. Registration forms are in the back of church. Cost is \$250.00. **Deadline for registration is July 15th.** Please contact Jeffrey & Leslie Chancellor (361-772-2650) if you have any questions or would like more information.

The "Kyrie" of Facebook

For those times I have added to the pain and anger in social media...Lord have mercy.

For those times I have sowed division instead of unity...Christ have mercy.

For those times I have added wounds to the Body of Christ...Lord have mercy.

For those times I have fueled despair instead of offering hope...Christ have mercy.

For those times when I have lacked charity or mercy, kindness and humility...for what I have done to others and for what I have failed to do for others...Lord have mercy.

"Jesus said: Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

"Lord, in your great love, answer me."

Retrovaille - August 4-6

Faith, Hope and Love . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? 1 Corinthians 13:13 tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to prayerfully consider the two of you attending a Retrouvaille program. **Retrouvaille** is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by six post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. 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.

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.

Cemetery Inquiries

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

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matussek & 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.

KJT State Family Day - July 23rd

The KJT State Family Day will be held Sunday, July 23rd at the KJT Activity & Fraternal Center located at 6116 State Hwy. 71 East, La Grange, Texas. All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a BBQ meal and a day of fun including music by Chris Rybak, Caricatures and a water slide for the children with attendance prizes throughout the day. Registration begins at 10:30 A.M. followed by Mass at 11:00 A.M. The meal will be served from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. RSVP by July 14th at 800-245-8182 or info@jktnet.org. Hope to see you and your family on the 23rd!



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.