

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 23, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Louis Pustka

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Marvin Michalec

9 A.M. – Koerth – Cecilia Bujnoch

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

### Your Gift to God: July 16<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,394
Online Giving	\$500
Building Fund	\$85
DSA	\$10
Koerth	\$835
Building Fund	\$35
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.

### 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.



### Time to Start Thinking!

It's that time of year when we are getting closer to our annual parish picnic. This year the picnic date is Sunday, **September 24<sup>th</sup>** (last Sunday in September). Soon a meeting will be held to begin organizing. Mark your calendars!

### CCD/Faith Formation

For those who like to get ahead and mark items off of their "to do" list, the registration forms and calendar for the upcoming CCD/Faith Formation year are posted on the parish website. Simply download the forms and fill them out and turn them into the Pastoral Center in Yoakum.

### Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room in Yoakum. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD aide. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application ([www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)) prior to attending the class.**

### Area Picnics

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph Parish – Yoakum Community Center

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."*

## Feast of the Assumption August 15<sup>th</sup>

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 14 – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)  
Tuesday, August 15 – 7:00 A.M.

## Retrovaille - August 4-6

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – *There is one week left to sign-up for Retrovaille.* **Retrovaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) 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](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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](http://www.itickets.com). To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.

*“The Spirit helps us in our weakness for we do not know how to pray as we ought.”*

## Join Bishop Brendan Cahill and God's Embrace Ministries on a “Lead Me Retreat” September 8-10!!

God's Embrace Ministries invites you to join Bishop Brendan Cahill for a weekend retreat experience on *“Lead Me into the Deep, Lord”*. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the **Spiritual Renewal Center** located at 718 Gussie Schmidt Road, Victoria, TX. Weekend begins 5:00 P.M. Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and concludes with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Open to men and women, but space is limited. Cost: \$450 for married couples or \$250 for singles. **Pre-registration** required online at [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883 for more information.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; July 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>; August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com) to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830.

## 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



## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Diocese of Victoria by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord. Amen.

*“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”*

## PRAYER IN TIMES OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL

PSALM 27:7-9, 13-14

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;  
your presence, O Lord, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me;  
do not in anger repel your servant.  
You are my helper: cast me not off;  
forsake me not, O God my savior.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

## PRAYER FOR CHARITY IN TRUTH

Father, your truth is made known in your Word.  
Guide us to seek the truth of the human person.  
Teach us the way to love because you are Love.

Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.  
Help us to recognize your face in the poor.  
Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people.

Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world.  
Empower us to seek the common good for all persons.  
Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This prayer is based on Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*)

