

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26th

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Joe, Sr., Albina,
Angeline & Joe, Jr. Smirak

Sunday, August 27th

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel
9 A.M. – Koerth – Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for vocations.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Your Gift to God: August 13th

Sweet Home	\$1,146.06
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$5
Koerth	\$993
Building Fund	\$1,003
DSA	\$13

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.

St. Mary's Chapel Choir

St. Mary's Chapel Choir will be returning to Queen of Peace to once again lead the singing at the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, September 2nd.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room.

September 24th Picnic

We are in need of items for the Parish Picnic--as one might expect. Call Allan Monk at (361) 772-1801 or Bill Reardon at (361) 550-0844 who are chairing the event if you have questions. As someone brought this issue up at the Picnic Planning meeting concerning livestock and the auction--as was done at last year's picnic--if you would like to donate cattle to the auction they would be a welcome addition. So that someone doesn't have to be "minding" the trailer, just put together a poster/paper with pictures and details about the animals and that will be set out for folks to see before the auction. We need everyone's help to make the Picnic on Sunday, September 24th a success. Step forward and volunteer!

CCD Registration: This Weekend

We will have CCD registration after the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, **August 19th** and after the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, **August 20th**. It is important that we get our children registered to be able to acquire the necessary materials in time for CCD to begin. The forms and calendars are available for download at www.qpcatholicchurch.com. You may also handle registration in advance by stopping at the Pastoral Center in Yoakum during office hours.

Lectors and Ushers Needed

We are still in need of more folks to step forward and assist with the roles of lector and ushers at Mass. there have been a few times when no ushers "step" forward and others scramble to pitch in. These are not difficult tasks and they are a service to the liturgy and to our parish.

*"May God bless us, and may all the ends
of the earth fear him!"*

An “Informed” Decision

Most will remember the “old days” when an adult who wanted to be baptized or received into the Church would undergo several meetings with Father then “become” Catholic. The Church wants those who consider joining it to be as informed as possible about what “they are getting themselves into.” The best way to get a good and broad overview of the Church and its teachings is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). **It begins on September 10th**, meets weekly (except holidays) and concludes at Easter when the candidates receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you have been thinking about joining the Church or know someone who has always said that they are eventually going to become a Catholic, now is the time to encourage them to take the next step. For more information contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at (361)741-2657 or at deacon@stj catholicchurch.com. R.C.I.A. classes are held at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room in Yoakum.

Diocese of Victoria *Thirtieth Annual Catholic Conference*

Saturday, September 23rd
Holy Family Church
2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, Texas

The Catholic Conference is for all adult Catholics. This conference will have workshops on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Our commitment to the Catholic social mission must be rooted in and strengthened by our spiritual lives. In our relationship with God we experience the conversion of heart that is necessary to truly love one another as God has loved us.

Register and pay online at www.victoriadiocese.org.
Deadline for registration is September 14th.

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 8th, and concludes with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday September 10th. 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 or call 979-561-8883 for more information.

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.

Parish Office Schedule

The Pastoral Center will be closed next Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday.

*“Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the
kingdom and cured every disease
among the people.”*

“O God, let all the nations praise you!”

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 date: August 28th. Go to 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 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.

Now Is The Time of Mercy!

"Divine Mercy Is The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author Father Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Father Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Classes will be held on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. in the Family Center starting September 10th through November 12th. The book for the class is \$11.00. To register please contact the parish office at 293-3518. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Please contact Ashley Hermes at 361-293-0700 for more information.

Prayer to Live the Gospel, Be Disciples

Loving Father,

Open our hearts to hidden realities:
your love for all people,
your presence in the community,
your call to justice and peace.
May the sacraments stir in us
that same love for those with whom we worship
and all members of our human family.

Christ Jesus,

Help us to imitate your example:
healing the sick,
welcoming the stranger,
assisting the poor and vulnerable.
May the sacraments remind us
of your love and self-giving,
which we strive to imitate.

Holy Spirit,

Make visible to our eyes what is invisible:
your call to your people,
your summons to live our faith daily
as witnesses of justice and peace.
May the sacraments move us
to engage in love-inspired action
that transforms us and the world.

Amen.

