

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 27, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Adolph “Bo” Faltesek

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Gene & Lydia Hermes

9 A.M. – Koerth – Eddie Gaudette,  
Robert & Angie McBride

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for world peace.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36, 29-32; Mt 16:13-20

### Your Gift to God: August 20<sup>th</sup>

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| Sweet Home              | \$1,406 |
| Online Giving           | \$220   |
| DSA                     | \$5     |
| Feast of the Assumption | \$194   |
| Koerth                  | \$645   |
| Feast of the Assumption | \$97    |

*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 next Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Baptismal Preparation Class

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

### Parish Office Schedule

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

### CCD Staff Meeting

There will be a brief CCD planning meeting for teachers and volunteers for the upcoming CCD year. It will held on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** at the Sweet Home Parish Hall.

### Last Call!

Faith Formation/CCD will be starting quite soon. If there are any out there that have not yet registered please do so this week. You may go to the website ([www.qpcatholicchurch.com](http://www.qpcatholicchurch.com)) and printout the registration form and drop it by the Pastoral Center in Yoakum (there is an after-hours drop slot on the porch). We need as accurate a count as possible to get the needed books for the first class.

Reminders: CCD will begin September 6<sup>th</sup> and will follow the CCD calendar (also available on the website). Classes will be from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and all classes will be at Sweet Home School. There will not be Mass on CCD nights.

### Safe Environment Continuing Education

As part of the Church's commitment to the ongoing education concerning Safe Environment, the second Wednesday of CCD, September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the annual ongoing education for the protection of minors. All parents are welcomed to attend classes that evening with the students.

## Raffle Tickets

The raffle tickets have been mailed out to our parish families and extras are available in the entrances of the Church and at the Pastoral Center in Yoakum. We have some very generous and great prizes totaling a value of \$3,230. Top prize is a \$1000 gift card, second prize is a \$500 gift card, as well as other gift cards in various amounts as well as a Stihl chainsaw and a Stihl weed eater. Cost of the tickets is \$2 each with six for \$10.

## September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> a success. Step forward and volunteer!

## Picnic Country Store

Items for the Picnic Country Store are needed. Homemade (bread, noodles, candy, etc.), baked and canned goods (pickles, jellies, etc.), handwork (crocheted, embroidery, sewn items, etc.), crafts, plants and produce are top sellers. No garage sale items or used small appliances. Please price all items except baked and canned goods. These will be priced the day of the picnic. All items except baked goods may be dropped off at the hall Saturday morning during set-up. Baked goods should be delivered Sunday morning. **NOTE:** All food items must have a list of the ingredients attached to the product.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:deacon@stj catholicchurch.com). R.C.I.A. classes are held at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room in Yoakum.

## 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 St. Joseph Family Center starting **September 10<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

*"I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth."*

*"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*

## Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Picnic is just 4 weeks away and we need everyone's help in making the Annual Parish Picnic a huge success. Allan Monk (772-1801) and Bill Reardon (361-550-0844) are our co-chairs. Pitch in and get involved in the support of your parishes! Remember, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



## 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.

## 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.

*"When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me."*

## 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.

## Diocese of Victoria 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Conference



Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Holy Family Church  
2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, Texas

The Catholic Conference is for all adult Catholics. **This year the conference will focus on the seven principles 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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org). **Deadline for registration is September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

*"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."*