

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23rd

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Mary English

Sunday, September 24th

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Rose Pekar, James Konvicka,
Thomas Kocian

9 A.M. – Koerth – Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Your Gift to God: September 10th

Sweet Home	\$1,358
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$30
DSA	\$15
Special Collection (<i>Hurricane Relief</i>)	\$609
Koerth	\$908
Building Fund	\$30
DSA	\$35
Special Collection (<i>Hurricane Relief</i>)	\$5,241

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.

Helping the Local Area Hurricane Relief

For those who would like to donate to the Hurricane Relief and Recovery effort, one may go directly to the diocesan website where there is already a fund setup:

www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief

Thank You!

The parish family wants to acknowledge the following parishioners who are generously staffing our Faith Formation program this year:

Judy Anderle, Skye Anderle, Theresa Brewer, Anna Frazer, Kim Frazer, Angela Hartman, Susan Hermes, Stephanie Tobola and Bill Reardon. Thanks, too, to those who volunteer in various ways: Angie Bolom, Jocelyn Bolom, Amanda Fling, Diana Jurena and Desi Muenich.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD teacher, aide or monitor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the homebound or nursing homes, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.** This class is for **ADULTS ONLY**.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULE

Diocese of Victoria
30th Annual Catholic Conference



Has Been Rescheduled for
Saturday, January 27, 2018

Register and pay online at
www.victoriadiocese.org.

Picnic Countdown: Only ONE week to go!

We are only one week away from picnic and we need everyone's help. Sell those raffle tickets, get items together for the country store, auction, cakes, pies and goodies planned. Speak to Bill Reardon or Allen Monk to volunteer or see where help is needed.

Picnic Reminders

Each family is to bring two (2) cakes; 1 for the kitchen and 1 for the cake walk.

All cakes for the cake walk **MUST BE COVERED.**

Homemade food items **must have a list of the ingredients attached to the item.**

If you are not able to work your scheduled shift be sure to **secure a replacement.**

Picnic Workers' List

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is the Picnic Workers' List. If you are not able to work when assigned, please make sure to secure a replacement. Extra copies are available at the entrances of the church. Volunteers are always welcome!

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.**

Raffle Tickets

Extra Raffle tickets can be found in the entryways of both Churches. The raffle is a great way to get the ball rolling towards picnic success. Sell your raffle tickets!!!

Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Picnic is just 3 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."***



Attention: Men of the Parish

The parish family will again benefit from a program geared toward equipping men with a deeper understanding of God's plan and how they can cooperate with His abundant grace in their roles as men, husbands and/or fathers. **"That Man Is You"** (TMIY) will begin again on Wednesday, **September 20th** at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center. All is concluded by 7:30 A.M. It is open to all men--it is not necessary to have attended the previous sessions/semesters--this is simply another invitation/offer to invest yourself a bit more into your relationship and responsibilities as an authentic disciple. For more information you can contact Rick Jahn, call the parish office or simply look at the parish website and click on the TMIY link. Don't hesitate to stop by and check out what TMIY has to offer. We look forward to seeing you on September 20th.

*"I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord; Love one another as I
have loved you."*

Everyone is invited to attend:

**Inspirational Program
Presented by Caleb Jentsch &
his mother, Deborah Jentsch
Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 P.M.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 Schrimsher St., Yoakum
Admission is Free**

Caleb and his mother share the experiences of their family's journey when Caleb sustained a traumatic brain injury while snow skiing in January, 2012. Caleb attests to Romans 8:28, "*We know that all things work for good for those who love God*".

Deborah has written a book, "*Spillway*" which is about Caleb's skiing accident, rehab and recovery. All through faith in the love and mercy of God. She hopes her book will help encourage others. In the midst of some of the most difficult days in their lives, they experienced the love and mercy of God. God revealed his love for them in practical and miraculous ways.

Since the accident 5 years ago, Caleb has shared a message God has laid on his heart. He shares (in relation to his experiences) the importance of relationship with Jesus and the charge to share the good news of Jesus with others.

For more information contact: Mary McQuillen 361-293-3736 or Deborah Jentsch 361-920-1359.

***"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name
give glory because of your faithfulness
and love."***

Psalm 115:1

Hurricane Relief Donations

The Hope 4-H has provided boxes at the entrances of the Church for anyone who would like to donate nonperishable items for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. **Brooms, mops, bleach, basic cleaning supplies, towels, trash bags, mosquito spray, personal hygiene items, diapers (adult & child), water and non-perishable food items.** Clothing items are no longer needed. Let's help our brothers and sisters by providing them with the tools they need to start the cleaning processing.

To Love as God Loves

**A Marriage Preparation Program
for Couples 40 and Over,
Couples Seeking Convalidation,
Couples Seeking a Second Marriage
and Beyond.**

Because Christian marriage is a sacrament, the Catholic Church wants couples to be well-prepared. Marriage preparation assists the couple in developing a better understanding of the sacrament; to evaluate and deepen their readiness to live married life; and to gain insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

This is an interactive preparation facilitated by priests, deacons and couples who are deeply committed to the Sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Preparation Program will be held at Holy Family Parish Activity Center in Victoria on **September 24, 2017** from 9:00 am -5:00 pm. The cost of the program will be \$125.00 and includes all materials needed. For more information including online registration or a registration form can be found on the Diocese of Victoria website.

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.

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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Gabriel Project Information

“A Pro-Life ministry/Outreach helping a mother in a crisis pregnancy & Her unborn child!” “An alternative to abortion”

Listed below are items we are **DESPERATELY** in need of in Victoria Co.:

- Diapers – Preemies & newborn up to Size 4
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries for babies – Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion
- Sleepers & Onesies – boys & girls from Preemie to 12 months
- Newborn summer clothes – boys & girls
- Bath Towels
- Burp Towels
- Baby Nail Clippers

Contact Barbara McCain Williams for more information or to pick up items (361) 649-1612! Text, call or email: barbaramwilliams85@gmail.com. If you would like to make a monetary donation for these items, please make check out to Victoria Gabriel Project (Baby Items Needed) and mail to P. O. Box 345, Victoria, TX 77902.

Please remember, just a few hours a week or month, could help a Mom and save a Baby!



both in
Life
&
Death
we are the
Lord's
ROMANS

