

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 24, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Joe L. Pekar

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Frank & Tillie Kuchar

9 A.M. – Koerth – Hubert & Lela Hermes

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### Your Gift to God: September 17<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,732
Online Giving	\$220
Building Fund	\$10
DSA	\$5
Koerth	\$664

*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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief)

*“Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the  
words of your Son.”*

# Picnic Time!

### Picnic: It's Here!!!

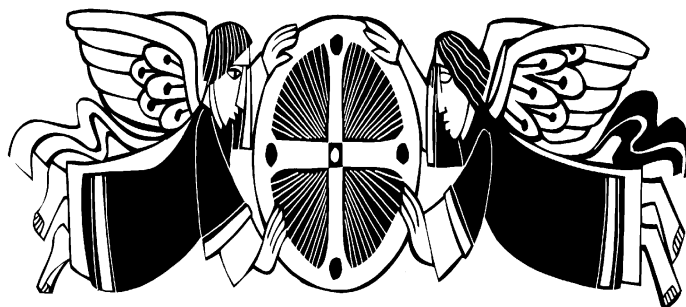
This weekend we come together for the annual picnic. This is our one annual fundraiser and we need everyone's help and support. Come and join us for this worthy cause at the Sweet Home Community Center!

### Lector Workbook 2018

Those lectors who would like to get their name on the list for the 2017 Lector Workbook should either call the parish office (293-3518) or send an email ([secretary@stjatholicchurch.com](mailto:secretary@stjatholicchurch.com)) by **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### Alpha Fall Mini-Course!

Alpha is a program focused on engaging the fundamentals of the faith through dynamic conversation and quality videos in an informal environment. The format is always the same: food, a presentation, and small groups. Some of the topics include: why Jesus died, how to have faith, how to pray, and why we read the Bible. It's open to everyone, men and women, whether you've participated in Alpha before or not. Come join us at the St. Joseph Family Center on Monday evenings at 6:30-8:00 A.M. starting **October 16<sup>th</sup>** for this shortened 8 week Alpha “Mini-Course”.



## That Man Is You

That Man Is You (TMIY) has started its third "semester" this past week. It was one of the most thought-provoking sessions had thus far, dealing with real challenges Catholic men of all ages face. One doesn't have to attend prior "semesters," just take that first step and show up. Every Wednesday morning TMIY meets in the Family Center at St. Joe from 6:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.

## Rosary Rally

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Everyone is invited to the Yoakum Centennial Park on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12-noon to join together to pray the rosary. Bring lawn chairs if needed.

## 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.

## 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.

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULE

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



Has Been Rescheduled for  
Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Holy Family Church, Wharton, TX.

Register and pay online at  
[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

## 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 County:

- Diapers – Premies & newborn up to Size 4
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries for babies – Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion
- Sleepers & Onesies – boys & girls from Premie 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](mailto: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!**

*“Life means Christ”*

## A few things to do....

If one is looking for a way to be more involved, or apply themselves a bit more in their Catholic faith...consider a few opinions readily available:

--CCD/Faith Formation is always in need of helpers and teachers in the valued role of assisting our young folks with learning their faith

--RCIA is meeting each week at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room--and it's not simply for those interested in joining the Church. It can serve as an excellent refresher course, as well as offer the opportunity to share with those interested in possibly joining the Church.

--That Man Is You is off and running for the menfolk of the parish and community giving them a great way to start their day and focus in the mission as disciples

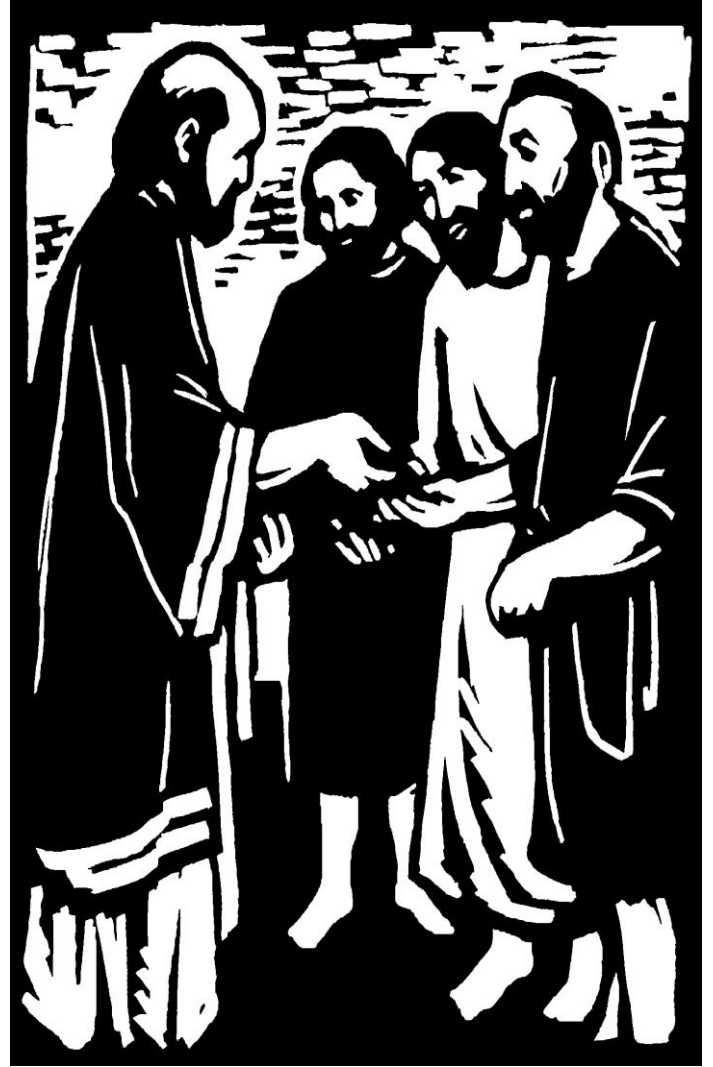
--ALPHA (English and Spanish) is soon to get going again weekly...many who attended last spring's sessions found it helpful and enjoyable in a communal setting

--there is the upcoming Women's ACTS retreat sponsored through the parish

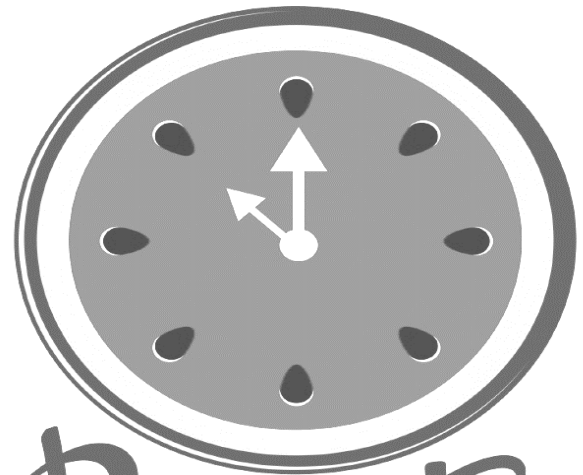
--the Divine Mercy study and reflection group continues through November each week

--there is always a need for volunteers to usher or lector

There are plenty of opportunities to avail oneself if one desires to. For more information or contacts for any of the above just all the parish office at 293-3518.



*“The last will be first,  
and the first will be last.”*



*Picnic Time*



### The Emmaus Center:

*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*

Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria

1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140  
Victoria, Texas 77901

For an appointment, go to  
[www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)  
or call 361-212-0830

*Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*