

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 29, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30 P.M. – Sweet Home – Larry Munsch

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30 P.M. – Sweet Home – Ben Kopecky

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – All Souls

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Frank P. Henke

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Virginia Markert &  
Rose Mary Bishop

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

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the deceased former pastors of our Parishes.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

### Your Gift to God: October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,428
Online Giving	\$520
Building Fund	\$780
DSA	\$25
Koerth	\$1,043
Building Fund	\$1,025
Cemetery Fund	\$5

*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.

### Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends **next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 A.M. Be sure to set your clock **BACK** one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

### Feast of All Saints Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Queen of Peace as follows:

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M.

### CCD Students: Reminder

There will be no CCD classes this week due to Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation.

### All Souls: Visitation of Cemeteries

There will be blessing of graves at Koerth Cemetery next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass and at Sweet Home Cemetery on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass.

### All Souls Day Remembrance

On the commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>) we will have Mass at 7:00 A.M. in Sweet Home. There will be a candle present for those whose funerals were celebrated through the church at Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist. During the intercessions of the Mass the names will be read aloud – and if a family member is present they can come forward and light a candle. Fortunately we did not have a large number of funerals. Those who at present we will have memorial candles for that had full funeral rites here: Benjamin Kopecky, Benita DeBord, Larry Munsch, Marinell Smolik, Millie Kutac and Paul Jeremiah Sluka.

## Priesthood Sunday

Today is Priesthood Sunday. Serra USA designates the last Sunday in October as a time when we express our appreciation for all that our priests do for us. Our local Serra Club in the Hallettsville area has sponsored a program, approved by Bishop Brendan and your pastor, in which all the priests' names in the Victoria Diocese are placed in a basket. Each person draws a name and keeps that priest in his or her prayer intentions for a year. In our prayer for vocations "we pray especially for our religious, keep them close to you." Now is your chance to take something out of the basket. All their names are included in our program so all of them can benefit from our prayers.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

## Meditations from the Holy Father

"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life there is always strong and intense prayer from someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community. ... Vocations are born in prayer and prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

*Pope Francis*

## For Your Information

As those attending Mass at Koerth last Sunday will have seen, the doors on the porch are being replaced. Due to settling of the porch over the years as well as their being adjusted as much as they could, wind was still pushing rain into the entryway--particularly with Hurricane Harvey. The new doors are fiberglass and allow the possibility that should any more settling occur, they can be trimmed. The metal doors no longer had any give to be adjusted or added on to keep wind/water out.

The crucifix in the Koerth Cemetery is showing its age with some rot and erosion. Soon the holes will be filled in and it will be repainted afterwards. The hurricane tore the flag into shreds as well as caused the rope to break. For the time being the pole will be removed so it can be repaired...problem presented is that the flag should not be left out at night if not lighted, so for the time being this will be looked at for ways to properly display in the future.

## Scheduling Mass Intentions

**Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>** the 2018 calendar will be available for scheduling Mass intentions. Remember that the great majority of people want weekend Masses and there are a limited number of weekends. So be aware that not all intentions can be scheduled for weekends--some must be for weekdays. Scheduling can be done at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center during office hours for Sweet Home, Koerth, Hochheim and Yoakum. One should not simply drop a note to the Pastoral Center and assume a particular date is open--important that you speak with the staff to guarantee dates are open before making an assumption.

## Cemetery Flower Reminder

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to remove those Easter flowers and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

*"I love you, Lord, my strength."*

## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please personally encourage young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.*

## Dates to Remember

### Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Blessing of Graves – Koerth Cemetery  
after 9 A.M. Mass

### All Saints Mass Schedule

October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M. – Sweet Home (Vigil)

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M. – Sweet Home

### Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls

Mass – 7 A.M. followed by Blessing of Graves  
at Queen of Peace Cemetery

### Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Daylight Savings Time Ends

### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.  
St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room

## That Man Is You

That Man Is You (TMIY) has started its third "semester" 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 needed 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.

## The Cenacle

The Cenacle, a new ministry, will sponsor a night of praise and worship, adoration and fellowship on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wharton. Bishop Brendan J. Cahill will be the guest speaker for this uplifting "The Light in the Storm" night of bringing some light in the midst of our storms. All ages are welcome! For more information, call Michael Vela (979) 533-1623 or Brandon Janak (979) 541-9952.

## 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 P.M. starting October 16<sup>th</sup>** for this shortened 8 week Alpha "Mini-Course".



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