

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## November 19, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Henry & Corrine Wagner,  
F. M. & Adele Janak

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

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

9 A.M. – Koerth – Benjamin Kopecky

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in thanksgiving to God for his many blessings.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

### Your Gift to God: November 12<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,174
Online Giving	\$20
Building Fund	\$10
Koerth	\$1,097
Building Fund	\$20

*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.

### Special Collection

A special collection for the Campaign for Human Development will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

### Pastoral Center Holiday Schedule

The Pastoral Center will close Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M. and reopen Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. **Bulletin deadline for that week is Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.**

### Happy Thanksgiving!

This week as our nation takes its annual "pause" to render thanks, let us remind ourselves that every celebration of the Eucharist is itself a Sacrifice of Thanksgiving-rendering thanks through the power of the Spirit to the Father for the gift of the Son. We are so blessed in our nation with our freedoms, our military and first responders who so bravely serve us, our families, our parish and communities. It's so vital in our faith that we offer thanks to be appreciative of the many ways the Good Lord continues to provide for us and shower us with his sanctifying grace!

### CROP Hunger Walk

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a CROP Hunger Walk today, **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 P.M. at the Yoakum ISD Track. Participants should meet and register at the track. In addition to benefiting the hungry of the world, 25% of the proceeds collected will be given to the local Food Pantry at First Baptist Church. Walkers can obtain packets from any Ministerial Alliance member. For more information, contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at 741-2657.

### Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Yoakum Ministerial Alliance, will be held today, **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at River of Life Church, 107 Highway 77-A. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. with meal to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

*"Well done, my good and  
faithful servant.  
Come, share your master's joy."*

## CCD Reminder

CCD classes **will not** be held this Wednesday,  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## SOLIDARITY in SUFFERING



A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

A WEEK OF AWARENESS  
NOV 26 - DEC 2, 2017

## Religious Goods

The St. Joseph Pastoral Center has various types of religious goods available for sale in the lobby. There are religious cards, crucifixes, rosaries, Bibles, prayer books (English and Spanish), Advent wreaths, religious Christmas ornaments, statues, cemetery candleholders, etc....just the beginning of the list. All are available during office hours. It is never too early to start your Christmas shopping!

## Sleeping St. Joseph

When the Holy Father was elected and moved into the papal apartments, one item he brought with him was a statue of St. Joseph sleeping. He described the devotion he has to St. Joseph and his own "tradition" of placing little notes with petitions/intentions underneath the little statue, thereby putting the need and concern in St. Joseph's hands. The St. Joseph Pastoral Center has a couple of these unique "sleeping St. Joseph" statues if you would like to enhance your own devotion and tradition.

*"In all circumstances, give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you  
in Christ Jesus."*

## Live Production of Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria** on **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the story of the heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for another man in Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up.

Admission is free. For additional information, contact Holy Family Parish Office at 361-573-5304 or visit [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org).

## 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.



# This is the highest and most sublime prayer, says pope

Kathleen N. Hattrup

*Francis gives 4 necessary predispositions for achieving an encounter with the Lord who is alive and with us.*

Taking up week two of his new series of catecheses on the Mass, Pope Francis today underlined what he called a “simple aspect” of his theme: the Mass as prayer.

It is prayer *par excellence*, he said, “the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most ‘concrete.’”

The pope then went on to consider what prayer actually is. It is a dialogue, he explained, a personal relationship with the Lord, for which we were all created.

The Holy Father then went on to discuss four elements that are necessary for prayer:

## **1. Silence, because every dialogue requires silence.**

“And from God’s mysterious silence gushes His Word, which echoes in our hearts. Jesus Himself teaches us how it is really possible *to be* with the Father and He demonstrates it with His prayer.”

## **2. Knowing how to call God our Father**

“We must learn to say *Father*, that is, to put ourselves in His presence with filial confidence.

## **3. Trust and confidence, as a child**

“Children know how to trust, they know someone will take care of them, of what they will eat, of what they will wear and so on ...”

## **4. Also as a child, allowing oneself to be surprised by God**

A child “marvels even at small things, because everything is new to him. To enter in the Kingdom of Heaven it is necessary to let oneself be surprised ... Do we let ourselves be surprised by God who is always a God of surprises? Because an encounter with the Lord is always an encounter with someone living, it’s not an encounter of [something in a] museum. And we’re going to Mass, not to a museum. We go to a living encounter with the Lord.”

*Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!*

**DEAR GOD,  
I WANNA TAKE A  
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK  
FOR ANYTHING FROM  
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO  
SAY THANK YOU,  
FOR ALL I HAVE.**



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*Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*

## ***Thanksgiving Day Prayer***

We gather today to give thanks to God for his gifts to this land and its people, for God has been generous to us. As we ask God’s blessing upon the food we will share with our families, may we be mindful of those in need. Amen.

