

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 24th

5 P.M. – Hubert Smolik

Sunday, March 25th

7 A.M. – Laddie & Annie Picha Family

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

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Msgr. Henry Herbst and Fr. Marcus Valenta.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 31:31-34; Hb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Your Gift to God: March 11th

Sweet Home	\$1,238
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$5
DSA	\$10
Rice Bowl	\$143
Koerth	\$814
Building Fund	\$355
Rice Bowl	\$72

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.

Operation Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent through Easter Sunday we will have the traditional almsgiving program, "Operation Rice Bowl" taken up as a second collection each weekend.

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Thursday, March 29th and reopen on Tuesday, April 4th. **Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 27th.**

Deanery Penance Services

Monday, March 19th – St. Joseph – Moulton

Tuesday, March 20th – Sts. Cyril & Methodius – Shiner

Thursday, March 22nd – St. Joseph – Yoakum

Friday, March 23rd – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M. Mass

The 9:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday, March 25th will begin at the Parish Hall, weather permitting, with the blessing and procession of palms.



Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service on Sunday, March 25th at the First Baptist Church. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

Holy Thursday Collection

A special collection For the Education of our Seminarians will be taken up at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Good Friday Special Collection

A special collection to help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Saturday, March 24, 2018
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville
Confession, Mass, Adoration, Stations,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction

Please join us, for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Let's make time for our Lord!

For more information call:
Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Tuesday

Chrism Mass – 10:00 A.M.
Our Lady of Victory Cathedral - Victoria

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
and the Priesthood
Mass – 7:00 P.M.
Nightwatch in the Church until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
1:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – Sweet Home
9:00 A.M. - Koerth

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner."*

KJZT Bake Sale

The St. Ludmila #12 KJZT, Sweet Home, will sponsor a Bake Sale next Saturday, March 24th after the 5:00 P.M. Mass and on Sunday, March 25th after the 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Sweet Home Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit "Meals on Wheels".

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)

Recently the annual mailing for the Diocesan Services Appeal was sent to all registered parishioners within the parishes of the diocese. The accompanying brochure included explained how this appeal assists with the ministry of the Diocese and our Bishop in evangelization and continuing to maintain our Catholic presence in this region. Consider giving to this worthy cause as both an act of charity and support of the Church.

Our Assessment/Goal set by the Diocese for Queen of Peace in 2018 is \$16,026. St. John the Baptist in Koerth has a 2018 goal of \$9,063. Whatever is not offered by parishioners through gifts, donations and pledges is billed to the parish at the end of the year.

As an example...for the calendar year 2017, Queen of Peace's goal was \$16,295--of which the parish must now pay the balance not met of \$13,375. There were 18 families (Queen of Peace has 131 registered families) that contributed a total of \$2,920. For St. John the Baptist in Koerth the 2017 goal was \$9251--of which the parish must now pay the difference of \$8,291. There were 7 families (St. John the Baptist has 91 registered families) that contributed \$960 towards the appeal.

The Way of the Cross

Each Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!"*

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in substitute teaching, assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD teacher, aide or monitor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the home-bound 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.**

Why I'm Catholic (and you should be too)

Has anyone ever asked you why you're Catholic? Have you ever wondered yourself? Would you like some good reasons? If so, you might enjoy this six part series presented by Fr. Jacob. Sessions will take place on the **Mondays of Lent from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center. No need to register – just show up!**

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 8th

Yoakum Community Center
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Shiner Hobo Band performing
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans Market
Balloon Creations – Face Painting

Meal tickets available at First State Bank,
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch and
at the door.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a few weeks away and it's time to remove those Christmas poinsettias and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

This ancient prayer to St. Joseph has “never been known to fail”

Philip Kosloski

As long as it is said in faith and for a particular spiritual benefit.

Even though St. Joseph never spoke a word in scripture, his silent example of obedient faithfulness and diligent care for the Holy Family during Jesus' formative years has made him one of the most beloved saints of Christianity.

Devotion to the foster-father of Jesus is generally traced to the 3rd or 4th century, but according to the *Pieta* prayer book, there is a prayer to St. Joseph that dates to the year 50.

This prayer was found in the 50th year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505, it was sent from the pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you desire. It has never been known to fail.

Here is the prayer, which some claim “has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for.”

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Remember, God *always* answers our prayers. We may not always expect the response we receive.

Feast of St. Joseph – March 19th

St. Joseph, pray for us!