

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 22, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Adolph & Carrie Pekar & Family

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Hubert Smolik

9 A.M. – John & Lucille Jalufka

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Father Charles Sonnier.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### Your Gift to God: April 15<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,120
Online Giving	\$20
DSA	\$40
Koerth	\$780

*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

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### First Reconciliation

The celebration of First Reconciliation in preparation for First Communion will be at **10:30 A.M.** in the Church on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### First Communion

On **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** we will have the celebration of First Communion at the 5:00 P.M. Mass.

### Acts of the Apostles: The Church in Jerusalem

Speak with all boldness! In this third session of our six part Bible Study on Acts we'll get a glimpse into the bold and fearless preaching of the early disciples and see the many ways the risen Jesus continued to be active. Join us as Fr. Jacob shows how quickly the Church grew and what the apostles did about it, **Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Center. **Bring your Bibles!**

### Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

### Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat July 19-22

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held July 19-22 at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart from Hallettsville on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. and return July 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

*"The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the corner stone."*

## Congratulations!

The parish family offers congratulations and prayers for our Confirmation Class. Many thanks to their teacher, Bill Reardon. As you receive the last Sacrament of Initiation, may your lives be continually strengthened in your Catholic faith!

**Confirmation Class:** Colby Bujnoch, Sebastian Perez, Austin Points, Jessica Tomek, Sarah Tronicek.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today we observe World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

## Young Adult Evening Retreat

Holy Family in Victoria will be holding an evening retreat for Young Adults (men and women, 20s-30s, with or without kids) on **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Join Pete Burak, National Director of id916 Young Adult Ministries, and the Victoria id916 team as they share "***The Furnace: For in Fire Gold is Tested***". Tickets are \$15. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/id916-victoria-summit-the-furnace-tickets-44893005187>.

## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Emmaus Center: Roast and Toast

**Saturday, May 12th – 6:30 P.M.**  
**The Cathedral Center in Victoria**

Help Support *The Emmaus Center. Counseling and Spiritual Direction in the Catholic Tradition:* Join in the fun and festivities on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Victoria at The Cathedral Center for the First Annual **Roast & Toast** benefiting *The Emmaus Center*, the Diocese of Victoria's Counseling and Spiritual Direction Center. This year's honoree will be **Father Gary Janak**, on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. The evening will include a delicious meal, entertainment and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds directly benefiting *The Emmaus Center*. *The Roast & Toast* event promises to provide an opportunity to enjoy a great evening and support the Center's continuing efforts to serve others. Call *The Emmaus Center* (212-0830) or The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory (575-4741) for tickets and further information.

## Healing The Whole Person

Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease, and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through three days of teaching, worship, prayer, and testimony, you'll encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. Whether you're struggling with life, or you just want "more" in your walk with God, this conference will empower you with tools, revelation, and a greater desire to live your life passionately on fire for God. Grounded in Church teaching, you'll engage the topics of "Facing our Brokenness," "Encountering the Father's Love," and "Living in Freedom."

Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church is hosting a Healing the Whole Person retreat, led by the John Paul II Healing Center, on July 12-14th. Learn more, and register for this amazing retreat at <http://jpiihealingcenter.org/> Early Registration opens on April 9<sup>th</sup> and Online Registration closes on July 2, 2018. For local questions you may contact Pat Hoelscher @ [pat623@icloud.com](mailto:pat623@icloud.com)

## Day of Equipping

This one-day training, presented by Bart Schuchts, is designed to equip and prepare God's people do the works Jesus did throughout His ministry on earth. During this special day of training you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice, and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life as described in John 14:12 and Ephesians 4, this training is for you.

***Come Be Equipped So That His Will Be Done...  
On Earth As It Is In Heaven.***

Teaching Sessions Include Topics On:

- Equipping God's People
- Living in the Fullness of Confirmation
- Recognizing How God Speaks to You
- Abiding in Christ
- Following the Movements of the Holy Spirit

**During the day the teaching will be augmented by prayer demonstrations, listening to God exercises, and praying for one another.**

**July 13, 2018**

**St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
EL Campo TX**

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**JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER**  
*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*

## Worried about your children? Say this prayer to their guardian angels

Philip Kosloski

**When we can't protect them, our children's guardian angels are a powerful aid against harm.**

The world is a dangerous place. When you leave the comforts of your home there is no telling what may happen to you or your children. This has been the case since Adam and Eve and will continue to be so until Jesus comes again.

The good news is that we are not alone.

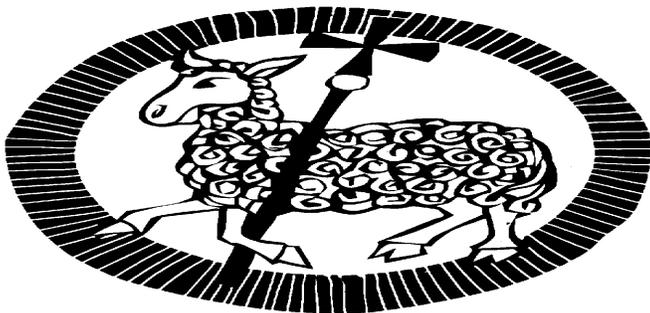
As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares, "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by [angels and] their watchful care and intercession" (CCC 336). God appoints to each one of us a guardian angel whose mission is to guide, guard and protect. We don't always see them or sense their presence, but the truth is that they are there, ready and willing to come to our aid.

We just have to ask.

For parents, it is easy to forget that our children have guardian angels and that we can pray to them (through the mediation of our own guardian angel) and invoke their powerful protection over our children. When we can't physically be there with our children to protect them, it is most appropriate to pray to their guardian angel.

Here is a short prayer that is usually entitled, "A Mother's Prayer to the Guardian Angels of Her Children," and is one way that we can quiet our heart and be at peace knowing who is protecting our little ones.

*I humbly salute you, O you faithful, heavenly friends of my children! I give you heartfelt thanks for all the love and goodness you show them. At some future day I shall, with thanks more worthy than I can now give, repay your care for them, and before the whole heavenly court acknowledge their indebtedness to your guidance and protection. Continue to watch over them. Provide for all their needs of body and soul. Pray, likewise, for me, for my husband, and my whole family, that we may all one day rejoice in your blessed company. Amen.*



*"I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord; I know my sheep,  
and mine know me."*