

# The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 1, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
5 P.M. – James Jurica

Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
7 A.M. – Walter Braun  
9 A.M. – Alvin “Jack” McNabb

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for those persecuted for their Christian Faith.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

### Your Gift to God: June 24<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,165
Building Fund	\$1
Online Giving	\$20
Koerth	\$714
Building Fund	\$85

*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 Peter's Pence (Holy Father) will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

### Area Picnics

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Schulenburg

### Collection for the Holy Father

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous!

### Faith Formation Coordinator

For many years now Bill Reardon has been our coordinator of CCD/Faith Formation as well as our Safe Environment/Transportation Coordinator. He does an invaluable service to the parishes in addition to the "extra" help he has pitched in with teaching, helping at Koerth Masses and with the Parish picnics. To give him a "slight" break and allow another person to be "enticed" into jumping in, Skye Anderle will assume the responsibilities of overseeing the CCD/Faith Formation for this coming year. She is attending the diocesan trainings and will "jump in" this summer as we prepare for the coming year. Bill will continue with the Safe Environment for the parishes as this is an absolute necessity and his experience continues to serve the parish families.

### Raffle Prize Donations

So that we can get the tickets together, we are asking for donors towards the Parish Picnic Raffle. We would like to be able to have the tickets at the printer by mid-July...so if you'd like to donate a raffle prize, contact the Pastoral Center in Yoakum by Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

*"Do not be afraid; just have faith."*

## CCD Registration

For those who want to get ahead and cross an item off of the annual "to do" list...you can find the registration forms available for download in the parish website (or by stopping by the Pastoral Center during office hours). There will be a designated evening in August for registration—this is just information for the "early birds" amongst us.

## -Calling All Youth- You are Invited!

### 2018 Vacation Bible School

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

### St. Joseph Family Center

9:00 A.M. – 12-noon

Students entering grades K-6 will be VBS campers  
Students entering grades 7-12 will be VBS helpers

Adult helpers are also needed

Please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863 or  
faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

#### VBS Day Includes:

River Run Storytelling; Plunge-In Bible Challenge;  
Fireside Snacks; White Water Games; River Riffs  
Music & Dance, and Sandbar Crafts

#### VBS Daily Colors:

Monday – Yellow; Tuesday – Red;  
Wednesday – Purple; Thursday – Green;  
Friday – Blue

**\*Safe Environment Student Awareness\***  
will take place Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> during snack  
times.

**\*Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents are invited to our  
Closing Celebration at 11:45 A.M.\***

**Application forms are available at the  
entrance of the church and at the St. Joseph  
Pastoral Center.**

## Diocesan Catechist Rally

Those involved in Faith Formation/CCD...mark your calendars! "We are Catechists, Witnessing for Jesus: Living as Missionary Disciples" is the theme for the 2018 Catechist Rally which will be held on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the Cathedral Center, next to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, Texas. The Catechist Rally is a Catechist appreciation and recognition event. All Catechist and Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to attend.

## 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 5:00 P.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.

## SOS Marriage Retreat

Surrender your marriage to God's plan.

Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Serve the Lord in all that you do.

Are you longing to spend relaxing quality time with your spouse and better understand God's plan for your marriage and your family? If so, please join us for the annual Hallettsville Deanery marriage retreat, which will be held **August 17-19** at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales. We are all different couples, at all stages of marriage, and this weekend is designed for anyone! Registration forms are located in back of the church. You may contact Jeff and Leslie Chancellor at 361-772-2650 or Anthony and Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325 for more information. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

*"Our Savior Jesus Christ  
destroyed death and brought life to light  
through the Gosepl."*

## You are Invited to Attend

An Eight-Part Bible Study

**Follow Me:  
"Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of  
John"**

Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center

Cost - \$20

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer--he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to a deeper friendship with Christ, join us Monday evening as we begin **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**. For more information contact Sharon Janca at (361) 293-8367. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

## Picnic 2018

The Parish Picnic for Queen of Peace will be **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**...Mark your calendars! The income generated from the Picnic helps the parish cover the annual "large" expenses it has, i.e., Property Insurance and the Diocesan Services Appeal (parish pays the difference at the end of the year of that which is not donated to the appeal through pledges and gifts). It also helps with the regular expenses of electricity, maintenance and cemetery. As much as the "parish" has much sentimental attached by so many over the years, the reality is that there are expenses to be met and the Picnic truly helps us do just that. Speak with Allan Monk to pitch in and volunteer!

## An effective prayer for when you are feeling angry

Philip Kosloski

***This prayer was composed by St. Jerome,  
who had his own struggles with anger.***

The feeling of anger is not in itself a sin, as with all emotions. However, anger can very easily lead to other sins, including sinful wrath, and culminate in desires that are extremely harmful. If acted upon,

anger can produce some of the greatest evils, severing a relationship with God.

It doesn't have to be that way.

First of all, God wants us to talk to him in our anger. Pope Francis related in a homily how God likes to argue with us, "He likes it when you get angry and tell him what you feel to his face because he is a father!" God wants to be involved in our lives, even when we are angry.

Often when we talk to God in our anger we are able to calm down and God restores peace in our hearts. It happened numerous times in the Bible and can be the case for us as well.

Another way to combat anger is to pray to the patron saint against anger, St. Jerome.

St. Jerome is most widely known for his translation of the Bible into the form of Latin most commonly read at the time (the Vulgate). He started out his priestly ministry as a hermit leading a life of asceticism outside of Antioch.

He is also "well-known as one of our crankier saints," speaking his mind freely and making many enemies wherever he went. Jerome's asceticism was what saved him, as one bishop said about him while looking at a painting that had Jerome striking his breast with a stone, "You do well to carry that stone, for without it the Church would never have canonized you" (Butler's Lives of the Saints).

Here is a prayer that he composed, invoking the mercy of God, for when we are angry we are in desperate need of his mercy.

*O Lord, show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart. I am like the man on the way to Jericho who was overtaken by robbers, wounded and left for dead. O Good Samaritan, come to my aid. I am like the sheep that went astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will. Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life and praise You for ever and ever with those who are there. Amen.*

Alternatively, if you are really fired up, pray this short prayer that has been known to help. It can be prayed over and over again until the anger subsides.

*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

In all things, always turn to God, especially when your feelings are less than holy!



**God Bless America**