

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 4th

5 P.M. – Hubert Smolik

Sunday, August 5th

7 A.M. – Theodore Hybner

9 A.M. – Living & Deceased Members of
the August F. & Karolina Dornak Family

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of
Marie Harrell.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Your Gift to God: July 22nd

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| Sweet Home | \$1,423 |
| Online Giving | \$220 |
| DSA | \$20 |
| Koerth | \$551 |

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.

Faith Formation (CCD)

Registration for CCD classes for the 2018-2019 year
will be held on Saturday, August 25th after the 5:00
P.M. Mass and on Sunday, August 26th after the 9:00
A.M. Mass.

Picnic Donations

It is not too early to be thinking about Auction
items...no garage sale merchandise or used
appliances, etc.; homemade jelly, pickles, bread, etc.
(be sure to list all ingredients on food items).

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, August 14th – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, August 15th – 7:00 A.M.

Queen of Peace Church Centennial

This past month marked the 100th year since the
construction of the present Church building began
with the blessing of the church cornerstone in
1918. The actual consecration of the Church took
place on June 3, 1919. Looking ahead plans are being
considered for a special Centennial Mass on Sunday,
June 2, 2019 with the Bishop coming to celebrate the
date with an afternoon Mass. At this point getting
the date in Bishop's calendar needed to be
done. Details and further planning will be
considered in the months ahead. Mark your
calendars!

Picnic 2018

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help in
various areas at the Parish Picnic. Please contact
Allan Monk if you are willing to give an hour or so of
your time to help make the picnic a huge success.
Remember, *"It is more blessed to give than to
receive."*



Proudly Waving... Day and Night

The flag returned to its place of honor in Koerth Cemetery in the last week and is now up and waving. There is an LED light on it at night as well as on the Crucifix. It makes a beautiful presentation at night when driving by—and now meets standard protocol for proper flag display at night.



The Isaacs in Concert

The Isaacs, a multi-award-winning country and bluegrass Southern gospel music family of Hendersonville, TN will perform in concert at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center on Saturday, **August 4th** beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert is hosted by the Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation and proceeds from ticket sales will be added to the construction fund for an education and multi-denominational chapel building at the prison in Cuero. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40 and are available online – www.chapelfund.org

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!

CCD Early 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). Formal registration will be held August 25th & 26th—this is just information for the "early birds" amongst us.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30 P.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD aide. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.**

Area Picnics

Sunday, August 5th – St. Joseph's – Yoakum
Wednesday, August 15th – St. Mary's – Praha

Need a miracle? Pray to St. Charbel!

Philip Kosloski

The Lebanese saint has become widely known as a miraculous intercessor on countless occasions.

Throughout history God has chosen certain individuals to work stunning miracles that reveal his great power and love for all of humanity. Among them, St. Charbel Makhlof has proven time and time again to be a powerful intercessor through whom God desires to reveal his healing touch.

He was a humble and holy hermit whose weaknesses became great strengths in the hand of God.

Charbel was born in 1828 in Lebanon and was raised in a poor shepherd family. As he grew, Charbel was

attracted to the hermit's life of the desert and eventually entered the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya. He was faithful to his duties in religious life and drew closer to God every day. After many years Charbel felt God calling him again to become a hermit and was granted permission to live the rest of his life at a hermitage set on a hill near the monastery.

Charbel died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70, and when his body was later exhumed it was found to be incorrupt. A holy oil was discovered flowing from the tomb, which has since been the source of numerous miracles.

For example, a blind woman from Arizona was healed in 2016 after venerating the relics of St. Charbel. The medical committee investigating the miracle admitted, "We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel."

In France, a baby boy was destined to die, so the family used some oil from St. Charbel's tomb and prayed a novena to St. Charbel for a miraculous healing. According to the family, "The doctors told us that he would sleep more and more and eat less and less. Instead, he was becoming increasingly alert and continued to drink his bottles in small doses. At the end of September, Côme was evaluated again. To our joy and to the astonishment of the doctors, his condition had improved so much that it was determined he would live ... The Blessed Virgin and St. Charbel protected him."

There are many more miracles reported, proving that God enjoys working miracles through this humble Lebanese saint.

While we are never "guaranteed" a miracle when praying to God through a saint, the process can often transform our hearts and help us be prepared for whatever plan God has designed.

Here is the one novena (usually prayed for nine consecutive days) to St. Charbel that many turn to in their time of need.

*Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints,
You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk,
to lead the perfect life of a hermit.*

*We thank You for granting him the blessing
and the strength to detach himself from the world
so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty,
obedience, and chastity,
could triumph in his hermitage.*

*We beseech You to grant us
the grace of loving and serving You,
following his example.*

*Almighty God, Who has manifested
the power of St. Charbel's intercession
through his countless miracles and favours,
grant us ... [Mention your intention here]
through his intercession. Amen.*

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Provided it is said in faith and for a particular spiritual benefit

St. Anthony of Padua is known by many as a miracle-worker. A countless number of people over the centuries have prayed to him in faith and have received a miraculous response to their prayers.

Similar to the "Unfailing Prayer to St. Joseph," this prayer to St. Anthony, according to many, "has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for."

It is important to remember God *always* answers our prayers. His response may not always be what we expected or wanted, but he always grants us exactly what we need.

Here is the Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony that many continue to pray with a deep trust that God will provide for them in their need.

*O Holy St. Anthony gentlest of Saints, your love for God
and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on
earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this
thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request).*

*O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever
full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears
of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your
arms. The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.*

***"A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has visited his people."***