

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 29th
5 P.M. – M/M Edwin J. Brosch

Sunday, September 30th
7 A.M. – Hubert Janak
9 A.M. – Barney & Patricia Barfield
Birthday Blessings!

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the victims of hurricane Florence.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:14-18; Mk 9:30-37

Your Gift to God: September 16th

Sweet Home	\$1,054
Online Giving	\$220
Building Fund	\$10
Koerth	\$789
Building Fund	\$10
DSA	\$25

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.

Area Picnics

Sunday, September 30th
Queen of Peace – Sweet Home

Sunday, October 7th
Queen of the Holy Rosary - Hostyn

*"The fruit of righteousness
is sown in peace for those who
cultivate peace."*

Lector Workbook 2019

Those lectors who would like to get their name on the list for the 2019 Lector Workbook should either call the parish office (293-3518) or send an email (secretary@stj catholicchurch.com) by October 1st.

31st Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, October 20th
Cathedral Center, Victoria

*Missionary
Discipleship
Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have been called by Jesus Christ to be his disciples. What does this call mean to each of us today in the Catholic Church? How do we help others to grasp this gift, and recognize the great responsibility that comes with it? Next month, at the 31st Annual Catholic Conference, we will hear presentations, which will help us answer some of these questions.

Therefore, I invite you to join me, Saturday, October 20th at the Cathedral Center for a day of discovering new paths for the Church's journey of evangelization. The richness and concentrated focus on the new evangelization and missionary discipleship in the presentations, promise to be fruitful.

To register go to: www.victoriadiocese.org and click on the 31st Annual Catholic Conference image.

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D.
Bishop
Diocese of Victoria

*"God has called us through the
Gospel to possess the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ."*

It's Right Around the Corner!

Picnic is right around the corner and the parish needs everyone to pitch in to achieve success. Raffle tickets are available in the Church entrances, volunteers are needed and items as well. Speak with Allan Monk to pitch in--all help is appreciated!

Picnic Work Schedule

Please check the bulletin for the Picnic Work Schedule. **If you are not able to work as scheduled, please secure a replacement.**

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed **Saturday at 8:00 A.M.** to help set up the Community Center and on **Sunday evening after the picnic** to help clean and put things back in order.

Country Store Items

Please **price any handwork items** you donate. Workers will price the baked and canned goods. **(Be sure to list all ingredients on food items.)**

Cakes

Each parishioner is asked to donate **two (2) cakes** – **1 for the Cake Walk** and **1 for the kitchen.**



“Whoever receives one child in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Sacred Heart

Women's ACTS Retreat

All women are invited to attend at spiritual renewal weekend being held:

October 11-14, 2018

Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center – Oakland, TX.

For more information contact: Joan Macha at 361-293-1371, Jocelyn Bolom at 361-293-4760, or Renae Harper at 361-208-4047. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.

RETURN: How to draw Your Child Back to the Church

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Church? Not sure what to do? Join us for RETURN as we explore the topics of evangelization, discipleship, and effective strategies for outreach. This 10 week one hour program will be held on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Joseph Family Center. For more information about the book the program is based on, visit brandonvogt.com.

Annual Property Insurance Premiums

Questions at times arise as why the Church engages in fundraising (parish picnics, etc.) each year. As an example of unique and necessary expenses that must be met, the new property insurance premiums arrived. Your generosity with all of our projects each year helps us meet these larger expenses.

Queen of Peace

Church	\$9,403.65
Rectory	\$1,933.22
Hall	\$1,044.85
Garage	\$60.57
Pump House -Wtr Fltr	\$10.10
Storage Building	\$100.96
Total	\$12,553.35

St. John the Baptist- Koerth

Church	\$3,508.07
Rectory	\$1,256.85
Storage	\$80.76
Pump House	\$20.19
Total	\$4,865.87

Pray this prayer by St. Therese to ask God for humility

Philip Kosloski

Praying for humility is one of the most difficult aspects of the spiritual life, but also the most necessary.

Humility can be a scary virtue to pray for. It means that we will be humiliated at some point, with our pride cut down from under us. While it may not be a public event or even noticeable by anyone, our own heart will suffer the loss of our pride and we will understand how much we rely on God.

Yet, even though it is a difficult intention, praying for humility is a necessity. If we truly want to become saints, and enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must imitate as closely as we can the life of Jesus. He humbled himself greatly, allowing himself to be crucified by his creation. It is truly a profound mystery to meditate on and reminds us of the love that God has for us.

St. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun of the 19th century, understood this reality and prayed on a regular basis for humility. It was not easy for her either, but she wanted to become a saint and knew that the road to it was marked with humility. She composed the following prayer, which can become part of our own daily prayers, acknowledging the beauty and majesty of God and our own small role in the world.

O Jesus! When You were a Pilgrim on earth, You said: "Learn of Me for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls." O Mighty Monarch of Heaven, yes, my souls finds rest in seeing You, clothed in the form and nature of a slave, humbling Yourself to wash the feet of Your apostles. I recall Your words that teach me how to practice humility: "I have given you an example so that you may do what I have done. The disciple is not greater than the Master ... If you understand this, happy are you if you put them into practice." Lord, I do understand these words that came from Your gentle and humble heart and I want to practice them with the help of Your grace.

I beg You, my Divine Jesus, to send me a humiliation whenever I try to set myself above others. I know, O my God, that You humble the proud soul but to the one who humbles one's self You give an eternity of glory. So I want to put myself in the last rank and to share Your humiliations so as "to have a share with You" in the kingdom of Heaven. But, You know my

weakness, Lord. Every morning I make a resolution to practice humility and in the evening I recognize that I have committed again many faults of pride. At this I am tempted to become discouraged but I know that discouragement is also pride. Therefore, O my God, I want to base my hope in You alone. Since You can do everything, deign to bring to birth in my soul the virtue I desire. To obtain this grace of Your infinite mercy I will very often repeat: "O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours!"

Prayer to St. Rita for an Impossible Cause

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

Under the weight of my burden, I turn to you, dear Rita, holy woman and saint. I am confident that you will hear my prayers and intercede on my behalf.

You, who were chosen by God to be an advocate for those whose cases are most desperate, have the graces necessary to understand my need. [Mention your intention.]

If my sins are an obstacle, impeding the fulfillment of my urgent plea, I beg you to obtain for me, from God, the necessary grace to see and understand my sinfulness, that I may, in sincere contrition, make a heartfelt reconciliation through the sacrament of penance.

From the glory of heaven, have compassion upon me, you who suffered by the grace of the thorn and the rose, that my suffering and anxieties may be lessened, that I may bear my crosses with courage, contentment and trust. I will everywhere proclaim my debt and friendship to you.

Oh, Bride of Jesus crucified, help me to live well and to die well. Amen.

