

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gilbert Kacir
<i>Tues.</i>	<i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	
	6:30 A.M.	Tony Janak
	10 A.M.	Rudy Bordovsky
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>St. Casimir</i>	
	6:30 A.M.	Linwood & Jo Ann Berger
	8:05 A.M.	Bobby Opela
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Wick Family
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
	10 A.M.	Special Intention
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Arthur Jimenez
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Weyman Adamek
	9 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	11 A.M.	Juan Gomez & Victor Gomez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Rudy Jahn & Laurie Allbright.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Your Gift to God: February 23rd

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,660
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,815
Building Fund	\$100
Online Giving Building Fund	\$25
Ash Wednesday	\$1,285
St. Ann Parish Support	\$456
Online Giving	\$30
Building Fund	\$60
Ash Wednesday	\$215

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

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

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Bob Arlitt
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gavina Jimenez Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Dennis & Dolores Sestak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Annie Rodriguez
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Rick & Laurie Jahn, Emily Harper
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Heriberto Castillo, Raquel Gomez, Graciela Rivas

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	JoJo Machalec, Debbie Caka, Henry Janak, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Dennis & Dolores Sestak, Blaise Dreitner, Sherri Spaeth
	11 A.M.	Guillermo & Maria Vigna, Gavina Jimenez, Gabriel Espinosa

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ben & Sophie Jahn, Macanon Eggemeyer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Jaeleigh Ramirez
	9 A.M.	Brittany & Trevor Moreno, Shooter Laqua
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Luis Serrano

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins next **Sunday, March 8th**. Be sure to set your clock **FORWARD** one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

**DON'T
FORGET
TO SPRING
FORWARD
ON SUNDAY.**



CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206 will meet Monday, **March 2nd** at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Information will be presented about the Gabriel Project and the Bethlehem House. To keep within our Lenten observance, a light meal will be served. Hostesses are: Theresa Polzin, Genevieve Pekar, Juanita Rainosek, Debbie Randazzo and Emma Raska.

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society members will meet Wednesday, **March 4th** at 2:30 p.m. at the Family Center. Devery Koehl and Gena Kuester of Hospice of Texas will present the program. Luncheon hostesses will be: Marie Terreo, Rita Kenna, Paula Ramirez, Aileen Hybner, Agnes Kuestler and Janet Zabransky.

Yoakum Boy Scouts BBQ

Yoakum Boy Scout Troop 228 will have their annual barbecue chicken benefit on **Saturday, March 7th** from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. behind the Yoakum Community Center. Plates are an \$8.00 donation and tickets are available from any scout, Crossroads Bank and Yoakum National Bank. There will also be a **FOOD DRIVE**. Bring a can good item or donation & receive a **FREE** piece of cake.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be **Saturday, March 14th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on **Thursday, March 19th** beginning with Mass at 6:00 P.M. followed by a fish fry at the Family Center.

Marriage Anniversaries

Those observing special wedding anniversaries this year (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) and who plan to be present at our Parish Feast of St. Joseph celebration on March 19th are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list. **Deadline is Friday, March 13th.**

Rite of Election

The parish congratulates our Catechumens as they advance in their journey to the Easter Sacraments: Nathan Green, Dustin Motal, Nathan Motal, Robert Lewis and Andrea Rivas. On this First Sunday of Lent they will participate in the Rite of Election with Bishop Cahill. Recognizing this important step in their lives, we pledge our prayerful support for them and look forward to their joining us at the Altar at the Easter Vigil!

The Gift of Sacramental Reconciliation

Lent and confession go hand in hand in two ways. The former is the season of conversion, and the latter is one of the greatest means of conversion. The Church exhorts her children to go to Jesus for healing. "Yet even now," says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil" (Joel 2:12-13). Second, Lent is there to build the Church up to celebrating Easter. The Church has crafted the liturgical calendar such that the feast of Easter has an entire 40 days of preparation. Christ suffered and died for our sins in His Passion and then resurrected on Easter Sunday. We go to the cross in the confessional, and rise again renewed after unloading our sins.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday, February 6th after the 6:30 a.m. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 1-3-5).

Adoration...Devotional Hour

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 a.m. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat March 12-15, 2020

Openings are still available for retreatants.

Registration forms for the Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat are available at the entrances of the church.

Volunteers are needed to pray for the men who will be attending the ACTS Retreat. Take a moment and sign the Prayer Poster located in the back of the church.

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.

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.

SJS: Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph School students will have Stations of the Cross at 12:30 P.M. this Friday. Parishioners are welcome to attend. *Due to early release, Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:30 p.m. next Friday, March 6th.*

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

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.

Deanery Penance Services

Thursday, March 26th – St. Joseph - Yoakum

Monday, March 30th – St. Joseph – Moulton

Tuesday, March 31st – Sacred Heart - Hallettsville

Thursday, April 2nd – Sts. Cyril & Methodius –
Shiner

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 p.m. a las 9:00 p.m. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparaci3n bautismal se celebrar3 el S3bado, 7 de marzo a las 8:45 a.m. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion.



Saturday, March 21st from 8 a.m. to noon
Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center

This event focuses on how to lead our families, parishes, and communities. We will start by praying the Holy Rosary together for our families and nation, then Bishop Cahill will celebrate Mass. Next, speaker Damon West (featured on EWTN, speaker to major NCAA football programs such as Alabama and Clemson) will speak. After playing football at the University of North Texas, Damon fell into drugs and crime after college, being sentenced to life in prison. While behind bars, he turned his life around with the help of God, and is now free and spreads a message of hope and redemption.

Tickets are \$10, breakfast included.

Register In On Of Three Ways:

1. Text 321-217-1117 your name and e-mail
2. E-mail jreyes@victoriadiocese.org your name & Number
3. Visit www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game

Funds raised above covering cost of event will be donated to a local charity

A Note from the Desk of Principal Mooney

Monday, March 2nd
Sacred Heart Track Meet

Wednesday, March 4th
Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.

Friday, March 6th
Stations of the Cross – 12:30 P.M.
Early Dismissal – 1:00 p.m. – Faculty Meeting

SJS 7th Grade Class Fundraiser

Fried Catfish Meal & Bake Sale

*Fried Catfish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw &
Hushpuppies*

Friday, March 13th
4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Pick Up Behind St. Joseph Family Center
To Go Line ONLY

\$10 Donation

Tickets available at the St. Joseph Pastoral
Center or from any St. Joseph 7th grade student.

From the Desk of the Principal:

Warm greetings as we begin our Lenten season. I am pleased to write this letter telling all of you in our parish's and school's family the wonderful things that are happening here.

We had our annual gala earlier last month, and it was an even greater success than I could have possibly hoped. The theme this year was "The Roaring 20's," and the event was beautifully decorated to match the bygone era. We had a wonderful meal catered by Werner's Catering and plenty of dancing to live music courtesy of Southpaw. Our live and silent auctions were very lucrative, and I can say all who contributed were pleased with the items they purchased. (I was able to acquire a few new things myself, even if I did, as always, fail to walk out with any of the fantastic firearms in the raffle.) To all who helped put on our gala--especially our PTC parents--as well as our generous gala attendees and sponsors, I cannot express how grateful I am for your continued dedication to our school and Catholic education.

Basketball season concluded with solid results. Our boys' and girls' teams were competitive all season, and our players had a great time playing. We have now turned our attention to track season, which has many of our students

excited and ready to compete. In addition to competing athletically, our students are also gearing up for the academic competition season. We will be hosting a school-wide Spelling Bee over the next two weeks, and we will also put on a Social Studies Knowledge Bowl in April. As we move forward with this event, we hope to invite schools from the diocese to compete. I will be sure to keep you updated as things develop.

March is a very important time for our school as we continue our Lenten journey and await the resurrection of our savior. We will conduct Stations of the Cross each Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the church, and we invite you to join us. In addition to enriching our faith, our students will be enriching their minds. All our grades will be going on multiple field trips to places like the Alamo, the Texas State Aquarium, and many other trips and exciting events that make attending our school so much more than simple classroom education.

Please look us up online for more information about what we are doing at St. Joseph's. You can stay connected by visiting our school website at www.stj Catholicschool.com or "Liking" our Facebook Page. Please stop by if you would like to visit with me--my door is always open. I look forward to getting to share more of the good news at St. Joseph School with all of you next month. Until then, keep us in your prayers, as we certainly continue to keep you in ours.

God Bless,

Sean Mooney, Principal

THROUGH
ONE MAN'S
OBEDIENCE
ALL SHALL
BECOME
JUST
ROM

“Veni Sancte Spiritus:”

“Rediscovering the Power & Purpose of the Holy Spirit!”

Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries

invites you to their
Lenten Catholic Family Conference
on **March 27th – 28th**
at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Renown speakers:

Dr. Tim Gray

(author/TV Host/President:Augustine Institute)

and

Dr. Michael Barber

(author/theology professor:Augustine Institute)

are on an inspiring mission to enkindle a personal
devotion to the Holy Spirit in all Catholics,
and build a renewed confidence
in His constant presence in their lives!

To register and for more details, visit:
FullnessOfTruth.org or call 877-218-7884.

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.

Prayer for a Holy Lent

Heavenly Father, You gave us Your only Begotten Son to die on the cross so we could be redeemed and our sins forgiven. Bless us this Lent with Your grace to help us grow in holiness by recognizing and confessing our sins, remaining close to You in prayer, and being charitable to our neighbors. Guard us from the deceit of the evil one who will tempt us to break our fasts and resolutions. Help us to remember the infinite love You have for us which Christ humbly showed us on the cross. We ask this in the holy name of Jesus, through His Immaculate Mother, Mary. Amen.

Lenten Practices

Daily Mass – Monday thru Friday – 6:30 A.M.

SJS Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M. –

Every Friday except March 20th.

(SJS Stations will at held at 12:30 p.m. March 6th)

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – Every Friday – 6:00 P.M.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection – Every Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Every Wednesday
6:30 – 7:30 P.M. & every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

*“The Lord, your God,
shall your worship
and him alone shall you serve.*

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



*“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.”*

Five Reasons to Attend Daily Mass (Especially during Lent)

1. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin.

Pride and ego are two of the many demons most of us must battle constantly. We desire pleasure, things, convenience, notice, etc. It's a constant struggle to weaken these impulses... especially when they impact our other priorities and relationships. We cannot win the struggle alone. We were not created perfect. We were born frail and defective so that we might acknowledge that any good which happens in us or through us is from God.

It takes supernatural strength to combat ego; and we can get that strength from our Lord present in the Eucharist. The sanctifying grace that pours through us when we receive the consecrated host allows us to stop before uttering a word of anger, or engaging in a selfish sin. Simply put, the Eucharist strengthens us for the daily journey.

2. Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar.

"First things first", as they say. And since we've been blessed to be a member of this one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, we should understand that it's a **privilege** and a **gift** that we can make God the first and most important person in our day by worshipping Him in His temple. Plus, God asks for the first fruits of our harvest, the first tenth of all our blessings. Going to Mass is offering the first part of our day to the Lord who is the source of all our blessings. It's the best form of Catholic stewardship.

3. The Mass is my ongoing spiritual formation.

One beautiful thing about the Mass is that it is so drenched in scripture. Attending Mass daily allows us to soak in God's Word. Reading and reflecting on the daily scriptures the evening before makes the Mass seem even richer and more fulfilling. The Mass helps us get a full Catholic education in Christ -- stewardship, the sacraments, the saints, and evangelization -- 260 days a year. It helps us grown in the Lord a day at a time.

4. The Mass heals.

Every Mass is a healing experience. It heals wounds caused by our sinful nature, it heals our relationship with God and with one another, bringing us closer to our Lord, giving us opportunities to draw near and receive Him not only in the Word, but also in the Blessed Sacrament.

5. You meet your Creator, your friend, your love.

It is good to be a friend and lover of God. On the day we see Him face-to-face, we will realize that which we have missed throughout our lives. As Saint Augustine says: "my heart is restless until it rests in You." Find your shelter in the wings of the Lord. Find it, every morning, in His Holy temple. During the day, find it in silent prayer wherever we are.

We will come to yearn for the Lord knowing that our day is incomplete without prayer and worship. We will find no greater solace than in His Word, in His sacraments, and in surrendering to His love. In accepting the challenge of meeting Jesus daily in the Eucharist, we will find more joy than ever.