

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2020

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Eugene Sr., Elenora & Eugene Ebner, Jr.
	*8:15 A.M.	Weyman Adamek
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ryan Kloesel Family <i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Myron Patek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Robert Hybner Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jerry Welfel
	9 A.M.	Bernice Watson
	11 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>

*Due to the extra steps as the children arrive for school the Mass will begin at **8:15 A.M.** to prevent the rush to get into the Church.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of A. J. & Fay Rohan.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Your Gift to God: August 23rd

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,249
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,965
Building Fund	\$35
Online Building Fund	\$25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$241
Online Giving	\$30
Building Fund	\$100

May God reward your generosity!

Please Note: Confessions

Wednesday confessions will be heard from **5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** On Saturdays confessions are available from **4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.**

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bill Lopez, Bobby Fikac, Ernest Miller, Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Janet & Jason Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Alan Migl, Lance Muenich, David & Jo Ann Muehlstein
	11 A.M.	Miguel Trujillo, Gabriel Espinosa, Jorge & Elsa Resendiz

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparación bautismal será el primer Sabado, **Septiembre 5, del mes a las 9:00 a.m.** en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas información.

Weekly Contributions

For precautionary reasons the collection baskets will not be passed during Mass. Baskets will be available at the front of church for those who wish to leave their weekly contribution. Otherwise you may continue to drop your envelope off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door) or mailed to P. O. Box 734.

Ever Consider Online Giving?

Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

Office Schedule

The Parish office will be closed Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday. Normal operations will resume at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8th.

Dispensation Extended

In consideration of the public health concerns caused by the spread of COVID-19, Bishop Brendan Cahill has extended the dispensation of the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass through September 30th. The Sunday 9 a.m. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet **Monday, August 31st** at 6:00 P.M. in the Family Center to discuss the budget and to review the rules. Light refreshments will be served. All CDA members or any lady of the parish interested in learning more about the Catholic Daughters is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you on the 31st!

24 Hour Adoration

In light of recent renewed concerns regarding the pandemic we will **NOT** resume our 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration this coming week.

First Friday Devotions

We will have traditional devotions to the Sacred Heart followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday beginning at 6:10 AM.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next English Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Family Center Meeting Room.

*“May the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.”*

CCD/Faith Formation

This Wednesday we start our First Communion Faith Formation Class and on next Sunday we start our Confirmation Class. These classes will take place in the Family Center where distancing can be maintained. Drop off for the children is at the Family Center--**do NOT** drop them off at the school building or at the Church. Use the large parking area to insure the children's safety. **Do NOT** drop them off earlier than 15 minutes prior to class time--they will not be allowed to play in the parking lot and will have to come into the building and be seated to wait for class. Please pick them up at 7:30 PM on Wednesday showing caution and care for those exiting the building. We will continue to accept registrations for sacramental classes until the end of September. If a family is concerned about sending their child to in-person classes for sacramental prep, or if they cannot register by September's end--they can indicate this at registration and the material will be provided for them to use at home as part of a homeschool approach.

Registration for other grades (non-Sacramental prep) remains open. We need parents to get the registration forms completed and dropped off at the Pastoral Center soon as there is a need to order books to have them in place for distribution to the families who have registered. As a reminder, the non-Sacramental classes will be a homeschool approach due to the pandemic.

An “Informed” Decision

Most will remember the “old days” when an adult who wanted to be baptized or received into the Church would undergo several meetings with Father then “become” Catholic. The Church wants those who consider joining it to be as informed as possible about what “they are getting themselves into.” The best way to get a good and broad overview of the Church and its teachings is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). **It begins on September 13th**, meets weekly (except holidays) and concludes at Easter when the candidates receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you have been thinking about joining the Church or know someone who has always said that they are eventually going to become a Catholic, now is the time to encourage them to take the next step. For more information contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at (361)741-2657 or at deacon@stj catholicchurch.com.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Wednesday, September 2nd
Mass – 8:15 A.M.

Friday, September 4th
Early Release – 1 p.m. – Faculty Meeting

Monday, September 7th
No School – Labor Day Holiday

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph's. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Missalettes

Now that we are getting back to school and church attendance has grown a bit...and the pandemic continues to raise much needed concerns—folks are invited to take an English (blue vinyl-covered) missalette/songbook home—in fact— don't leave it here once you pick it up. Simply bring it with you to Mass and take it home. The Spanish language missalettes/songbook combo in the red vinyl cover is a bit of a different subscription issue in that the songbook does not change—meaning the Misal can go home but the red cover and Flor y Canto book remains and is unavailable to be used. When Advent approaches—and our new missalettes and English songbooks arrive, you'll be asked to bring the blue covers back so they can be sanitized and re-used with the new editions.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD teacher, aide or monitor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the homebound or nursing homes, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application** (www.victoriadiocese.org) **prior to attending the class.** This class is for **ADULTS ONLY.**

Prayer For When You Are Lonely

Dearest Lord, make us remember, when the world is cold and dreary, and we know not where to turn for comfort, that there is always one spot bright and cheerful—the Sanctuary. When we are in desolation of spirit, when all who are dear to us have passed away, like summer flowers, and none are left to love us and care for us, whisper to our troubled souls that there is one friend who dies not—one whose love never changes—Jesus on the altar. When sorrows thicken and crush us with their burden, when we look in vain for comfort, let thy dear words come forth with full force from the tabernacle, “Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you.”

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme
Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus*



be transformed
by the
RENEWAL
of your
Mind
Romans

Prayer for Teachers, Students and Protection from Diseases

Philip Kosloski

This prayer invokes the intercession of St. Joseph Calasanz, patron of schoolchildren and a saint who helped plague victims.

One of the many patrons of education is St. Joseph Calasanz, a holy priest who opened **free schools for poor children** and established a religious order of teaching priests (known as the Piarist Fathers).

He is also well known for the aid he gave to **those suffering from the plague** in the 16th century.

Both of these associations make him a **powerful intercessor for teachers and students and for protection from viral diseases in an education setting.**

Here is an adapted prayer to St. Joseph Calasanz, asking for his aid in the upcoming school year.

*St. Joseph Calasanz, **protector of youth**, great servant of Our Lord, who did work such marvels on their behalf; you who, having made yourself a mirror for them of burning charity, of unwearied patience, of deep humility, of angelic purity and of every other heroic virtue, by a holy example, by words full of the Spirit of God, did inspire them to flee dangerous occasions, to hate sin, to detest vicious courses, and to love piety and devotion, and thus did guide countless souls to Heaven.*

*Obtain for us, your humble and devoted servants, **help in time of danger, protection from all harmful diseases, and a fruitful school year**, so that, by placing our trust in God, we may one day be united with you in Heaven. Amen.*

Pray the “Unfailing Prayer to St. Joseph” to Gain Spiritual Benefits for You and Your Loved Ones

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

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.

Traditional Prayer to St. Michael Against Evil

Saint Michael the Archangel, loyal champion of God and His people, I turn to thee with confidence and seek thy powerful intercession. For the love of God, Who hast made thee so glorious in grace and power, and for the love of the Mother of Jesus, the Queen of the Angels, be pleased to hear my prayer.

Thou knowest the value of my soul in the eyes of God. May no stain of evil ever disfigure its beauty. Help me to conquer the evil spirit who tempts me. I desire to imitate thy loyalty to God and Holy Mother Church and thy great love for God and men. And since thou art God's messenger for the care of His people, I entrust to thee this special request: [Mention your intention here.]

Saint Michael, since thou art, by the will of the Creator, the powerful intercessor of Christians, I have great confidence in thy prayers. I earnestly trust that if it is God's holy will, my petition will be granted.

Pray for me, Saint Michael, and also for those I love. Protect us in all dangers of body and soul. Help us in our daily needs. Through thy powerful intercession, may we live a holy life, die a happy death and reach Heaven where we may praise and love God with thee forever. Amen.

