

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Myron Patek <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, & Companions, Martyrs</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ervin Rainosek <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gene & Lorene Barton
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Johana Kurtz-Martins
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Holik & Jalufka Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Vincent "Sonnie" & Dennis Baros
	9 A.M.	Robert L. Rodriguez
	11 A.M.	Our Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>

Sanctuary Candle Intention

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Gene & Lorene Barton.

St. Ann Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Anita Drozd.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,028; Mt 25:31-46

Your Gift to God: November 15th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$2,835.68
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,515
Building Fund	\$25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$555
Online Giving	\$263

May God reward your generosity!

Confessions

Confessions are available on **Saturday** from 4 p.m. to 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.	Denise Migl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Patrick Matusek
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ernest Miller, Bill Lopez, Bobby & Gladys Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Henry & Carolyn Janak, David & Jo Ann Muehlstein
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez, Gabriel Espinosa, Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez

Servers

<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nick & Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Leah Muenich, Trevor Moreno
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo

Reminder

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers should wear masks when assigned. Masks are available in the Sacristy if needed.

Pastoral Center Holiday Schedule

The Pastoral Center will close Tuesday, November 24th at 5:00 p.m. and reopen Monday, November 30th at 8:00 a.m. **Bulletin deadline is Monday, November 23rd at 4:00 p.m.**

Missalette Covers

Those who've taken advantage of the offer to take the vinyl covered blue missalettes are asked to return the vinyl covers and simply leave them in the church entrance on the racks.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving Community Service, sponsored by the Yoakum Ministerial Alliance, will be held today, November 22nd at the First Baptist Church Gym. The gym should allow ample room for social distancing. The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Reminder: No Confessions

This Wednesday there will not be Confessions.

CCD Classes Cancelled

ALL CCD classes, including Confirmation, have been canceled until January, 2021.

Little Blue Books

With Advent starting we have available in the church entrances the "Little Blue Book" devotionals. These simple and brief daily reflections can assist us in making the Advent and Christmas seasons a truly spiritual journey.

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: December 24th
4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Day: December 25th
12:01 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.

All Christmas Masses will be at St. Joseph

Christmas Gifts for Blue Santa

As a way of incorporating charity into our Christmas Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on December 24th, the children are invited to bring gifts for boys and girls which will be used in the Blue Santa Program. The gifts may be placed in the containers located at the entrances of the church

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Being Grateful

Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving Day certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Spiritually speaking, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. How grateful to God are you?

Perhaps we all struggle in various ways with gratitude. It's fair to say that we will never be grateful enough until we are perfected in Heaven. But, for now, it's important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, we will never be grateful unless we see clearly all that God has done for us. It's so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face and, as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. What's far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. Unless we see that mercy and grace, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life? If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with joy!

Lord, please do fill my heart with an abundance of gratitude. Help me to turn my eyes to Your infinite grace and mercy. Help me to see beyond the struggles of life and the burdens that get me down. In place of these, help me to become increasingly aware of all You have done for me and all that You continue to do. Jesus, I trust in You.

Prayer for the Reign of Christ

Holy One, enthroned in glory over all creation, you are a shepherd to the lost and the least. Teach us to see your face among the poor--feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting those who are sick or in prison--so that we may share in your eternal realm prepared from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, who is coming indeed, to reign with justice, compassion, and love.

Libritos Azules

Nuestros libros devocionales para Adviento estarán disponibles para ustedes después de cada misa este fin de semana. Tomen uno de estos valiosos libritos que nos ayudan a enriquecer y prepararnos en este tiempo de Adviento.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, November 23rd – November 27th
No School – Thanksgiving Holidays

Monday, November 23rd

Basketball vs St. Michael in Weimar – 5:30 P.M.

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.

*Have a Safe & Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Support Catholic Education

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring *We Love Catholic Schools* Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

Grand Prize Choice of:

2021 Ford F-150 Truck* or

2021 Ford Focus Sedan* or

\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

*Or equivalent vehicle.

Participating School Prize:

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa credit card individual winner drawn from tickets sold by their school.

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the school or parish office. For more information contact the school office at 293-9000.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is January 29th.

*"The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want."*

Tis the Season...

Need an Advent wreath or candles? Looking for Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers? Copies of "From Thy Bounty" (parish cookbook) are still available and make nice Christmas gifts. Check out the Twelve Days of Christmas Ornament set. We also have a nice supply of Christmas car magnets: "Keep Christ In Christmas", "Every Family Needs A Stable Foundation", or "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season". The Pastoral Center has a variety of religious articles to offer. Come see for yourself.

Parish Financial Statement

Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 5,326.16
INCOME:	
Collection	\$13,590.84
Online Giving	\$9,028.00
Candles	\$231.00
Other	\$453.30
Total Income	\$23,303.14
	\$28,629.30
EXPENSES:	
Salaries/Benefits	\$8,736.08
Utilities	\$3,923.61
Maintenance	\$639.49
Church	\$6,109.16
Rectory	\$774.62
Office	\$561.71
Property Insurance	\$3,000.00
Auto	\$150.00
Other	\$1,652.23
Total Expense	\$25,546.90
Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$3,082.40



**“Help Me”
Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; arouse my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

— Samuel F. Pugh

*“In all circumstances,
give thanks, for this is the will
of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*



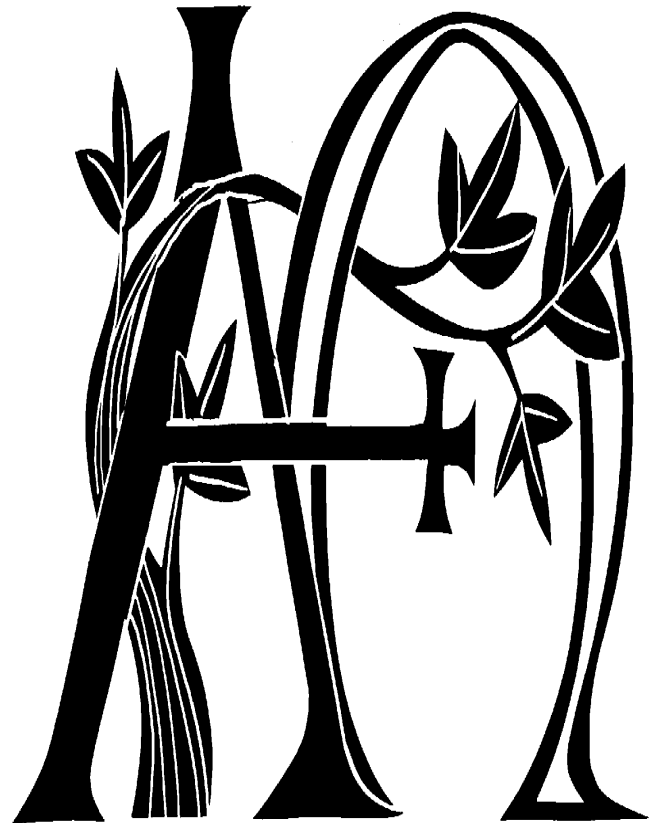
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Surviving Divorce

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

The next group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm, starting on January 7, 2021, at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria.

For more information, contact the Office of Family Evangelization with any questions at 361-573-0828 x 2265 or jreyes@victoriadiocese.org



*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.”*