

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Leslie Kaiser Family
<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alton & Evelyn Sokol
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Dwayne Nall <i>St. Patrick</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mark Zinke <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe & Agnes Culak <i>St. Joseph</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	3:30 P.M.	Vaclav "Jimmy" Roznovsky
	5 P.M.	Morris Bennetsen
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Baros
	9 A.M.	Johana Kurtz-Martins
	11 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>

Sanctuary Candle Intention

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Tomas Jimenez.

St. Ann Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Gilbert Adamek

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Your Gift to God: March 7th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,107.42
Online Giving Parish Support	\$2,275
Building Fund	\$540
Online Building Fund	\$50
Rice Bowl	\$87
St. Ann Parish Support	\$833
St. Ann Online Parish Support	\$340
St. Ann Building Fund	\$190
Rice Bowl	\$41

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 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

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

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Patrick Matusek
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Debbie Caka, Rhonda Hansel, Charlie Proschko, Bill Lopez
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Bruce Chilek, Paul Ebner
	9 A.M.	Bea & Bobby Welfl, Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez

Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ben Jahn, Gage Harrison
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Luke Adamek
	9 A.M.	Jordyn & Avery Driskell
	11 A.M.	Luis Serrano, Jovanny Gutierrez

Reminder

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers should wear masks when assigned. **Ushers should also wear gloves.** Masks are available in the Sacristy if needed. If you are one who has helped with these ministries in the past prior to the onset of the pandemic – and are ready to resume being scheduled – please notify the parish office.

New Missalettes

The next installment of the missalette will be available next weekend. They will be on top of the racks for folks to take home and bring back each time attending Mass.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

It is not too early to start removing those tattered and faded flowers from the cemetery in preparation for Easter.

COVID Vaccines

There has been much discussion in the media regarding the types of vaccines available in dealing with the pandemic. The four vaccines available at present (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) are all judged worthy of being taken to alleviate the reality of the pandemic. There are serious **ISSUES** regarding the development of some of these vaccines related to abortion derived cells used in their development and testing. Moral theologians have studied the science associated and weighed the use of such in light of the ongoing threat of the pandemic. If a choice is available as to which of the vaccines are most acceptable from a moral viewpoint, the Pfizer and Moderna fit this category. If however there is not an available choice, the importance of receiving the vaccine is of great personal and communal benefit. Recently, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Pro-Life Committee issued the following in light of direction from the Holy See: The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... *it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.*’

Pandemic Protocols

All of us are so glad to begin to see continued improvement of the conditions we have lived with during this past year of pandemic. Although the state has relaxed some of the safety protocols, the Diocese has maintained the practices we have been adhering to (every other pew, etc.) and will be reviewed in May with possible updating/revisions. The desire is not to limit our freedom but to maintain practices that will best support and protect the vulnerable during this time in which fear/danger is still present.

Confirmation

Originally the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at the 5 p.m. Mass. It will still occur that day but will be celebrated as a separate Mass that evening (Saturday, April 24th) at 6:30 p.m. Each Confirmation student is allowed 4 guests.

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

Chrism Mass

There are limitations on attendance at Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. Each parish may have one representative present, wearing a mask and observing safety protocols. If you are interested in attending, notify the parish office. The Friday before Palm Sunday a name will be drawn from amongst those who have asked to be considered, and they will then represent the parish family at this special Mass.

Palm Sunday

We will have Palms this year! Our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass will begin with the formal procession from the Family Center (weather permitting, social distancing required).

Holy Thursday

The traditional Holy Thursday liturgy opening the Sacred Triduum will be celebrated at 7 p.m. (there will not be the foot washing ceremony). “Nightwatch” in the church with our Lord will continue until midnight.

Good Friday

We will have Good Friday Liturgy at 12:30 p.m. We must observe social distancing so attendance will be limited.

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil will occur at 5 p.m. on Holy Saturday and include the RCIA group receiving their sacraments. Important to note: there will **NOT** be a 3:30 pm Mass that Saturday--not will confessions be heard that morning.

Easter Sunday

In addition to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish), the 7 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph and not held at St. Ann due to limits on attendance and the small capacity of the church in light of distancing requirements.

***Our plan is to livestream the liturgy of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Feast of St. Joseph

With the ongoing restrictions connected with pandemic, we will not have our annual feast day celebration (Friday, March 19) in the evening with the fish fry. There will be Mass celebrated at the regular time to honor our patron, St. Joseph, and continue to renew our faith through imitating him.

Spring Cleaning: Help Needed

Volunteers are needed on **Tuesday, March 30th** at 6:00 P.M. to thoroughly clean Church before our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Men and women are needed. Please lend a hand and help make the church spotless as we prepare to celebrate the Sacred Triduum and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Please call the parish office at 361-293-3518 if you would like to volunteer. All help is appreciated! Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Resuming: Genesis to Jesus

The "Genesis to Jesus" study group which began last year will resume meeting on **Tuesday, April 6th** at **5:30 P.M.** in the school library. This is a continuation of where the session ended due to COVID-19.

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 3:00 P.M. on Friday's during Lent except during Spring Break (this week, March 19th). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Spring Break – March 15-19

Substitute Teachers Needed

Inquire at the School Office for more information.

Limpieza de la Iglesia

Vamos a tener un buen limpieza de la Iglesia y necesitamos voluntarios a ayudarnos. Simplemente llega a las 6 P.M. el dia 30 de Marzo – en preparacion para el Triduo Pascual.

Pertenecer:

Bautismo en la familia de Dios

Hay un programa en linea para los que no pueden asistir en el clase de preparacion bautismal dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial por causa de trabajo or otra cosa. Este programa esta disenada a ayudar los que quiered bautizar como padres or padrioms pero no es posible a asistir en la clase en persona. Puede comprarlo (\$10) en linea y despues de cumplir el curso, va a recibir un certificado que presenten a la iglesia comos su preparacion sacramental. Para mas informacion: www.ascensionpress.com.

Attend St. Joseph's Men's Group

The group meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room on Wednesday morning immediately following the 6:30 A.M. Mass and promptly conclude by 7:45 A.M. Coffee provided. No need to sign up or commit to ongoing attendance, you can simply "come and see" any week. Currently, the group discusses the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading and its implications for their lives. For more information or if you have any questions please call Mike Hoehlscher at (361) 894-2762.

Lenten Confessions

With the pandemic and its required restrictions, there will not be deanery penance services. To assist those desiring to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent--in preparation for the great feast of Easter--the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In addition, during the Fifth Week of Lent the following times will be added:

Tuesday, March 23: 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24: 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 25: 5 p.m.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, March 24th 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 substitute teaching, assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, 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**.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our parish baptismal preparation class continues to be offered in English and Spanish on designated months (the parish in-person class is offered at no cost). There are those who at times simply are unable to attend the scheduled date--and the baptism is set in place. There is a new opportunity for online class available (at a cost of \$10) that provides the course and a certificate of completion. It can be found at: www.ascensionpress.com. It is entitled: Belonging: Baptism in the Family of God.



“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.”

Diocesan Services Appeal

Most have received their letters/pledge opportunities for the Annual Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). It is a concrete way we maintain our support of the work of the Church in our diocese. There is a short explanatory video with our Bishop Cahill about the Appeal that can be found on our parish website homepage (English and Spanish) as well as the diocesan website. Give it a look...and consider contributing!

Rosary Before Mass

A tradition worth keeping is the recitation of the Rosary prior to Mass. It's a devotion that is a treasure of our spiritual heritage and a powerful strength in the life of faith. Reflecting on the mysteries places our mindset into entering more deeply and prayerfully into the Sacrifice of the Mass. So as to coordinate and maintain some general practice--as well as leave time for silent personal prayer time prior to Mass--the rosary begins 25 minutes before Mass. The Rosary with mysteries, followed by the concluding prayer as well as St. Michael prayer will be our practice before weekend Mass (both English and Spanish Masses).

Sacramento de la Penitencia

Cada semana el sacramento de confesion esta celebrada en los miercoles a las 5 p.m. y sabados a las 10:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. En adicon, en preparacion para las fiestas pascuales, habra otras dias que esta celebrada:

Martes, 23 marzo: 5 p.m.

Miercoles, 24 marzo: 5 p.m.

Jueves, 25 marzo: 5 p.m.

Porque tenemos una otra misa por los mas vulnerables durante la pandemia en los sabados a 3:30 p.m., el tiempo para confesiones en los sabados ha cambiado a la manana a las 10:30 a.m.

ARISE: Life in the Holy Spirit

Diocese of Victoria Women's Gathering

Saturday, April 24th: 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory

1309 E. Mesquite Lane

Victoria, Texas

Featuring:

Fr. Cedric Pisegna, CP:EWTN Personality

Janice Carleton: Speaker, Author, Musician

Mass Celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill

This dynamic event for women ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources and great food. Join other women of the diocese to be emboldened in your faith and prepared to let the Holy Spirit ARISE in your life!

Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church or go online at www.victoriadiocese.org/arise. Registration fee is \$25. (Buy 4 tickets, get 1 free!)