

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mark Zinke
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mary Lou Vera
	8:15 A.M.	Laurie Allbright & Rudy Jahn
<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Vocations
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Good Friday Service
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	RCIA Candidates
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	For the Grief Stricken
	9 A.M.	For those Suffering now, & those who have died, during the Pandemic
	11 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>

Sanctuary Candle Intention

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Joe Guardiola, Sr.

St. Ann Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Amber Bennetsen.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

Your Gift to God: March 21st

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,012
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,450
Building Fund	\$270
Rice Bowl	\$129
St. Ann Parish Support	\$411
St. Ann Online Parish Support	\$180
St. Ann Building Fund	\$60
Rice Bowl	\$54

May God reward your generosity!

Holy Week Confessions

Wednesday confessions will be heard from 5 P.M.
to 5:30 P.M.

*“My God, my God, why have
you abandoned me?”*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Patrick Matusek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Melinda Berkovsky
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Ronnie Adamek
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Bobby Jiral, Rhonda Hansel, Charlie Migl, Henry Janak
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Charlie Proschko, JoJo Machalec, Blaise Dreitner, Bill Lopez
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Ernest Miller, Charlie Migl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Alan Migl, Robbie Hagan
	11 A.M.	Guillermo & Maria Vigna, Jorge & Elsa Resendiz

Servers

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Trevor Moreno, Tyler Ferry
<i>Fri.</i>	12: 30 P.M.	Gage Harrison, Grace Migl, Jordyn Driskell
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Weston, Dylan & Austin Barton
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Faith Wenske, Aaron Migl
	9 A.M.	Jordyn & Avery Driskell
	11 A.M.	Samantha Arredondo, 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.

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Thursday, April 1st and reopen on Tuesday, April 6th. **Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 30th.**

Yoakum Community Easter Service

The Yoakum Ministers Alliance Palm Sunday Community Service will be held today, March 28th beginning at 5:30 P.M. at New Life Baptist Church. A meal will be served following the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

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--nor 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.**

Thanks!!!

This past Wednesday our Confirmation Class had a retreat day with NET Ministries. Many thanks to those who hosted the team members at their homes. Special thanks to our Teachers, Chaperones, YISD for their cooperation – and to our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus who provided a wonderful meal for the team and our students that evening. In these last weeks leading to the completion of their Christian Initiation through the reception of Confirmation, keep these young Catholics in your prayers. May the zeal and fervor they witnessed in the NET team inspire and be a source of spiritual encouragement for each of them!

Upcoming Holy Days

As much as we are all hoping and praying the pandemic is coming to an end, we still need to exercise caution and care regarding those most vulnerable. As we have had increased attendance at Masses each weekend, it is possible that the upcoming holy day liturgies will be more full as well. Those who are vulnerable or who have concerns regarding being uncomfortable with capacity-restricted attendance should exercise caution and consider watching the livestream on Easter. This is not to say don't come to Mass or you're not welcome (social distancing is required as are seating restrictions)—it's just recognizing that for those with such valid concerns they should choose the options best accommodating them and not feel they are putting their health or safety in question. Although we **will not have the 3:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday**, the following Saturday (April 10th) it will resume.

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians

On April 1st, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about the Christians in the Holy Land, visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

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 día 30 de Marzo – en preparacion para el Triduo Pascual.

La “Ultima Hora”

El Jueves Santo en la noche tendremos la tradicional “noche de vela” con nuestro Señor hasta la medianoche en la iglesia. Extendemos una especial invitación a la comunidad Hispana para que nos unamos en esta “Ultima Hora” de silencio de las 11 pm a las 12 am. Las palabras de Jesús son inquietantemente ciertas: “¿No pueden esperar despiertos conmigo por una hora?”.

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparación bautismal se celebrará el Sábado, **10 de abril** a las 8:45 a.m. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion.

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.

“Could you not stay awake with me for an hour?”

This Thursday following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper the Church will remain open until midnight for the prayerful nightwatch. It is a silent and truly spiritual time during which all are invited to come and spend time with our Lord recalling the saving events we are commemorating during the Sacred Triduum. Families are especially encouraged to bring their children for a least a few moments to pray and be with the Lord. There are so many graces available during these intensely spiritual days.

Join in Praying the Rosary for our Country

All parishioners are invited to gather in the Prayer Garden immediately for the Good Friday Service to pray for our country by reciting the rosary.

Bishop-elect Janak

With the news of Fr. Gary’s being elevated to auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, some have asked for a way to show appreciation for his service here as pastor. With the pandemic restrictions attendance at his ordination in San Antonio will be limited. And with the timeline of Easter leading up to his farewell and moving, it is challenging to figure a way to share our gratitude. For those who would like to do so, one option is to present a monetary gift in his honor from the parish family here in Yoakum to the Emmaus Counseling Center that he worked diligently to establish and which is an important ministry meeting needs in our diocese. Those who would like to contribute to this are asked to drop their gift by the Pastoral Center by Easter. No one is under any obligation nor is there any expectation--it’s an option for those who choose to do so. The gift will then be presented to Bishop-elect prior to his departure for San Antonio.

Consecration to St. Joseph

Many of you will have seen the insert in last Sunday’s bulletin regarding the Diocesan observance of the Consecration to St. Joseph--especially in light of the year our Holy Father has dedicated to St. Joseph. The calendar provided follows the book/reflection guide and starts on March 30th. It leads up to the Day of Consecration on May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. There are some who have already ordered books through the diocesan link for the special reduced \$10 price. As some do not have internet nor are comfortable in ordering things online--as of Monday the parish office will have copies of the book available at \$10 pricing as well. By midweek it is hoped the Spanish version will be received.

On May 1st, the Deanery observance of the Consecration to St. Joseph will take place here--in our very own St. Joseph Parish--at the 3:30 p.m. Mass. Those who want to participate and share in this special opportunity are encouraged to do so. Things get started on March 30th!

St. Joseph Men’s Group – Consecration to St. Joseph

Join other men of the parish in the Pastoral Center Conference room for spiritual exercises through a Consecration to St. Joseph starting on Tuesday March 30th following the 6:30 a.m. Mass and promptly conclude by 7:45 a.m.; then continue to meet for the next five Thursdays at the same time and place. For more information please call Anthony Harper at (361) 772-4093.

Reminder

Holy Communion may not be brought to the hospital, nursing home or homebound on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday due to the Sacred Triduum and the Church's liturgical law. The practice of bringing Holy Communion resumes with Easter Sunday.

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.

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.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a week 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.

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!)

A Note from Principal Mooney

March 22nd – April 30

Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

Wednesday, March 31st

Mass – 8:15 A.M.

Thursday, April 1st

Early Dismissal – 12:00 P.M.

Friday, April 2nd – Monday, April 5th

No School – Easter Holidays

Substitute Teachers Needed

Inquire at the School Office for more information.

St. Joseph School Sets Registration

March 22nd – April 30th

St. Joseph School will begin registration for new and returning students for the 2021-2022 school year beginning March 22nd through April 30th.

For new enrollees, parents and students are required to participate in an interview with the principal and their teacher prior to registration. Parents are also required to present the student's complete immunization record and baptismal and/or official birth certificate. No child will be completely registered unless all of these documents are included with registration.

For current SJS students, forms will be sent home in the folders for the parents.

A registration fee of \$150 per student will be required. After the deadline of April 30th, the registration fee will be \$250. We encourage all parents of new and current students to register the students before April 30th.

Visit www.stj Catholicschool.com for more information.

St. Joseph School admits students of any religion, race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Applications are available at the back of the church.

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.