

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 5, 2021

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Myron Patek
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Lita Buenteo <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	8:05 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Roller Family
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention <i>St. Peter Claver</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ervin Rainosek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bob Opela
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Shirley Chumchal
	9 A.M.	Dot Harper
	11 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>

Sanctuary Candle Intention

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Bob Opela.

St. Ann Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Shirley Chumchal.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Your Gift to God: August 29th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$2,881
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,480
Building Fund	\$100
Online Building Fund	\$100
St. Ann Parish Support	\$948
Online Giving	\$80
St. Ann Building Fund	\$80

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.
Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Denise Migl
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Gloria Lerma
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas, Raquel Gomez, Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Henry Janak, Debbie Caka
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muchlestein, Blaise Dreitner, Elorine Sitka
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Gerardo Rivas, Gabriel Espinosa

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Elliott C., Kyleigh P. Erin F.
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha A.
	9 A.M.	Gage H., Trevor M., Leah M.
	11 A.M.	Diego P., Samantha & Mariel A.

Office Schedule

The Parish office will be closed Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday. Normal operations will resume at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 7th.

Special Collection

A special collection for Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, September 4th & 5th.

“Praise the Lord, my soul!”

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, September 8th at the KC building. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next English Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Family Center Meeting Room.

Volunteers Needed

CCD Faith Formation Class Adults - Teachers and helpers! We need Safe-Environment trained adults to step up and help pass on our faith to the new generation of learners! We are excited to offer a full program for the 2021-2022 school year and will need an entire staff of people to help.

Faith Formation Safe Environment

As part of the Safe Environment policy of the diocese we will have our annual continuing education program for all CCD students on **Wednesday, September 8th**. The program will be presented in the individual classrooms. Parents are invited to attend, but not required.

Patriotic Rosary for America

The Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Guadalupe invites everyone to pray the Patriotic Rosary for the United States of America on Saturday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Those not able to attend are invited to pray the rosary at home.

“Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.”

Wednesday Evening Confessions

Wednesday evening confessions will resume this week, **September 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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 12th**, 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.

“The Mission of Mary” with author Liz Kelly

On Sunday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory is hosting a talk by award-winning author Liz Kelly entitled "The Mission of Mary" followed by a book signing. Join us as we launch into the 2021 Diocesan Rosary Congress to hear from this author of nine books, several of which will be on sale that evening, including *Reasons I Love Being Catholic*, which won the Catholic Press Association First Place award for Best Popular Presentation of the Faith in 2007. Tickets are available at www.victoriadiocese.org/lizkelly

Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat

All women are invited to attend a spiritual renewal weekend being held:

October 7 - 10, 2021

Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center - Oakland, TX

For more information contact: Cindy Patek at (512)426-1752, Bernadette Fikac at (361)772-2350, or Juliet Monk at (361)772-1802. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church.

Formación de la Fe Entorno Seguro

Como parte de la política de Entorno Seguro de nuestra diócesis tendremos nuestro programa de educación continua anual para todos los estudiantes de CCD y sus padres el próximo **Miércoles 8 de septiembre**. El programa será presentado en cada salón clase.



**Be an
AMAZING
parent!**

3 online workshops with NATIONAL speakers from 7:30-8:45pm

October 13	October 20	October 27
 PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR FAMILY FAITH with Katie Warner	 DISCIPLINE: DEVELOPING A PLAN THAT WORKS with Mike & Alicia Hernon	 STANDING STRONG AS A PARENT with Dr. Ray Guarandi

Register for 1, 2, or all 3 at
WWW.VICTORIADIOCESE.ORG/PARENTS

Our Marriage Deserves to THRIVE!

Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marriage by focusing on what brought it into existence: *their marriage vows*. Developed by Bishop Gary Janak and several couples from the El Campo area in 2009, it has served over 200 couples since its founding. Meant for couples wanting to strengthen their bond, and not those experiencing serious marital challenges, the weekend includes inspiring talks by married couples and clergy, within a leisurely schedule, so couples can also have private time. **October 8-10, 2021** at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Registration is simple & easy! Register online at www.victoriadiocese.org/choosingtolove.

“God choose those who are poor in the world to be in rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom he promised to those who love him



A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, September 6th
No School – Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 8th
Mass – 8:05 A.M.
Football vs St. Rose – Schulenburg – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9th
Volleyball vs St. Anthony - Columbus – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10th
Volleyball Tournament at Trinity - Victoria

Substitute Teachers Needed
Inquire at the School Office for more information.

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Prayer of Remembrance For 9/11

Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace,

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

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We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

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And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

Dona nobis pacem. Amen.

World Peace Prayer

Lord we pray for the power to be gentle, and strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence.

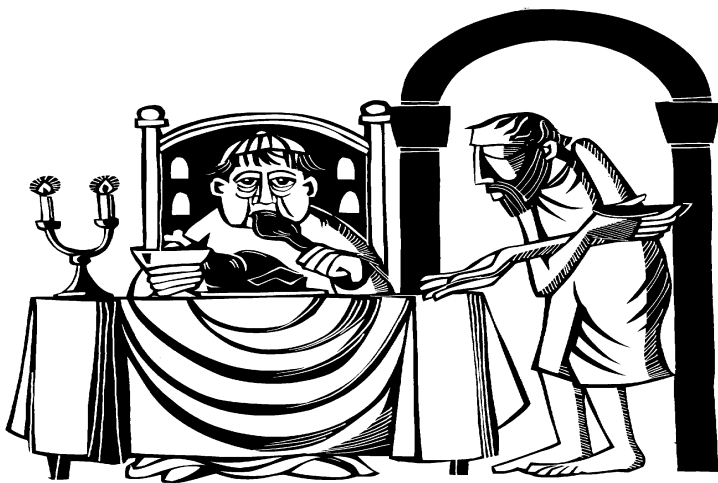
Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.

Pope Saint John Paul II (1978-2005)

Labor Day Prayer

Father:

On this Labor Day weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



*“For everyone should eat and drink
and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Get Ready for the One Man Play: *TOLTON: From Slave to Priest*

Drama about first African-American priest in United States

About the Production: *Tolton: From Slave to Priest* is a powerful new live production based on the life of Father Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Father Tolton’s canonization cause, is calling *Tolton* a production that will “inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America.”

Tolton is a riveting multimedia drama not to be missed. The production runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for middle school age and up.

About Father Tolton: To characterize Fr. Augustus Tolton’s life as remarkable is an understatement. He was born a slave on a Missouri farm in 1854, and his mother risked everything to reach freedom in Illinois with her three small children. After settling in the town of Quincy, Illinois, the family continued to experience hardships and prejudice. In spite of this, he persevered in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. When every seminary in the United States rejected him, Augustus did not give up, and he was finally ordained in Rome. Upon his return to Illinois, Fr. Tolton worked tirelessly to serve people of all races, especially the former slaves who flocked to Chicago.

Fr. Tolton saw the Catholic Church as the antidote to the discrimination and rejection that he experienced in his own life. “It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors,” he said. “We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away.”

At the young age of 43, Fr. Tolton died after collapsing from heat exhaustion in Chicago. Now his cause for sainthood is moving forward, as more and more people are beginning to recognize the humble perseverance, courage, and compassion of this extraordinary man.

- 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center
- 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at Our Lady of the Gulf School gym
- 7 p.m., Sept. 27 at Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts

No admission charge; free-will offering.

*Have a Safe & Enjoyable
Labor Day Weekend!*