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## St. Joseph Catholic Church Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Located at 311 Oaks St., Marlin, Texas

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June 7, 2020 - The Most Holy Trinity



### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

June 6-7, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to enter into the mystery and dynamism of our Triune God. Our God is not an abstract force, but three persons so united in love that they are One. We are baptized into that dynamic love and now God's life and breath are ours. We are challenged by this feast to let God's love transform us more fully so that it pours out of us in all our words and actions. Such love enables us to be freed from fear and to lead others to that freedom. How can we give witness to this freedom this week, especially as we approach the Fortnight for Freedom?

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(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 848)

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## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Mass Schedule*

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession by Appointment



### Mass Intentions

8:30am Sun June 7th + Josephine & Albert Michalewicz (dec'd)  
+ Antone & Louise Mikolajewski (dec'd) by Annie Mikolajewski

8:30am Sun June 14th + Billy Entrop (dec'd)  
+ Albert & Josephine Michalewicz (dec'd)

8:30am Sun June 21st + Herbert & Helen Hoelscher (dec'd)

Last Week Stewardship - \$ 563.00      Parish Building Fund - \$ 68.00

### *Second Collection - June 14th - Parish Black Bag*

Fr. Gregory will hear confessions at the rectory office at St. Joseph, Marlin from 5 – 7pm on Monday June 15, and June 29. Please call the office 254 803-8888 or rectory 254 252-8080 in advance for an appointment.

For Appointments, please inform the office or Fr. Gregory who will be attending and the nature of the appointment. Please notify Fr. Gregory as soon as possible of any cancellation or change in the appointment.

### **LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Nancy Conners, Rosemary Clark, Alma Lena Roessler, Pete and Susanna Moya, Eva Ann Greger (infant), Gracie Jane Weibel (infant). Six month inclusion. Please call the Office at 803-8888 for inclusion or removal from list.



**Baptisms** - Contact the church office at 254-803-8888 for preparation at least 3 months prior to the planned date. Please pick-up a Baptism form from the Church office. Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptism class in preparation for the Baptism. The Godparents should be practicing Catholics who have all their sacraments and be married by the Catholic Church.

**Weddings** - Register by calling the church office at 254-803-8888 at least 1 year prior.

**Religious Education / RCIA** - Contact Colleen Lawson for more information at 254-584-2419.

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### **CCCTX bulletin announcements June 6-7**

During this time of uncertainty, Catholic Charities of Central Texas is still providing services to our community. Our Counseling Services program is utilizing the virtual therapy platform and continuing to aid anyone struggling with the challenges of these current times. Did you know we also help seniors struggling with aging, loss of independence and other issues? For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6150 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).



**Sacred Heart June Birthdays:** Cade Waller, Colleen Lawson, Dolores Michalewicz, James Portillo, Connie Tindle.

### **HAVE YOU, OR HAS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE?**

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you or someone you know have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at [ileana-hinojosa@austindioce.org](mailto:ileana-hinojosa@austindioce.org) or (512) 949-2400.

### **REPORT UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR**

Report unethical behavior by a person serving in ministry to the diocese at [www.austindioce.org/report-other-concerns](http://www.austindioce.org/report-other-concerns) or (512) 949-2447.

### **REPORT ABUSE**

Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at [www.austindioce.org/report-abuse](http://www.austindioce.org/report-abuse) or (512) 949-2447.



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

### *Mass Schedule*

Saturday 6 pm (English)  
Sunday 10am (English)  
Sunday 11:45am (Spanish)  
Confession by Appointment



### Mass Intentions

6:00pm Sat June 6th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family  
+ Billy Roberts (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family  
10:00am Sun June 7th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Sophie Mushinski & Family  
+ Health of Roslyn Schneider by Lois Hay  
11:30am Sun June 7th + For the Parish  
6:00pm Sat June 13th + Betty Jo Margoitta (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta & Family  
10:00am Sun June 14th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Leonard & Ernestine Warhol Family  
11:30am Sun June 14th + For the Parish

Last Week Stewardship - \$ 1,072.00

Parish Building Fund - \$ 254.00

### *June Sanctuary Lights in Memory of Floyd Hopcus*

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### *Let Us Pray for Our Sick and Homebound*

Lupe Morales, Violet Piper, Joan Duhr, Indalecio Benitez, Rosemary Clark, Roslyn Schneider, Eva Ann Greger (infant), Gracie Jane Weibel (infant), John Delgado, Jeanette Gisting. Six month inclusion. Please call the Office at 803-8888 for inclusion or removal from list.

Baptismal Instruction: Servando Gorostieta. Contact the office for preparation 3 months in advance. Pongase en contacto con la oficina para la preparacion de 3 meses de antelacion.  
Weddings - Register by calling the office at least 1 year prior to the planned date.  
Quinceanera Preparation – Call the office at least 1 year prior to the planned date.  
Music Directors: Sue Yezak, Servando Gorostieta.  
Shut Ins: Patricia Dingrando, Rosa Ramirez.  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.  
Religious Education (CCE) Directors: Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.  
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Altar Server Instructor: Rose Ann Espinoza  
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Church/Housekeeping: Rosa Ramirez. Contact the office to volunteer.  
Lawn Care: Edward Reyes. Contact the office to volunteer.  
Lector & Cup Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.  
Usher & Collector Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.

### June Lectors

6pm - Dinah Schneider  
10am - Regina Webber  
11:30am - Sandra Tellez

### June Ushers / Collectors

6pm - Need Volunteers  
10am - Tim Nowaski , Lisa Smith  
11:30am - Need Volunteers

### Eucharistic/Cup Ministers (No Eucharistic Cup during the Pandemic)

6pm / 10am - Jacinta Avila, Patricia Dingrando, Willie Mae Feldman, Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza, Jeanette Gisting, Cynthia & Servando Gorostieta, Edward Reyes, Dinah Schneider, Susie Tovar  
11:30am - Laurencia Cabrera, Zeniada Rivera, Maria Cubilla, Felicitas Benitez, Sandra Tellez

**For Updates or Corrections, please contact the office at 254 803-8888**



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**St. Joseph June Birthdays:** Omar Cubilla, Patrick Howard, Earlene Neumann, Gerald Nowaski, Marissa Fitz, Violet Piper, Adan Mederos, Cindy Rosales, Vince Margiotta Jr., Brandon Bucio, Mauel Becerra, Patricia Dingrando, Callie Wilkey, Josephine Musia, Susie Tovar, Jose Benitez, Phillip Meuse, Luis Vasquez, Carmen Becerra.

## *Feast of the Holy Trinity*

These days, especially during the Pandemic, we do a lot of praying. And we normally address God as Lord whether we are referring to the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit. But how often we may have taken the idea of Lord from the human community wherein the idea of Lord is one of power, might, strength, position, authority and the like. While these characteristics of God are true as the almighty and all-powerful God he is, this really doesn't do justice to the idea of Lord as we apply it to God. Most of the time we think of God's power as secondary to the reason we turn to him. We desire God's mercy, his compassion, his love. Our readings today give us the notion of how Lordship, when applied to the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit, is one of mercy and compassion.

They also help us to understand that in the human community, we need to model ourselves on the characteristics of God that are innate within us. In God the Father, is the parent role and how we need to treat our children. In God the Son, is the innocent role of child who needs to be able to look up to parents to give him or her stability and the knowledge and hope that everything will be all right. In the Holy Spirit we have the personification of love in all its forms, romantic love between a husband and wife, parental love between a parent and child, familial love between siblings, and even friendship love when this love is given away to others outside the family unit. We have the ideal of the Holy Trinity to live up to as our guide, especially during these uncertain times. Our readings can help us to explore.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus we have the scene in which Moses goes up Mount Sinai with the two stone tablets and the Lord came down in a cloud. Notice that Moses shows no hesitation, no fear, no trepidation. He has come to know and trust God in his dealing with him. Notice that the Lord defines his own characteristics with the words, "The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." These are the characteristics that I believe need to define fatherhood and motherhood. The parent relationship should be characterized as merciful and gracious. This doesn't mean we become a pushover when we know the dangers and temptations to sin and evil that our children will face as they grow up but they shouldn't fear coming to us and being honest with us. All of my spiritual children and godchildren come to me and even admit things to me that they know I might disapprove of. They do this because I do not react with blame and yelling and screaming any more than God our Father does when we confess a sin. The characteristics of slow to anger and rich in kindness should be our motto in parenting as well. Our heavenly Father does not expect us to fulfill every whim of his. He does not expect any more of us than we can handle. I try to do this, as well, in my role as priest, especially because people address me as Father. Are we good representatives of the fatherhood of God in our parenting relationships?

In our second reading from the letter to the Corinthians, we have an invitation to "mend our ways". Notice that in this passage, the invitation is to brothers, a familial relationship. Paul defines how we are to act as family: Encourage one another; live in harmony and peace, greet one another with a holy kiss. It doesn't say that we will always agree or be on the same side. I have never met a family in which every member of the family agrees at all times, but the invitation is how we treat one another even when we do not agree. Some of the most challenging times I have ever had with siblings in my family relationships or with my brother priests and priests really are a brotherhood, or in my experience with my brother and sister clergy confreres in the military chaplaincy, are the times when we had disagreements, even spirited ones. Each time, we got to know a different point of view, it increased our respect, and broadened our point of view. When we see Jesus as Lord, we also call him our brother. Do we treat the members of our family the way we would treat Jesus? He is honest and direct, but never condescending, arrogant, or disrespectful to us. He is the prime example of how we need to mend our ways.

Finally, in our gospel reading from John, Jesus summarizes for Nicodemus, all that God is. In this summary, he gives the spirit behind everything that God, as Lord, does for us. Each action is a response to his overflowing love for us. He tells Nicodemus that he gave his only Son, that all may have eternal life, because the world would be saved through him, and whoever believes in his Son avoids condemnation. This Spirit is one of Lordship not because it lords power over everyone else but because it empowers them. God's spirit is one of humility in the face of his most precious creation, us. God gives us every chance to repent of sin, to love him in return. The question is, does our spirit do that for one another? Is our spirit one of compassion and love, accepting one another as God accepts us? When our families are modeled on the Spirit that exists within the Holy Trinity, then we can get through everything, even the pandemic and we will come out better. Are we willing to accept the invitation to try? I am...

Fraternally in Christ,

*Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin*