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June 28, 2020 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





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June 27-28, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### *Mass Schedule*

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession by Appointment

*Second Collection - June 28th - Diocese of Austin*

*Peter's Pence Collection*

### **Mass Intentions**

8:30am Sun June 28th + Harold and Doris Corbett (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson

+ Jack Lawson (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson

8:30am Sun July 5th + Herbert and Helen Hoelscher (dec'd)

+ Ervin and Lucy Willberg (dec'd) by Ronnie & Randy Willberg

8:30am Sun July 12th + Harold and Doris Corbett (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson

+ Jack Lawson (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson

*Second Collection - July 5th - Diocese of Austin - Seminarian & Priest Education/Formation  
(May 3rd mass envelopes)*

Last Week Stewardship - \$ 414.00    Parish Building Fund - \$ 137.00

**Fr. Gregory** will hear confessions at the rectory office at St. Joseph, Marlin from 5 – 7pm on Monday 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.

*Happy  
Birthday!*

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

### **Private, Stay at Home Retreat with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**

Would you like to make a private retreat with Franciscan Father Albert Haase in the privacy of your own home? Are you willing to commit to 20 minutes of prayer for five days? Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center is now offering "My Private Retreat." Every day you will have a 30-minute private Skype conversation with Father Haase, chaplain of Cedarbrake. He will give you a Scripture passage or two to reflect upon and report back the following day. This retreat can be helpful for those who are discerning the next step in life, who might be struggling with a personal issue, or who simply want to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Monday to Friday, 30 minutes each day. Register online [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) and then call the office at (254) 780-2436 to set up a time.

### **July 10-12, Six Great Catholic Spiritualities**

The Six Great Catholic Spiritualities retreat is July 10-12 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. It will be based upon the first semester of our School of Contemplative Living. The retreat will help participants discern which of the six spiritualities (Benedictine, Carmelite, Cistercian, Dominican, Franciscan and Jesuit) fits them best. Participants will watch the DVD series featuring Franciscan Father Albert Haase and discuss aspects of each spirituality with him. The cost is \$250 for a single room, \$200 per person for a shared room and \$100 for commuters. To register or for more information, call (254) 780-2436.

### **July 23, Let Go and Let God**

The Let Go and Let God retreat is July 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This is a day of exploring what "letting go and letting God" means. Cindy Isaacson will explain what keeps us from letting go and instead clinging to things or situations that bring us sadness or harm. Isaacson has presented retreats for the last 15 years for ACTS, parish groups and the Diocese of Austin. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register or for more information, call (254) 780-2436.



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 pm (English)  
Sunday 10am (English)  
Sunday 11:45am (Spanish)  
Confession by Appointment  
Rosary Sunday 9:30am



### *Second Collection - June 27 & 28 - Diocese of Austin - Peter's Pence Collection*

#### Mass Intentions

6:00pm Sat June 27th + Mr. and Mrs. Joe Margoitta (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family  
10:00am Sun June 28th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by James & Joan Polanski  
+ Richard Hopcus (dec'd) by Jo Ann Sapp Family  
11:00am Sun June 28th + Juan Robert Benitez (dec'd) by Linda Pena  
6:00pm Sat July 4th + Health of Roslyn Schneider by the Schneider Family  
+ Daniel Kropp (dec'd) by Phillip & Genie Meuse  
10:00am Sun July 5th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Joe & Brenda Penick  
11:30am Sun July 5th + For the Parish

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

#### *Second Collection - July 4 & 5 - Diocese of Austin - Seminarian & Priest Education/Formation (May 3rd mass envelopes)*

Last Week Stewardship - \$ 1,557.50 Parish Black Bag - \$ 401.20

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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 Gistingier. 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.

Marriage Recognition: 10 years and over (5 year increment) Contact the Office.

Altar Server Instructor: Rose Ann Espinoza

Prison Ministry: Deacon Jack Murphy, St. Monica, Cameron. Contact the office to volunteer.

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.

#### July Lectors

6pm - Genie Meuse

10am - Regina Webber

11:30am - Elieso Cubilla

#### July Ushers / Collectors

6pm - Need Volunteers

10am - Leon Yezak & Tim Nowaski

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 Gistingier, 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



**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.



## Fall Festival



### **St. Joseph Fall Festival - Sunday - September 20, 2020**

The Raffle tickets and Meal Tickets have arrived! Tickets go on sale after masses beginning July 4th. Need volunteers to sell tickets. Contact Genie Meuse at (254) 883-0067 to volunteer. The Festival Committee is moving forward in anticipation of dine in and to go meals, auction, raffle and bingo. **Need volunteers, donations and prayers.** Contact Dinah Schneider, Festival Chairperson at (254) 883-0043.



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time/  
Reception of Sacred Oils and Placement in Sagrarium**

I have the experience of giving talks about faith in teaching both College courses in theology as a guest instructor, teaching metaphysics and trinitarian theology in deacon training courses, teaching high school religion courses, and even giving one-on-one talks to some of my spiritual children. Invariably one topic often comes up because teaching theology is not like any purely academic course, it is about applying theology to real issues and concerns in the hopes of spurring on faith. The topic which often comes up is anger, especially anger that stems from broken promises. Whether the anger comes from the students in each of these settings or the anger comes from students who have faced someone who is angry and demanding answers, this topic is one that every minister, deacon, catechist, or mentor will face at some point in his or her life. I often have to explain that every ritual, every symbol, every life of discipleship carries with it a promise. When we face people, who have lived with broken promises from friends, parents, clergy, or other authority figures, when people come to learn theology, they don't simply dump the anger at the doorstep. The best way to approach any person is to walk this journey of anger with them. In reality, the anger often covers up real pain. A broken promise or pattern of broken promise often speaks of disrespect, rejection, or simply not treating the person as if he or she is important and worthy of notice. As we celebrate this Sunday, we will witness the reception of oils to be placed in the Sagrarium which normally would have been celebrated during the Easter Season but due to the pandemic and protocols it could not be celebrated up to this point. Each of

the oils carries with it both a promise and an invitation. As Christians who have been some way blessed by each of these oils at some point in our life, it is important that we allow them to direct us to fulfill the promises that they make through us. We can heal the brokenness, the anger, the resentments that people carry only if we give them a chance to break the pattern of unbroken promises when it comes to us. Our readings can help.

In our first reading from the second book of Kings, we hear the story of a woman of means who prevails on the prophet Elisha to dine with her and they begin a good relationship. For her hospitality that had become a pattern, Elisha wants to do something to return the favor of her and her husband going through the trouble of providing a place for this holy man to stay. He discovers that her husband is old, and she is without a son. For people in the Old Testament this was a real desire because the prospect of a son would mean the prospect of the Messiah being born into the family. Elisha promises that the woman would have a baby the following year. A lot is riding on this promise. The woman's faith both in God and in the prophet is at stake. The woman's hope is at stake because she trusts the prophet. What a letdown this would be if Elisha did not fulfill his promise and what would be the reaction of the woman to God? In the same way, I have a spiritual son who gets frustrated with me because he wants to me to make promises, especially regarding time. One day he got angry and wanted to know why I would not promise him, at times, that I would be somewhere. I replied, "You have been hurt so many times by people, your so-called friends, making promises that they never keep, I cannot do this to you. I have watched you cry, be

depressed, and very hurt. I cannot and will not do this to you. I will only make a promise if I am sure I can keep it. You deserve that. You just don't know that you deserve this type of respect!" Each of the oils we receive today, make a promise to each of us when we receive them. But we must be open to receiving and believing in the promise.

In our second reading from Romans, we have to reflect on the meaning of our baptism, the entrance into the faith. Paul asks us a startling question, "Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, we baptized into his death?" What Paul is referring to is what scares most people. Death is so final. But when we recognize that we were baptized into Jesus' death, this death was not final. Paul continues the passage, "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him." The promise of discipleship that baptism asks us to make is to die to ourselves just as Jesus did. Every time we give up something so that someone else may have something they need; it is a death. In dealing with this same son whose friends had often made promises that they could not keep, I was the one who would often fulfill the promises that his so-called friends would make. Sometimes it caused me to have to change my schedule. Sometimes it caused me to have to rethink my budget. Sometimes it caused me to have to reroute myself so I could be there for him. It was important that one person in his life, did not make promises that they didn't keep. It was important for him to know that he counted with someone. When the Church gives us the different oils it keeps its promise if we keep ours. In baptism, the oil of the catechumenate promises that both God and the Church will give enlightenment. In

Confirmation, the reception of the Sacred Chrism promises that we will receive the gifts of the Spirit through the Church's ministry. In our illness, the oil of the infirmed or the sick, whichever we know it by, promises healing of body and/or spirit if that be God's will. God and the Church always keep their promise and we need to know this just as much as my spiritual son needed to know that I would be there keeping other people's promises if I could.

Finally, in our gospel from Matthew, Jesus makes a startling statement, "Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and whoever will not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me." He is taking some of the most important relationships in our life and making the implicit promise that these cannot give you fulfillment and love in the way that I can. To follow me is to receive a greater unconditional love than what any human being can give *without losing their love*. Real discipleship does not mean we lose a family, it means we gain a bigger one and a family that is based on the most powerful love possible, that of God. Divine love is unconditional and a promise we receive through the Church. This spiritual son has often wavered between not believing in God and being angry with God. He sometimes gets angry at my relationship with the Church and asks, "Why do you have this relationship?" My response is, "Because you need me to have a powerful enough relationship with God that I can make the hurt go away in your life." In our faith, will we keep the promise for God that others need so desperately?

Fraternally in Christ,

*Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin*

**Décimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario/  
Recepción de Aceites Sagrados y Colocación en el Sagrario**

Tengo la experiencia de dar charlas sobre la fe en la enseñanza de cursos universitarios de teología como instructor invitado, enseñar metafísica y teología trinitaria en cursos de capacitación de diáconos, enseñar cursos de religión en la escuela secundaria e incluso dar charlas individuales a algunos de mis hijos espirituales. Invariablemente, a menudo surge un tema porque enseñar teología no es como un curso puramente académico, se trata de aplicar la teología a problemas y preocupaciones reales con la esperanza de estimular la fe. El tema que a menudo surge es la ira, especialmente la ira que se deriva de las promesas incumplidas. Si el enojo proviene de los estudiantes en cada uno de estos entornos o el enojo proviene de los estudiantes que se han enfrentado a alguien que está enojado y exige respuestas, este tema es uno que cada ministro, diácono, catequista o mentor enfrentará en algún momento de su o su vida. A menudo tengo que explicar que cada ritual, cada símbolo, cada vida de discipulado conlleva una promesa. Cuando nos enfrentamos a personas que han vivido con promesas incumplidas de amigos, padres, clérigos u otras figuras de autoridad, cuando las personas vienen a aprender teología, no se limitan a arrojar la ira en la puerta. La mejor manera de acercarse a cualquier persona es caminar este viaje de ira con ellos. En realidad, la ira a menudo cubre el dolor real. Una promesa rota o un patrón de promesa rota a menudo habla de falta de respeto, rechazo o simplemente no tratar a la persona como si fuera importante y digna de ser notada. Mientras celebramos este domingo, seremos testigos de la recepción de aceites que se colocarán en el Sagrario, que normalmente se celebraría durante la temporada de Pascua, pero debido a la pandemia y los protocolos, no se pudo celebrar hasta este momento. Cada uno de los aceites lleva consigo una promesa y una invitación. Como cristianos que han sido bendecidos de alguna manera con cada uno de estos aceites en algún momento de nuestra vida, es importante que les permitamos que nos dirijan a cumplir las promesas que hacen a través de nosotros. Podemos sanar el quebrantamiento, la ira, los

resentimientos que las personas tienen solo si les damos la oportunidad de romper el patrón de promesas ininterrumpidas cuando se trata de nosotros. Nuestras lecturas pueden ayudar.

En nuestra primera lectura del segundo libro de Reyes, escuchamos la historia de una mujer de medios que prevalece sobre el profeta Eliseo para cenar con ella y comienzan una buena relación. Por su hospitalidad que se había convertido en un patrón, Eliseo quiere hacer algo para devolver el favor de ella y su esposo pasando por la molestia de proporcionar un lugar para que este hombre santo se quedara. Descubre que su esposo es viejo y que ella no tiene un hijo. Para las personas en el Antiguo Testamento, esto era un deseo real porque la perspectiva de un hijo significaría la posibilidad de que el Mesías naciera en la familia. Eliseo promete que la mujer tendría un bebé al año siguiente. Mucho depende de esta promesa. La fe de la mujer tanto en Dios como en el profeta está en juego. La esperanza de la mujer está en juego porque confía en el profeta. ¡Qué decepción sería esto si Eliseo no cumpliera su promesa y cuál sería la reacción de la mujer ante Dios? De la misma manera, tengo un hijo espiritual que se frustra conmigo porque quiere que haga promesas, especialmente con respecto al tiempo. Un día se enojó y quiso saber por qué no le prometía, a veces, que estaría en algún lugar. Respondí: "Te han lastimado muchas veces las personas, tus supuestos amigos, haciendo promesas que nunca cumplen, no puedo hacerte esto. Te he visto llorar, estar deprimido y muy dolido. No puedo y no te haré esto. Solo haré una promesa si estoy seguro de que puedo cumplirla. Te lo mereces. ¡Simplemente no sabes que mereces este tipo de respeto!" Cada uno de los aceites que recibimos hoy, nos hacen una promesa a cada uno de nosotros cuando los recibimos. Pero debemos estar abiertos a recibir y creer en la promesa.

En nuestra segunda lectura de Romanos, tenemos que reflexionar sobre el significado de nuestro bautismo, la entrada a la fe. Pablo nos dice algo sorprendente: "Todos los que hemos sido incorporados a Cristo Jesús por medio del bautismo, hemos sido incorporados a su muerte." A lo que se refiere Pablo es a lo que asusta a la mayoría de las personas. La muerte es tan definitiva. Pero cuando reconocemos que

fuimos bautizados en la muerte de Jesús, esta muerte no fue definitiva. Pablo continúa el pasaje: "si hemos muerto con Cristo, estamos seguros de que también viviremos con él". La promesa de discipulado que el bautismo nos pide que hagamos es morir a nosotros mismos tal como lo hizo Jesús. Cada vez que renunciamos a algo para que otra persona pueda tener algo que necesita; Es una muerte. Al tratar con este mismo hijo, cuyos amigos a menudo habían hecho promesas que no podían cumplir, yo era quien a menudo cumplía las promesas que sus supuestos amigos hacían. A veces me hacía tener que cambiar mi horario. A veces me hizo tener que repensar mi presupuesto. A veces me hacía tener que desviarme para poder estar allí para él. Era importante que una persona en su vida no hiciera promesas que no cumplía. Era importante para él saber que contaba con alguien. Cuando la Iglesia nos da los diferentes aceites, cumple su promesa si nosotros cumplimos con los nuestros. En el bautismo, el aceite del catecumenado promete que tanto Dios como la Iglesia darán iluminación. En la Confirmación, la recepción del Sagrado Crisma promete que recibiremos los dones del Espíritu a través del ministerio de la Iglesia. En nuestra enfermedad, el aceite de los enfermos, promete la sanación del cuerpo y/o espíritu, si eso es la voluntad de Dios. Dios y la Iglesia siempre cumplen su promesa y necesitamos saber esto tanto como mi hijo espiritual necesitaba saber que yo estaría allí cumpliendo las promesas de otras personas si pudiera.

Finalmente, en nuestro evangelio de Mateo, Jesús hace una declaración sorprendente: "El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; el que ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí; y el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí." Él está tomando algunas de las relaciones más importantes de nuestra vida y está haciendo la promesa implícita de que estas no pueden brindarle satisfacción y amor de la manera que yo puedo. Seguirme es recibir un amor incondicional mayor que el que cualquier ser humano puede dar sin perder su amor. El verdadero discipulado no significa que perdamos una familia, significa que ganamos una más grande y una familia basada en el amor más poderoso posible, el de Dios. El amor divino es incondicional y una promesa que recibimos a través de la

Iglesia. Este hijo espiritual a menudo ha dudado entre no creer en Dios y estar enojado con Dios. A veces se enoja por mi relación con la Iglesia y me pregunta: "¿Por qué tienes esta relación?" Mi respuesta es: "Porque necesitas que tenga una relación lo suficientemente poderosa con Dios que pueda hacer que el dolor desaparezca en tu vida". En nuestra fe, ¿mantendremos la promesa para Dios que otros necesitan tan desesperadamente?

*Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin*