

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Annie Kocian
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charlie Pekar
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Annie Bolech
	8:05 A.M.	Nato Garcia
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charles & Helen Fikac
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe Okruhlik
	10 A.M.	Diana Howell
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Harvey Hoermann
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Anita Drozd
	9 A.M.	Fred, Alvina & Ronnie Lerma
	11 A.M.	Santos Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Mitchel Harbus, Jr.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jam 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Your Gift to God: December 4th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,249.17
Online Giving	\$1,600
Building Fund	\$468
Helping Hands	\$1,315.50
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$641
St. Ann Parish Support	\$606
Building Fund	\$125
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$30

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for Retired Religious will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, December 10-11.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Please Note

Beginning this Wednesday, December 14th, the time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 5:00 P.M.– 6:00 P.M. instead of 6:30 P.M.– 7:30 P.M.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Steve Hoermann Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Lerma Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Amy Hull, Theresa Belicek, Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Anthony & Joyce Harper, Sherri Spaeth
	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas, Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim & Trevor Fikac, Bobby Fikac, Charlie Proschko
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Janet & Jason Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Elorine Sitka, Henry Janak
	11 A.M.	Elsa Resendiz, Gerardo Rivas, Robert Schneider, Vicky Vasquez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alex Hull, Arielle Bennetsen, Jesse Berger
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Madison DeBord, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Grace Migl, Ryan Brewer, Sierra Johnson
	11 A.M.	Gabrielle & Adriana Moreno Cecilia Rivas

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparaci3n bautismal ser3 el primer Sabado, **enero 7, del mes a las 9 am** en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informaci3n.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Saturday, January 8th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor."*

Gratitude

The parish family extends its appreciation to First State Bank for their sponsorship of our Catholic Home Calendars for 2017. Pick one up and let it keep you "up" with the liturgical year!

KC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 14th at the Family Center. Social begins at 6:00 P.M. followed by the meal and program. All Knights and their wives or guest, widows of Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters and their spouses or guest are invited.

Christmas Flowers

Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flower donations may be found in the Church entrances. Donors and their listed memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. This applies to St. Joseph and St. Ann Parish.

FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, December 22nd and re-open at 8:00 A.M. Monday, January 2nd. **Deadline for the December 25th and January 1st bulletins is noon Wednesday, December 21st.**

Family Center Note

Just a note concerning the Family Center kitchen...the sink that drains into the large floor drain does not have a garbage disposer attached to it. It's important to recall when using the sink that pots, pans, and dishes are not scraped into the sink (ending up in the large drain opening and then into the drain pipes). As some are aware, we had the unfortunate experience of the entire sewer drain pipes of the Family Center completely clogged this past weekend. Things weren't draining properly and it was a complete mess! In the process of the plumbers attempting to locate the problem(s), it was also learned that the grease trap was "stopped up" as well...1000 gallons! In an attempt to better address this we are looking at contracting for annual service on the drains/grease trap so this doesn't occur again. Sincerest apologies to those who were using

the facility during the weekend only to find that the restrooms, sinks, urinals, etc. could not be used. Hopefully those who endured this less-than-seasonal ambience all get moved to the top of Santa's "nice" list...no matter how "naughty" the festive hardship may have been.

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 12 – Shiner

Tuesday, December 13 - Hallettsville

Thursday, December 15 – Moulton

Friday, December 16 - Yoakum

Penance Service

Friday, December 16th, at 5:30 P.M. we will have our Advent penance service. There will be extra confessors present to assist with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this healing sacrament in preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior.

Confesiones para Adviento

Vamos a tener un grupo de sacerdotes bilingues para celebrar el Sacramento de Penitencia en preparacion para las Fiestas Navidenas este Viernes a las 5:30 P.M. Vengan temprano...no esperas al ultimo momento a venir. No es un "drive-thru," y en respeto a los sacerdotes no es justo a venir al final del tiempo cuando los sacerdotes estan preparando a salir.

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 5:00 P.M. *Children's Mass*
10:00 P.M. – St. Ann

December 25th – 12:01 A.M. *Midnight Mass*
9:00 A.M.

All Christmas Masses will be in English

Christmas Children's Mass

As a way of incorporating charity into our Christmas children's Mass at 5:00 P.M. on December 24th, the children are invited to bring gifts for boys and girls to place before the Holy Family. These gifts will be used in the Blue Santa Program.

"From Thy Bounty"

Our parish cookbook has had a great response!

Rejoice IN THE Lord ALWAYS.

TMIY Update

For the past 13 weeks over seventy men have sacrificed and prayed with the help of the "That Man Is You" program to deepen their faith. As a result they better understand their roles as husbands and fathers. They learned about the effects of today's culture on our children and grandchildren and the importance of men in their lives. Each Wednesday morning the men gathered at the bright and early hour of 6:00 A.M. for breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All meetings concluded by 7:30 A.M. It was both a challenge and reward to be able to dedicate the best part of the day to focusing on what defines us: our faith! If you were not able to take advantage of this opportunity you are in luck! The next semester is now scheduled to begin February 1, 2017. And as all good Catholics recall...it will include the time of Lent...offering yet another way to better engage and deepen your faith. This is a new semester so it will be a great time to join us. If you are not sure just ask one of the men that attended the last semester to find out what they think.

IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Challenge

IT'S TIME TEXAS is leading the fight for a healthier Texas. The IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Challenge is the only annual statewide competition of its kind that pits same-sized communities against one another, to see which can demonstrate the greatest commitment to healthy living!

The 2017 IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Challenge launches on January 9th and runs through March 31st. Wondering how you can step up? There are many ways Texans can earn points for their communities: First, register! All participants earn 1,000 points for creating an account on the Community Challenge website: www.ittcommunitychallenge.com.

Faith-based Organizations Can:

- **Take the Faith-based Leader Pledge!** This digital pledge lives on the Challenge site.
- **Organize a Healthy Group Activity!** This must be a group fitness or nutrition activity with at least three participants.

Please read the full requirements for each activity on the Challenge site before submitting.

A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week.
Everyone is welcome.

Monday:

Basketball Game at Victoria OLV – 5:15 P.M.

Wednesday:

Mass – 8:05 A.M.

Thursday:

Christmas Band Concert – 6:30 P.M.

SJS Christmas Play – 7:00 P.M.

Yoakum ISD Auditorium

Friday:

Early Dismissal – 12-Noon

Christmas Break

December 19-30

*Wishing everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas
and a Healthy and Happy New Year!*

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. It is never too late to enroll!

Support Catholic Education

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring Catholic School Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

Grand Prize Choice of:

2017 Ford F-150 Truck **or**

2017 Ford Fusion Sedan **or**

\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the school or parish office. For more information contact the school office at 293-9000.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is January 9th.

FORMED.org

We have subscribed to FORMED.org now for two months. The subscription will continue until the end of December. Thus far 50 parishioners have logged on to utilize the possibilities offered. Towards the end of December a decision will be made to see if

*“Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary,
deserving of all praise;
from you rose the sun of justice,
Christ our God.”*

Stayed Tuned for Continuous Christmas Music – 91.5 FM

Listen to continuous Christmas music beginning
December 21st thru December 25 by tuning in to
KHCB 91.5 FM radio.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 15

St. Joseph School Christmas Play – 7:00 P.M.
Yoakum ISD Auditorium

December 16

5:30 P.M. – Penance Service

January 4

CCD Classes Resume

January 29

CDA Chicken Fried Steak Dinner



Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy?

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin? In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us on January 3, 2017, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Sundays from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus.

If you are looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat. Pick up a flyer located at the entrances of the church. Contact Joyce Harper, 361-798-6325, prior to December 23rd.



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Christ our God.”

*“You too must be patient.
Make your hearts firm, because the coming
of the Lord is at hand.”*

