

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	James E. & Mary Polasek Ward
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	William & Lindi Rainosek
	10 A.M.	Betty Benbow
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elizabeth Skarke
	8:05 A.M.	Bernice Kutac & Hubert Bujnoch
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Julian & Victoria Cervantes & Minnie Villareal
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Valerie Harbus
	10 A.M.	Roman, Sr., Mary & Raymond Wenske
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Vernon Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Joe & Aileen Vinklarek
	9 A.M.	Michael Martinez
	11 A.M.	Jesusa, Maria & Luciana Maciel

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Roman, Sr. & Mary Wenske & Raymond Wenske.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Your Gift to God: April 30th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,860
Online Giving	\$1,635
Building Fund	\$350
Special Collection (<i>Home Missions</i>)	\$345
Helping Hands	\$991.50
St. Ann Parish Support	\$539
Building Fund	\$80
Special Collection (<i>Home Missions</i>)	\$45

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Special Collection

A special collection for The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please give generously.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	First Communicants
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	First Communicants
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Mike & Jana Guajardo, Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Rhona Hansel, John P. Barrera, JoJo Machalec
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Dennis & Dolores Sestak, Emil Blaschke, Alan Migl
	11 A.M.	Miguel Trujillo, Elsa Resendiz, Alice Nunez, Raquel Gomez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sophie & Ben Jahn, Raleigh Chumchal
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Kasey & Kayla Kimes, Kylie Grahmann
	11 A.M.	Jorge Trujillo, Griselda Portales, Luis Avalos

Meditations from the Holy Father

Pope Francis

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life there is always strong and intense prayer from someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community. ...Vocations are born in prayer and prayer, and only in prayer can the persevere and bear fruit.”

2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

K.J.T. #13

Mother's Day Bake Sale

KJT Society #13 will sponsor the Mother's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13th at Dollar General beginning at 8:00 A.M. Members are asked to bring baked goods at this time. Proceeds will benefit Priests/Religious Retirement Fund and Seminarian Education Fund.

Pictorial Directory

As mentioned previously, the parish will be putting together a new pictorial directory of the Parish Family. Our coordinators are Georgia Kutach, Susana Trujillo, and Susan Kelley. The dates for the photography appointments are June 12th through June 24th. Please sign-up for your family's photo date. We want to get as many family members as possible to participate and make the directory a complete resource for knowing and celebrating who belongs to our parish community!

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, May 13th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

Congratulations!

The parish family extends heartfelt congratulations to our 2017 First Communion Class students. May this first reception of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be the beginning of many more sacred encounters with the Bread of Angels to nourish and sustain each one of you!

First Communion Class: Jaxson Boswell, Joeanthony Ceja, Alejandra Colchado, Ivan Escalante, Jr., Mia Garcia, Joel Gomez, Alana Herrera, Joxan Herrera, Camila Hurtado, Logan Jacob, Dulce Lara, Angela Lopez, Leonardo Lopez, Ximena Miller, Jonathan Oliva, Gissel Olmedo, Amy Ramirez, Jared Ramirez, Julian Rivas, Adam Rojas, Jesse Rojas, Marisella Rojas, Santos Rojas, Luis Serrano, McKenzie Solis, Nathalie Torres, Cayson Gamez, Cyrus Garibay, Augustine Herrera, Mauricio Lopez, Marco Olmedo, Makayla Trujillo, Uriel Vazquez.

Appreciation and Gratitude

The entire parish family owes a deep debt of gratitude to those who face of their time and talent in sharing the treasure of our Catholic faith in our Faith Formation program this past year: Kindergarten – Maria Quilpas & Benita Maturino; First Grade – Tina Bordovsky, Maria Chapa & Tomas Rojas; Second Grade – Susie Barrera, Raquel Gomez, Sheila Harrison & Manuela Rojas; Third Grade – Vanessa Falcon & Linda Hagan; Fourth Grade – Diana Darilek & Marie Terreo; Fifth Grade – Paul Frerich, Suzanne Martinez & Nora Cervantes; Sixth Grade – Mary Alice & Jimmy Wagner; Seventh Grade – Anita Pesek & Amanda Jahn; Eighth Grade – Jerrie & Robert Kacir; Ninth Grade – Sharon Jance & Susana Trujillo; Tenth Grade – Evie Cherry, Jessica Williams & Anthony Harper; Eleventh Grade – Ashely Hermes, Judy Kubena & Tracey Gearson; Office Staff – Joyce & Bill Klesel, Vicki Vasquez, Mike and Jana Guajardo, CCD Coordinator.

Rocking and Ringing on the Prairie

With the great success is St. Ann's fundraiser, the work on the bell is proceeding. All is in order and the motor and other parts are being manufactured. At this point the work is being promised to be completed by the feast day in July. The bell will then rock smoothly back and forth and ring out! Many thanks to all of

100 Year Fatima Anniversary Rosary May 13th

Join us as we pray the rosary in celebration of the 100 Year Fatima Anniversary.

Date: Saturday, May 13th

Time: 12-noon

Location: Yoakum Centennial Park

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

For more information, contact Lillie Vecera at 361-293-2709.

Mass in Honor of 100 Years of Fatima

Saturday May 13th will mark 100 years since Our Lady first appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal with messages encouraging devotion to her Immaculate Heart. In these apparitions Our Lady emphasized conversion, penance, and prayer for the salvation of souls as sure ways to battle the many evils that continually threaten us; and that it is through devotion to her Immaculate Heart that that the Lord will more firmly reign in our world. Please join us for Mass Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 A.M. as we celebrate this feast and ask for the special intercession of our Blessed and Immaculate Mother.

Catholic Women's Conference

Are you ready to experience your "spa for the soul"? Jesus is ready to give you what the world cannot give you... peace, joy, strength, and renewal that is rooted in your special time spent with Him, knowing that you are a beloved daughter of God the Father, united together by the Holy Spirit with sisters in the Lord. That is this awesome event for women coming July 28-29! Father Michael Gaitley, MIC author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* is the keynote speaker for the weekend. Contact Ashley Hermes if you are interested in joining our group for a discounted registration rate. ashleyfay09@gmail.com or (361)293-0700.

Mass Honoring Seniors

Our annual Mass to honor graduating Seniors will be held at the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 21st. A breakfast for the Seniors and their parents will follow in the Family Center. Attending Seniors are asked to wear their cap and gown. If you plan to attend call the parish office, 293-3518 by 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21st.

K. C. Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, May 10th at the K. C. Hall. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Picnic Planning Meeting

There will be a picnic planning meeting for this year's picnic on **Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 P.M.** in the Family Center. All Chairpersons are asked to attend. Anyone interested in helping with the picnic is welcome to attend.

Ministry Scheduler

With summer vacation time soon approaching, it's helpful to guarantee we keep our assignments assisting with the weekend liturgies. The Ministry Scheduler program the parish uses is only helpful if the contact information is updated--and individuals secure substitute requests through it. Simply calling the office to state you will be away doesn't necessarily handle the issue...using the Scheduler by logging in and putting out a request insures that all others who help can volunteer. There is even an "APP" that makes this easier...in your APP store search for "Ministry Scheduler Pro" and download/install the free APP. Or, one can go to the parish website and login through there by clicking on the appropriate icon.

Emmaus Center Grief Group

Emmaus Center offers a grief group meeting on Mondays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. at the Emmaus Center. Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830.

A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week:

Wednesday

National Junior Honor Society Induction
after the 8:05 A.M. Mass

Saturday

First Communion – 5 P.M. Mass

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. It is not too soon to be thinking about the 2017-2018 school year.

Picnic Raffle Donations

Anyone interested in donating toward the 2017 Parish Picnic Raffle is asked to contact Charlie Fikac at 772-5859 or the parish office at 293-3518. Our raffle has been a great success – and that is due in great part to our numerous, very generous, donors. If you have donated in the past and would like to do so this year, please give Charlie or the parish office a call. **Deadline for donations is May 10th.** This way we can get moving with having tickets printed and start selling! Thanks!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Every Sunday – (Six Weeks)

33 Days to Morning Glory – 6:30 – 8 P.M.
Family Center

Every Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

May 13

Mass in Honor of 100 Years of Fatima – 8 A.M.
K.J.T. #13 Mother's Day Bake Sale – 8 A.M.
Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.
100 Year Fatima Anniversary Rosary – Noon
St. Joseph School First Communion – 5 P.M.

May 20

SJS 8th Grade Graduation – 5 P.M.

May 21

Mass for Graduating Seniors – 9 A.M.
followed by breakfast at the Family Center
Parish Blood Drive

KC Mother's Day BBQ Dinner

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ dinner next Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Yoakum Community Center. Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank and the Parish Office.

Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy?

If you intended to make the last consecration and it didn't work out, here is another opportunity! The final day of the retreat and Consecration Day is on the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima!

In our hectic day and time, St. Pope John Paul II and St. 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 April 9th 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, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope 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, 6:30-8 p.m. (except on Easter Sunday & Mother's Day) 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're 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. Contact Joyce Harper 361-798-6325 so that your book can be ordered.



Wednesday Evening Confessions

Starting this Wednesday, May 10th, the Wednesday evening confession period will be from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. each Wednesday. This will be our regular schedule until school and CCD resumes in early September.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Affectionately referred to as America's Catholic Church, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920.

Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is our nation's preeminent Marian Shrine, dedicated to the Patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Mary's Shrine, as it is often called, is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world.

Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Mother Teresa are among the faithful who have visited this magnificent basilica. Now as its one hundredth anniversary approaches, a nationwide effort is underway to complete this great "Hymn in Stone" as its founders envisioned with the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome.

The Trinity Dome

The Trinity Dome is the central and largest dome of the Basilica. This "Crowning Jewel" will be adorned in mosaic and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with America and the Basilica. The Nicene Creed will encircle the base of the dome, while the dome's pendentives will feature the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Trinity Dome will complete the work of the Great Upper Church according to its original iconographic scheme and bring to a close construction of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as it approaches its centennial milestone in 2020.

The National Collection

The Bishops of the United States approved a special one-time second collection for the Trinity Dome. Your prayerful and financial support will not only adorn this "Crowning Jewel" and complete Mary's Shrine, but will also leave a lasting legacy for generations to come in this

living monument to our Catholic faith and heritage that is America's Catholic Church.

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund

The School Endowment Fund has setup a post office box so that correspondence, memorials, donations can be sent to a central location and not be mixed in with parish or school mail. The address is:

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund
P. O. Box 805
Yoakum, Texas 77995

Prayer for First Communion

Lord Jesus,
As I receive my First Communion
It is the start of a lifetime
Commitment to you.
Please always walk beside me
And be my comfort and guide.
May my faith and trust in You
Grow each time I receive Communion.
Jesus, I love You. Amen.

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to
respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—
for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and
families with the confidence and grace to invite others to

*embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to
you. **UNITE** us to Jesus through prayer and
sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building
your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.*

—Pope Francis

*“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.”*