

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thomas & Maude Grubert
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Julian & Victoria Cervantes, Minnie Villareal
	10 A.M.	Larry & Gary Knape
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of the McQuillen & Afflerbach Families
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alphonse Tesar
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Wanda & Laddie Tomek
	10 A.M.	Bernice Kutac & Hubert Bujnoch
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Roller Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kip Brewer
	9 A.M.	Joe Lopez & Erica Bridges
	11 A.M.	Santiago Arriaga

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of the St. Joseph School Faculty and Alumni.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Your Gift to God: July 30th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,145.49
Online Giving	\$
Building Fund	\$150
St. Ann Parish Support	\$479
Building Fund	\$70

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Reminder

Every Wednesday we have available the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6-6:30 pm. Take advantage of this added opportunity to celebrate the Lord's abundant mercy!

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Rita Pargmann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Dennis & Dolores Sestak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Donna Tolbert, Dawne Wendel Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Carolyn Janak
	11 A.M.	Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza, Graciela Rivas

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Ronnie Koenning, John P. Barrera
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Janet & Jason Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Henry Janak, Robbie Hagan, Sherri Spaeth, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Vicky Vasquez, Miguel Trujillo, Robert Schneider, Alice Nunez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Konner Dismuke, Abigail Long, Hannah Boswell
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Jace Knocke, Jacob Koenig, Sierra Johnson
	11 A.M.	Miguel Trujillo, Griselda Portales, Samantha Arredondo

Feast of the Assumption August 15th

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14th – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Tuesday, August 15th – 6:30 A.M., 8:05 A.M.

*“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”*

Picnic Raffle Tickets

DO NOT drop any raffle tickets in this weekend's collection. All raffle tickets should be dropped off at the parish office by noon on Friday or taken to the Community Center next Sunday.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to those "coming home" for the Alumni Reunion and Parish Picnic this weekend. We're so glad you're with us this weekend!

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD aide, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.**

Thank you, Ladies!

It's easy to take something good for granted. The parish family owes its appreciation and gratitude to our dedicated volunteers at the "Helping Hands" shop. They are there for taking in donations, sorting, rotating stock and keeping things moving in their special corner of the Family Center. The proceeds of everything they make funds our charitable assistance to members of the community in need. These hardworking and generous ladies provide a needed service that help so many. Many thanks!

CCD/Faith Formation

The calendar for the upcoming year is posted on the parish website as well as the registration form. Those who would like to get this taken care of are welcomed to download and printout the form and drop it by the Pastoral Center anytime during office hours. There will be a formal registration the evening of **Wednesday, August 23rd** in the Family Center. **Those enrolling in First Communion Class (2nd grade) and those in Confirmation Class (11th grade) need to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate with their registration.**

CCD/Formación de la Fe

El próximo calendario para la Doctrina (CCD) de este año escolar ha sido puesto en nuestro sitio de internet. Para aquellos que deseen registrarse temprano pueden bajar la forma del sitio y llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia en cualquier tiempo durante las horas normales de oficina. Solamente tendremos una sola noche de matrícula (registro) formal el **miércoles 23 de agosto**. **Los que están registrando en los clases sacramentales, Primera Comunion y Confirmacion (2nd y 11th) necesitan copias de Fe del Bautismo.**

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

JCDA

Back in Full Swing for 2017-2018

Registration and first meeting for Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #206, is set for Sunday, August 27th from 4:30 – 6:30 P.M. at the Family Center. The organization is open to girls in grades 1st – 12th. Dues are \$10 and meetings, which includes three field trips, are held once a month from August through May. The focus this year will be: "God Has A Plan For You. Listen, Let Him In." The year's schedule will be available at the first meeting. For questions or more information, contact chairpersons Jennifer Jahn at 293-7969 or Desiree Muenich at 293-2988.

*Come join us for a year of fellowship,
fun and community service!*



Welcome Back To School



A Note from Principal Mooney

Welcome back to school!

Wednesday, August 9th

First day of the 2017-2018 School Year

Friday, August 11th

No School – Office of Catholic Schools Seminar

August 9th and 10th are full days.

Lunches will not be served the first week.

First served lunch will be Monday, August 14th.

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.

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**

Celebrating Family



at St. Joseph's Parish Picnic!

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful floral arrangement in the sanctuary this weekend was donated by the St. Joseph Class of 1967 in memory of their deceased class members and in honor of

ST. JOSE SANCHEZ DEL RIO

A statue of St. Jose Sanchez del Rio is on display in our sanctuary for the next few weeks. It is ultimately destined to be placed in our parish school. The boy saint was canonized October 16, 2016 by our Holy Father, and is a special inspiration for all ages in the witness he gave to his faith--particularly at such a young age. He is portrayed just as he was at 14 years of age when he was martyred: blue jeans and a simple white shirt, a rosary on his person, the soles of his bare feet bloodied due to the torture inflicted upon him. He is adorned with the palm branch--the martyr's symbol of victory. His feast day is February 10th.

José Sánchez del Rio was born on 28 March 1913 Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico. Wanting to defend the faith and rights of Catholics, he followed in the footsteps of his two older brothers and asked his mother for permission to join the Cristeros. She objected telling him that he was too young. "Mama", he replied, "do not let me lose the opportunity to gain Heaven so easily and so soon". The statue's artist incorporated this saying on the banding running over his shoulders.

On 5 February 1928 the young boy was captured during a battle and imprisoned in the church sacristy. In order to terrorize him, soldiers made him watch the hanging of one of the other captured Cristeros. But José encouraged the man, saying, "You will be in Heaven before me. Prepare a place for me. Tell Christ the King I shall be with him soon".

In prison, he prayed the Rosary and sang songs of faith. He wrote a beautiful letter to his mother telling her that he was resigned to do God's will. José's father attempted to ransom his son, but was unable to raise the money in time.



Concert to Benefit Prison Chapel

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation (SUCDC) is hosting a concert on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. Produced by World Vision, the YOUR LOVE IS UNBREAKABLE TOUR will begin at 7:00 P.M. and features Gospel Music Association artists Jason Crabb and the group Selah. Money gained from ticket sales will be tagged by the group to acquire grant writing services and to employ an architect for drafting conceptual drawings for a chapel construction project. Ticket sales for the public will begin June 26, however, a weeklong presale event for the local community will begin June 18. Tickets are \$20, \$40, & \$60 and can be purchased online at www.itickets.com. To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.

Emmaus Center

Grief Group Summer Schedule

Grief Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at *The Emmaus Center* at 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140 on the following dates: August 14th and 28th. Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830.

Why Catholics kiss images, rosaries, and sometimes even the floor...

Elizabeth Scalia

Perhaps the practice has died out in public, but I still catch myself doing it...

We were always kissing things.

Growing up in an ethnic Catholic neighborhood full of large families and clumsy kids, it was not unusual to see people pressing their lips against many things besides dogs and people. Let someone knock over a kitschy plastic glow-in-the-dark St. Jude and it would be placed back on the shelf with a quick kiss. Should a lady drop her rosary as she changed purses, there was a kiss and then a tuck into a safe satin pocket. Once, when a neighbor pulled change from his pocket, a small crucifix dropped to the curb; it was openly kissed before disappearing back into shabby brown gaberdine. My own devout grandmother — a convert from Lutheranism — would not hesitate to get on her knees and kiss the floor where holy water had spilled. No wonder the sole Protestant family on our block thought we were not just eccentric, but possible idolators to boot. No wonder that even today, when statue-kissing has gone out of vogue and few homes keep holy water around, many people cannot tell the difference between Catholic worship and mere reverence — between

adoration, which is reserved for God, and veneration, which is merely reverence, albeit mixed with awe. The Communion of Saints must seem strange to outsiders who wonder why Catholics and Orthodox Christians bother taking side roads in their orisons when a prayer to Jesus seems like a faster, more direct route. As a religious sister from my childhood put it, though, “Why be singular when you can participate in heaven?”

We participate in heaven, in a manner of speaking, at holy Mass. I’ll never forget my younger son’s wide-eyed delight in learning that “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts” unites us to the chorus of continual praise offered by angels in the presence of the Creator. That information kept him bellowing at Mass for some years, until he realized that, to Eternity, a whisper works as well as a wail.

In St. Paul’s great Cloud of Witnesses we access our ancestry; we keep images of holy men and women about us, as would do with beloved members of the family. Believing in eternal life, and that Christ meant it when He said He was preparing a place for us, it seems a no-brainer to ask these distant-yet-near relations for their intercessory prayers.

Beyond the prayerful assists, and the relics and mementos that inspire us and help train our attention, Catholics and Orthodox Christians benefit from the wisdom of those who have traveled this vale of tears before us, struggling with the same sorry sins we battle today — lust, avarice, anger, sloth, pride, gluttony, envy and despair. Their advice echoes down to us through the ages with a resonating surety as, like professors in a spiritual university, they give real instruction on a range of subjects.

In theology: “The Father takes pleasure in looking upon the heart of the most holy Virgin Mary, as the masterpiece of his hands.... The Son takes pleasure in it as the heart of His Mother, the source from which He drew the blood that ... ransomed us.” — St. John Vianney

In practical humility: Once Macarius directed a young seeker to go to a cemetery and upbraid the dead. Then to go and flatter them. “What answer did they dead give you?” Macarius asked. “None at all,” said the youth. “Then go and learn never to let abuse or flattery move you. If you die to the world and yourself, you will begin to live for Christ.”

In suffering’s value: “During painful times, when you feel a terrible void, think how God is enlarging the capacity of your soul so that it can receive Him — making it, as it were, infinite as He is infinite. Look upon each pain as a love token coming to you directly from God in order to unite you to Him.” — Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity, (who taught me how to pray...)

Whether they are memorialized in icons or dangling from keychains, who wouldn’t want to kiss such profound teachers as these?