

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Agnes Hermes
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Emma Orsak
	10 A.M.	Daniel Spies
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Bonifacio & Otilia Gomez
		Family Members
	8:05 A.M.	John & Annie Gerdes, Charlie Smirak & Frances Blonar
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	E. J. & Judy Kubena
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Frances Pekar
	10 A.M.	Anton & Bettie Rohan
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Adams, Jiral & Rohan Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Raul Moreno
	9 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory
	11 A.M.	Carlos & Angelita Barrera

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Maurice Maciel.

## Prayer List

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

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 60:1-6; Ep 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Your Gift to God: December 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,880.51
Online Giving	\$1,705
Building Fund	\$5
St. Ann Parish Support	\$638
Building Fund	\$100

## Your Gift to God: December 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,976
St. Ann Parish Support	\$662

## Your Gift to God: December 31<sup>st</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,493
Online Giving	\$2,860
Building Fund	\$2,180
Feast of Mary, Mother of God ( <i>January 1</i> )	\$456
Helping Hands	\$1,198
St. Ann Parish Support	\$655
Building Fund	\$1,200

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Vanessa Falcon
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Jose Martinez

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Wes & James Adams
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mark & Cindy Jemelka, Patty Mabry
	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas, Heriberto Castillo, Virginia Amaro

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Rhonda Hansel, Bobby Fikac, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Blaise Dreitner, Lance Muenich
	11 A.M.	Alice Nunez, Gerardo Rivas, Jorge & Elsa Resendiz

### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sophie & Ben Jahn, Emily Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Leah & Ava Muenich, Ryan Gearson
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Gabriel Chavez, Cecilia Rivas

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

## Annual Contribution Statement

Those who would like a statement of their envelope support contributions should call the parish office.

## K.J.Z.T. #37, St. Ann's

K.J.Z.T. #37, St. Ann's will meet Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. at St. Ann's Pavilion.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the K. C. building. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

## Diocese of Victoria 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Holy Family Church, Wharton

The seven principles of **Catholic Social Teaching** will be presented by 22 speakers in 32 workshops. The titles, descriptions and presenter vitae can be seen on the diocesan website.

Also see the newly revised flyer and registration form, mailed in mid-October, for titles and names of speakers. If you did not receive one, call us at (361) 573-0828 ext. 2224, 2225, or 2227.

On line registration is now open. Go to the Diocesan website [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) to register.

## You are Invited to: "Rediscover Jesus"

An invitation is extended to you to join a small group using the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly beginning the week of **February 4, 2018 through March 23, 2018**. Small groups are being offered from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Sunday through Thursday. Please call the Parish Office, 293-3518, if you would like to join a small group for Lent and indicate the best day of the week. If you would like to host or form a small group in your home (or for more information), call Ashley Hermes, 293-0700 or Joyce Harper, 798-6325.

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

## Blessed Epiphany Chalk

Blessed Epiphany chalk is available at the Nativity for everyone to take home to mark the entrance to their home.

## Chicken Fried Steak Dinner Sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court No. 206

Sunday, January 28, 2018  
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center  
Plates-To-Go or Dine-In

Tickets - \$10.00 "Pre-Sale Only"

(Chicken Fried Steak, w/gravy, potatoes, seasoned green beans, cole slaw & dessert)

Meal tickets and raffle tickets are available at: St. Joseph Pastoral Center, First State Bank, Prosperity Bank, Yoakum National Bank, Gaus, Natho & Swaney, Attys., Guys & Gals Hair Salon, CDA Members.

Homemade Noodles & Baked Items will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds benefit CDA Charities




## Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace March 9-11, 2018

Registrations are open for a Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace located at 2911 FM 2672, Schulenburg, TX. Weekend begins Friday evening and concludes with Sunday Mass. Open to couples and singles. Cost is \$100 for retreat and food. Overnight lodging is not provided, but discounted rate is available at Holiday Inn in Schulenburg. Register online at [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883.



**2018 13-day  
Camino de Santiago/  
Fatima Pilgrimage!**

Please join other Catholics from the Galveston/Houston/Victoria area to hike the Camino de Santiago along the countryside of Spain. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés to converge on Santiago de Compostela with an additional stop in Fatima and Porto. There are spots available for the following 2018 dates: June 4-16 and June 25-July 7. If you are interested in joining this spiritual journey, contact Jane Lakatos at [jhlakatos@gmail.com](mailto:jhlakatos@gmail.com).



**The Emmaus Center:**  
*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria  
1508 E. Airline  
Victoria, Texas 77901  
For an appointment, go to  
[www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)  
or call 361-212-0830  
*Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*

**Dates to Remember**

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
CDA Chicken Fried Steak Fundraiser

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Catholic Schools Week

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Endowment Fund Stew Supper

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Ash Wednesday

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
PTC Gala

*“Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.”*

**Chalking the Door: Blessing Your  
Home for Epiphany**

**20 + C + M + B + 18**

**Some background:**

The family gathers to ask God’s blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home’s entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

**Blessing the Chalk**

*V. Our help is the name of the Lord:*

*R. The maker of heaven and earth.*

*V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:*

*R. From this time forth for evermore.*

**Let us pray.**

*Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Instructions for Blessing the Home Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen “Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

## A Note from Principal Mooney

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Basketball – St. Ludmilla  
St. Joseph Gym – 5:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.

Catholic Life Sweepstakes deadline to buy/sell raffle tickets is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. All tickets must be turned in to the school office by then to be eligible to win.

### **“Cub Care”**

Available every day after school until 6:00 P.M. for SJS students. Contact the office for more details.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph’s.

## 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:**

2018 Ford F-150 Truck **or**  
2018 Ford Fusion Sedan **or**  
\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

### **Participating School Prize:**

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa credit card individual winner drawn from tickets sold by their school.

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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## From the Desk of the Principal:

Hello and Happy New Year! We at St. Joseph Catholic School had a very busy end to our semester as we prepared for Christmas Break. I am pleased to be able to sit down once again and write this letter telling all of you in our parish’s and school’s family the wonderful things that are happening here.

Although December was a short month at our school, it was no less exciting. Advent was a very important and ever-present part of our lives. Each morning, students on each

floor of the school gathered in the hall at their Advent wreaths to read, pray, and sing. I was greatly moved by the devotion and the piety of the students as they rejoiced in the coming birth of the Christ child. It was a wonderful way to start each school day.

The other major and exciting event in December was our Christmas program. We began with a choir concert put on by each grade under the direction of Mrs. Ferrell. The children sang, played hand chimes, and did a fantastic job doing both. Then our actors from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade performed their one-act play, *The Live Nativity*, about a judge called in to court on Christmas Eve because the Sheriff of the small town arrested the entire Live Nativity of the local church for a wide array of charges due to a hilarious chain of events. They did a great job making the audience laugh, and I heard only compliments from our parents. I want to thank all of our students, teachers, staff, and parents who helped make that night the incredible success it was.

Basketball season is going well. Each of our teams have enjoyed wins and endured losses, but they are all remaining very competitive with the other schools in the diocese and are in high spirits. They will play St. Ludmilla at home on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Sacred Heart in Hallettsville on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, and St. Anthony’s at home on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. We invite everyone to come see our Tigers play their hearts out.

The other big event coming up this month is Catholic Schools Week, which will take place during the week of the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will begin that Sunday by celebrating our parish with a students’ mass at 9am. We will then celebrate different aspects of our lives each day that week. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, the Catholic Schools Sweepstakes will have its drawing for the chance to win a 2018 Ford F-150, 2018 Ford Fusion, or a \$20,000 prepaid gift card. If you want to purchase raffle tickets, you may do so at our school office. This raffle greatly helps our school because 100% of the sales go directly to us. Thank you for helping support Catholic education in our community.

Please look us up online for more information about what we are doing at St. Joseph’s. You can stay connected by visiting our school website at [www.stj Catholicschool.com](http://www.stj Catholicschool.com) or “Liking” our Facebook Page. Please stop by if you would like to visit with me—my door is always open. I look forward with getting to share more of the good news at St. Joseph School with all of you next month. Until then, keep us in your prayers, as we certainly continue to keep you in ours.

God Bless,

Sean Mooney, Principal

