

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Pete & Carlos Barrera & Victoria Cervantes
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Bill Culak
	10 A.M.	Jimmie, Lorene & Chuck Roznovsky
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Georgie Velek
	8:05 A.M.	August, Sr. & Millie Darilek
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alex & Martha Ward
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
	10 A.M.	Gene & Lois Jirkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Joe Steffek Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kip Brewer
	9 A.M.	Cheryl Delvige
	11 A.M.	Fabian Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Claire Hermann Garner.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Your Gift to God: February 18th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5,065
Online Giving	\$1,295
Building Fund	\$180
Ash Wednesday (<i>Church in Eastern Europe</i>)	\$1,467.50
Rice Bowl	\$717
St. Ann Parish Support	\$813
Building Fund	\$50
Ash Wednesday (<i>Church in Eastern Europe</i>)	\$115
Rice Bowl	\$31

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Operation Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent through Easter Sunday we will have the traditional almsgiving program, "Operation Rice Bowl" taken up as a second collection each weekend.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Vanessa Falcon
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Billy Natho
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Roma Jo Delvige

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Amy Hull, Susan Elizondo, Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Debbie Villa, Blaise Dreitner, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Nina Arriaga, Heriberto Castillo, Graciela Rivas

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Sherri Spaeth, Robbie Hagan
	11 A.M.	Elsa & Jorge Resendiz, Alice Nunez, Vicky Vasquez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hannah & Ella Boswell, Konner Dismuke
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Cameron Villa, Carly Hull, Grace Migl
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Gabriel Chavez, Alex Gutierrez

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparacion bautismal sera el primer Sabado del mes a las 9:00 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion.

Yoakum Boy Scouts BBQ

Yoakum Boy Scout Troop 228 will have their annual barbeque chicken benefit on Saturday, March 3rd from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. behind the Yoakum Community Center. Plates are an \$8.00 donation and tickets are available from any scout, First State Bank and Yoakum National Bank. There will also be a **FOOD DRIVE**. Bring a can good item or donation & receive a **FREE** piece of cake.

K.C. Fishing Tournament

Once again the K. C.'s will be sponsoring a fishing tournament to benefit the annual Feast of St. Joseph fish fry. The tournament is open to Yoakum K.C. members and their guests and will take place beginning March 1st thru March 4th. Registration forms may be picked up at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center. For more information contact Kenneth Adamek at 293-1318 or 293-6190.

2018 K.J.Z.T. District 1 Meeting

The 2018 K.J.Z.T. District 1 meeting, hosted by K.J.Z.T. #37, Hochheim, will be held Sunday, March 5th at the St. Joseph Family Center. Registration starts at 10:30 A.M. For further information call Rose Mary Havlik at 361-293-2908.

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society members will meet Wednesday, March 7th at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. There will be an educational program on diabetes. Hostesses will be Dolores Sestak, Wanda Zabransky, Paula Ramirez, Benie Gerdes, Adele Seitz and Elaine Dornak.

Prayer Garden Bricks

We are once again taking orders for the Prayer Garden bricks. If interested in purchasing a brick/bricks, please complete the form inserted in today's bulletin or stop by the Pastoral Center for a form. Cost per brick is \$75. **Deadline for orders is April 2nd**. Please note there is a limited amount of letters that can be placed on the brick.

Parish Website Problems

As some parishioners have mentioned, the last couple of weeks the parish website has been unavailable at times. The company that provides the service--eCatholic--suffered a hacking attack that caused many of the websites nationwide (all at one point) to not be accessible for periods of time. They believe they have the proper protections setup going forward so hopefully there won't be a repeat of this in the future.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on Friday, March 16th beginning with Mass at 6:30 P.M. followed by a fish fry at the Family Center.

Marriage Anniversaries

Those observing special wedding anniversaries this year (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) and who plan to be present at our Parish Feast of St. Joseph celebration on March 16th are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list. **Deadline is Tuesday, March 13th**.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3). Take some time out of your busy schedule and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

Adoration...Devotional Hour

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be next **Saturday, March 10th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

The Way of the Cross

Each Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SJS: Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph School students will have Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M. on Friday's during Lent except during Spring Break (March 16th). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

Why I'm Catholic (and you should be too)

Has anyone ever asked you why you're Catholic? Have you ever wondered yourself? Would you like some good reasons? If so, you might enjoy this six part series presented by Fr. Jacob. Sessions will take place on the **Mondays of Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center. No registration - just show up.**

La razón soy católico (y debería ser también)

¿Le ha preguntado alguna vez alguien por qué usted es el católico? ¿Se ha hecho alguna vez esa pregunta a usted mismo? ¿Le gustaría tener algunas buenas razones? Entonces podría disfrutar de esta serie de La Cuaresma presentado por Padre Jacob. Las sesiones se llevarán a cabo los domingos después de la misa en el Salón Parroquial que a partir de **las 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. No necesitan registrarse antes.**

Catholic Relief Services App

For those looking for another "modern" help during Lent...Catholic Relief Services have designed an App for smartphones that is free and helps in better understanding the importance of almsgiving and the real needs in our world we easily take for granted. Search in the Apps for CRS Rice Bowl and download it.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner."*

Pictorial Directory

Each family that took a picture and assisted with the project is entitled to a complimentary copy. Simply stop by the Pastoral Center during office hours and pick yours up.

Reminder: The Parish App

It's been a couple of years since the parish made available the smartphone App. We're still using it...if you don't have it yet...check your App Store (it's a free download) and add it to your smartphone. If having a problem, call the parish office.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Wednesday, February 28th
Liturgy - 8:05 A.M.

Friday, March 2nd
AIM Meet #1 - Port Lavaca
Early Release - 1:00 P.M.

Spring Break - March 12-16

Early Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins March 19th and runs through April 30th.

"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.

Lenten Practices

Daily Mass - Monday thru Friday - 6:30 A.M.

SJS Stations of the Cross - 3:00 P.M. - Every Friday except March 16th.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Every Friday - 6:00 P.M.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection - Every Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Every Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. & every Saturday 4:00 - 4:40 P.M.

4 Ways Lent transforms us

Tom Hoopes

Why does the Church bring us to Mount Tabor at the beginning of Lent?

Lent is still just getting started when, on the Second Sunday of Lent (Year B), we accompany James and John up Mount Tabor to see Jesus Christ transfigured in glory.

Why does the Church tell us this story at the beginning of Lent? Because Lent is supposed to transform us, too, in several ways.

First, seeing who Christ really is transforms us.

“It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,” says the entrance antiphon today. “Hide not your face from me.”

Peter, James and John see how great Christ is when they climb up Mount Tabor and see Christ’s glory. Says the Gospel: “He was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.”

Peter is so overwhelmed, he says, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Jesus — eventually — granted his prayer. The word for “tents” here is the same word we use for “tabernacle.” We have, before us, in every Catholic Church, the tabernacle where Christ’s glorious presence never leaves us so we can always seek his face.

Second, Lenten obedience transforms us.

“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them,” the Gospel continues. “From the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’”

This is a direct call to obedience and the first reading gives us one of the greatest examples of obedience in the Bible: Abraham.

The obedience of Abraham is famous: His very future, his very identity, is tied up with this son, and yet he is willing to sacrifice him at the Lord’s command.

But Isaac’s obedience is also impressive. In the longer version of the story, Isaac seems to know something is up. But he goes along with his father’s plan anyway, even carrying the wood that his father meant to use to offer him.

Abraham and Isaac have become two of the most celebrated men in history — not for their great talents but for their great obedience.

Lent gives us the chance to be obedient like Isaac. We are following the Church’s instructions in climbing up the mountain of Lent, with our small bundle on our back. God will transform our sacrifice for us.

Third, Lenten sacrifice bears fruit.

In his willingness to follow his father’s will, Isaac foreshadows Jesus himself, who carried the wood of his own cross up Mount Calvary to his own place of sacrifice.

But in Abraham’s case, it only *seemed* like he would slaughter his only son. Isaac isn’t slaughtered.

Not so for Christ. The Stations of the Cross tell the story of this new Isaac’s journey up to the cross, but they end not with his rescue, but with his lifeless body being taken down by others and then buried.

Abraham and Isaac’s sacrifice resulted in a whole nation rising up in their name. What did Christ’s sacrifice result in?

St. Paul describes it in the Second Reading. “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?”

Fourth, Lent teaches us that God’s glory is inextricable from his sacrifice.

Mountaintops are important in the Bible. Today’s readings mention two mountaintops — Mount Moriah and Mount Tabor — and references others. Elijah and Moses had enormously significant mountaintop experiences. Mountaintops are places of special communion with God.

But looming behind all these is the “mountaintop” of Golgotha, the place of the skull, the place where Jesus will die at Lent’s end.

The lesson is that the suffering, revelation and glory all go hand in hand.

The painful experiences of our lives are not wasted times on the way to glory, they are precisely the places where we are closest to Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave the apostles a glimpse of his true glory not just on our Mount Tabors, but on our Calvaries, too.

**“If God is for us,
who can be against us?”**

*“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.”*

