

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ryan Kloesel Family
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Lita Buenteo
	10 A.M.	Rudy Jahn
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Nato Garcia
	8:05 A.M.	Norbert Vrazel
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Victor & Lillie Huehlefeld
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Roman Sr. & Mary Wenske
	10 A.M.	Belen Garcia
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Annie Bolech
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Vernon Matusek
	9 A.M.	Cyril & Marion Stark
	11 A.M.	Susie Gomez & Minnie Villareal

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

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Your Gift to God: February 14th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,279.36
Online Giving	\$1,010
Building Fund	\$360
Ash Wednesday (<i>Church in Eastern Europe</i>)	\$1,822.66
Rice Bowl	\$399.29
St. Ann Parish Support	\$448
Building Fund	\$90
Ash Wednesday (<i>Church in Eastern Europe</i>)	\$120
Rice Bowl	\$75

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at all Masses March 5-6.

Operation Rice Bowl

Each weekend through Easter there is a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl. This is a traditional way that offers the opportunity to share with those less fortunate and in need by way of our Lenten almsgiving.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Paula Adamek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Annie Bolech Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Wanda Zabransky, Carol Bade, Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Susan Kelley
	11 A.M.	Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza, Rudy Garcia

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Charlie Proschko, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Paul Ebner, Bruce Chilek
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Blaise Dreitner, E. J. Blaschke
	11 A.M.	Elsa Resendiz, Vicky Vasquez, Miguel Trujillo, Gerardo Rivas

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Michael Chomout, Abigail Long, Hannah Boswell
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Madison DeBord, Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Hunter Kvinta, Jenna Berkovsky, Austin Barton
	11 A.M.	Jorge Trujillo, Luis Avalos, Samantha Arredondo

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.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Special Lenten Night of Praise and Reflection

Our parish will host a special Lenten Night of Praise and Reflection on Wednesday, March 2 from 6:30-9:00 P.M. in the Church. Jeremy Rodriguez, along with some of his companions in ministry, will be here to offer an opportunity to enrich one's Lenten journey. Mark your calendars, and plan to take advantage of this unique and special Lenten activity for our Parish Family.

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 will take place from March 3rd thru March 6th and is open to Yoakum K.C. members and their guests. Registration forms may be picked up at the Pastoral Center. For more information contact Kenneth Adamek at 293-1318 or 293-6190.

Yoakum Boy Scout BBQ March 5th

Yoakum Boy Scout Troop 228 will have their annual barbeque chicken benefit on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. behind the Community Center. Plates are \$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.

Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat

The Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat will be held March 10-13 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday after Mass. Round trip transportation is provided for all retreatants. The cost per retreatant is \$160.00. (Financial difficulties should not prevent you from attending.) Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Congratulations!

Last Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, our parish sent out catechumens and candidates to the annual Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral with Bishop Cahill. We all look forward to the Easter celebration of Baptism and Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Our catechumens are Ashley Indorf, Robert Alvarez and Dustin Kremling. The candidate is Devlin Flanary.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on Friday, March 18th beginning with Mass at 6:00 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 18th are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list.

Cemetery Note

The parish can proudly boast of the care and maintenance, appearance and beauty, of our parish cemetery. It is a peaceful and appropriate final resting place that honors the cherished dead we inter in this consecrated ground. This past week the "new" section of St. Joseph Cemetery was surveyed and mapped out for our use now as well as future generations. So--as some have inquired previously--those desiring to purchase plots in the new expansion areas may now do so. Contact the parish office for more information.

Altar Candles: "Yellow" vs. "White"

Some will have noticed that during Lent the candles at the Altar are more "yellow" than "white" in appearance. This is intentional as an old tradition in the liturgical life of the Church that during more somber and penitential times unbleached candles are used so that when we arrive at the joy of the upcoming feasts we return to the "white" or bleached candles symbolizing joy and purity. Either way, bleached or unbleached, the flame of the candle reminds us of the light of Christ, illuminating our minds and hearts and assuring us of the light overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

“Return to the Lord with your whole heart!”

“Be reconciled to God now!”

SJS: Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph School students will have Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M. on Friday's during Lents except during Spring Break (March 18th). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Lenten Fridays

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday at 6:00 P.M.

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to enter into the spirit of this Jubilee Year of Mercy--and 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.

Diocesan Observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Bishop Cahill has asked that every parish throughout the entire diocese make available special times for the Sacrament of a reconciliation on Friday, March 4th. Every parish in the entire diocese will offer two hours of confessions that day--from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Plan ahead!

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 14th – St. Joseph, Moulton

Tuesday, March 15th – Sacred Heart, Hallettsville

Thursday, March 17th – St. Joseph, Yoakum

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

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.

Please Pray...

Please join our parish in praying daily for our confirmation students who will be attending their Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, March 6th. Please ask the Holy Spirit to continue to open their hearts to the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation which they will receive on May 7th.

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration

“if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville

**Confession, Mass, Adoration, Stations,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction**

Please join us for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. If you have special dietary needs please feel free to bring what is necessary. Families are encouraged to attend. Let's make time for our Lord!

For more information contact Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.

Principal Position

St. Joseph Elementary Catholic School, an elementary parish school founded in 1891, with 130 students in the Diocese of Victoria, seeks an exceptional academic, spiritual and visionary principal who will advance the mission and goals of a parochial school with a history in the heart of Yoakum, Texas. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Other *qualities desired*: must possess well-developed and refined interpersonal skills, a collaborative leadership style, competency in professional staff development, and an eagerness to engage a committed faculty with a diverse student body. *Have a minimum of 3 years teaching and/or administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school.* To learn more about St. Joseph Catholic School, see our website at <http://www.stj Catholicschool.com>.

Contact John E. Quarry, Superintendent of Schools, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, Texas 77901 (361) 573-0828 and/or download an application on the diocesan website at www.victoriadiocese.org/employment-opportunities.

Applications must be completed by March 1, 2016, or until the position is filled with the appropriate candidate.

Prayer Before Confession

Lord our God, you are patient with sinners and accept our desire to make amends. I acknowledge my sins and I am resolved to change my life. Help me to celebrate this sacrament of your mercy so that I may reform my life and

receive from you the gift of everlasting joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

"Now is the acceptable time."

Diocesan Services Appeal

Each year the Bishop asks the faithful of the Diocese to assist with the ministry of the Church in our area through donations/gifts/pledges to the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). The information will be arriving in the coming days to explain how these much needed funds are allocated. Each Catholic is encouraged to seriously reflect on how they can assist the Bishop with the ministry he shares with us through the Diocese. The goals for 2016 have been sent out. St. Joseph is assessed for \$27,834 and St. Ann is assessed for \$5,401. Again, please consider helping with this valued work--what is not paid in through donations/pledges must be made up by the parishes themselves. Give it some thought!

Year of Mercy Prayer

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from
being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only
in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to
the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words
that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the
gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God
who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and
mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord
risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in
weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those
in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved,
and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its
anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of
grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed
enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim
liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to
the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Oración Para el Jubileo de la Misericordia

Señor Jesucristo,
tú nos has enseñado a ser misericordiosos como el Padre
del cielo, y nos has dicho que quien te ve, lo ve también a
Él.

Muéstranos tu rostro y obtendremos la salvación.
Tu mirada llena de amor liberó a Zaqueo y a Mateo de la
esclavitud del dinero;
a la adúltera y a la Magdalena del buscar la felicidad
solamente en una creatura;
hizo llorar a Pedro luego de la traición, y aseguró el Paraíso
al ladrón arrepentido.

Haz que cada uno de nosotros escuche como propia la
palabra que dijiste a la samaritana:
¡Si conocieras el don de Dios!

Tú eres el rostro visible del Padre invisible, del Dios que
manifiesta su omnipotencia sobre todo con el perdón y la
misericordia:

haz que, en el mundo, la Iglesia sea el rostro visible de Tí,
su Señor, resucitado y glorioso.

Tú has querido que también tus ministros fueran
revestidos de debilidad para que sientan sincera compasión
por los que se encuentran en la ignorancia o en el error:

haz que quien se acerque a uno de ellos se sienta esperado,
amado y perdonado por Dios.

Manda tu Espíritu y conságranos a todos con su unción
para que el Jubileo de la Misericordia sea un año de gracia
del Señor y tu Iglesia pueda, con renovado entusiasmo,
llevar la Buena Nueva a los pobres proclamar la libertad a
los prisioneros y oprimidos y restituir la vista a los ciegos.

Te lo pedimos por intercesión de María, Madre de la Misericordia, a ti que vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

“Now is the day of salvation.”

