

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2016

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Kathy Fluitt
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Jesse Salinas
	10 A.M.	Eugene & Kenneth Beyer
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Milburn Frerich
	8:05 A.M.	Claire Hermann Garner
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	For Our Congressmen & Country
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Frankie Raska
	10 A.M.	Lois Jirkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Grubert & Olsovsky Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dorothy Janca
	9 A.M.	Barbara Renken
	11 A.M.	Concepcion Garza

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Charles.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Your Gift to God: February 28th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5,031.25
Online Giving	\$910
Building Fund	\$190
Rice Bowl	\$457.13
Helping Hands	\$1,283.75
St. Ann Parish Support	\$485.80
Rice Bowl	\$85

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 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.	Billy Natho
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Grubert Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Barbara Renken Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gary & Lorie Lacina, Gloria Lerma
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Carolyn Janak, Debra Villa, Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Vicky Vasquez

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Bobby Fikac, Charlie Proschko
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Henry Janak, Elorine Sitka, Dennis & Dolores Sestak
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Alice Nunez, Ernest Gomez, Raquel Gomez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alex Hull, Abigail Long, Konner Dismuke
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Clayton Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Reed & Ryan Gearson, Ben Schultz
	11 A.M.	Luis Avalos, Samantha Arredondo, Adriana Moreno

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.

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, March 23rd and reopen on Tuesday, March 29th.
Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 22nd.

"Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Please Pray...

Please remember the confirmation students in your prayers as they attend their Confirmation Retreat today, 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.

Catholic Daughter Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Court 206, will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 7th at 6:00 P.M. in the Family Center. Local winners advancing to the 2016 National Education Contest will be acknowledged and plans for the Spring Outing will be finalized. Refreshments will be served.

KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, March 9th at the K.C. Building. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

The Annulment Process

An Information Session will be held in the **Pastoral Center** on **Wednesday, March 9th from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** concerning the Annulment process. This is open to parishioners who are considering the process and have questions or would like to see the forms and requirements. This is not meant to be a "class," but rather a brief overview of what is involved and making the necessary paperwork available--as well as a time to answer questions.

K.J.T. #13 Meeting

K.J.T. Society #13 will meet next Sunday, March 13th, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center. Members are encouraged to attend.

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.

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. **Deadline is Tuesday, March 15th.**

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

K.J.Z.T. #37, St. Ann's will sponsor a Country Bake Sale before and after all Masses at St. Joseph's on March 19th & 20th. Donations of bake goods, homemade noodles, country eggs, plants, pecans and canned goods, etc. are needed. Proceeds from the bake sale go towards maintenance of St. Ann Parish. Your support will

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 293-4000

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a few weeks away and it's time to remove those Christmas poinsettias and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

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.

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.

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.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church

Sacramental [Gift] Season Approaches

With Easter within our sights, it is also the time that we begin to plan ahead for the special "holy" moments for many of our parish family who will be baptized, receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, as well as receive the gift of the Holy Spirit with Confirmation. Be sure to check out the gift selection and remembrances we have available in the Pastoral Center to help find the "special" gift for the "special" people in your lives.

La Temporada de Regalos

Sacramentales se Acerca

Con la pascua ya muy cercana es también tiempo de pensar con tiempo en aquellos momentos "sagrados" para muchos en nuestra familia parroquial que serán bautizados, recibirán a Jesús en la Santa Comunión por primera vez, así como aquellos que recibirán al Espíritu Santo en la Confirmación. Venga y asegúrese de ver

nuestra selección de regalos y recuerdos que tenemos disponibles en el Centro Pastoral para que pueda encontrar ese regalo "especial" para aquella persona "especial".

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
and the Priesthood
Mass – 7:00 P.M.

Nightwatch in the Church until Midnight

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
12:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – St. Ann's

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. (Bilingual)

A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism - become an optimist.

Give up harsh judgments - think kindly thoughts.

Give up worry - trust Divine Providence.

Give up discouragement - be full of hope.

Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred - return good for evil.

Give up negativism - be positive.

Give up anger - be more patient.

Give up pettiness - become mature.

Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all
around you.

Give up jealousy - pray for trust.

Give up gossiping - control your tongue.

Give up sin - turn to virtue.

Give up giving up - hang in there!



Lenten Practices

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

SJS Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M. – Every Friday except March 18th.

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.



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

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!

*“I will get up and go to my Father
and shall say to him:
Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you.”*

The Gift of Time...

The Last Wishes of Alexander the Great...

On his death bed, Alexander summoned his army generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin...
2. The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery....
3. His hands should be let loose, so they hang outside the coffin for all to see!!

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain.

Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. "I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal.."
2. "I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, will stay on earth.."
3. I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is...TIME.

We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more time.

When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back. Our time is our life!

The best present that you can give to your family and friends is your TIME.

May you be granted plenty of TIME to share with all.

