

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 8, 2016

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alexia Laqua
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Selma Janak
	10 A.M.	Charlie Honc & Margaret Novasad
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Chaney Eggemeyer
	8:05 A.M.	Claire Bennet Hermann
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Annie Bolech
	10 A.M.	Ronda Huehlefeld, Fred & Emma Baros
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Antonia Cretors
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Richard Moreno
	9 A.M.	Harry Staha
	11 A.M.	Belen Garcia & Brianna Satberry

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Roman, Sr. & Mary Wenske.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11; Ep 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Your Gift to God: May 1st

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,470.75
Online Giving	\$660
Building Fund	\$520
Special Collection (<i>Retired & Needy Priests</i>)	\$376.50
St. Ann Parish Support	\$546
Building Fund	\$65
Special Collection (<i>Retired & Needy Priests</i>)	\$56

May God reward your generosity!



Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	First Communicants
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	11 A.M.	Pam Garza

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	First Communicants
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Aileen Hybner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Susan Kelley, Bob Arlitt
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Anita Schulte
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Virginia Amaro, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Rhonda Hansel, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Paul Ebner, Tom Chilek
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Emil Blaschke, Lance Muenich
	11 A.M.	Robert Barrera, Gabriel Espinosa, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Chase Heller, Cameron Villa, Brittany Moreno
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Ryan Brewer, Ava Muenich, Carly Hull
	11 A.M.	Gabriel & Jorge Chavez, Isaiah Diebel

Picnic Raffle Donations

Anyone interested in donating toward the 2016



KC Mother's Day BBQ

The Yoakum KC's are sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ dinner next Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Yoakum Community Center. Tickets are \$9.00.

Meet Mr. Mooney

This Wednesday the Principal for 2016-2017 will be joining us for our School Mass and afterwards so as to introduce him to our School Family. There will be a "Meet and Greet" in the School library after Mass. Come and make him feel welcomed!



Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

Thanks for Your Support

Thank You to everyone who took the time last weekend to contribute to our bake sale and car wash and help us get closer to our goal. Please keep us in your prayers while we continue to raise funds and prepare to go on our trip to Rocky Mountain High in July!

Amber Bennetsen & Elena Hernandez

Calling All Cooks!

Welcome, Bishop Cahill

The parish family welcomes our shepherd, Bishop Cahill as he joins us for the Saturday evening vigil Mass for the celebration and conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Well Done!

We closed another Faith Formation calendar year again this past Wednesday honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen. Enjoy your summer break and see you in the Fall.

Faith Formation 2016-2017

For those who like to get way ahead of things to do...the new Faith Formation calendar is listen on the parish website. Anyone wanting to get registration for next year "done with" can download the forms and drop them at the Pastoral Center during the Summer break.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to those receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion this weekend. May the graces and gifts shared fill each of you with a deeper live if the Lord and His Church.

Confirmation Class: Guadalupe Arzate, Amber Bennetsen, Jesse Berger, Eduardo Calderon, Emmanuel Castro, Everlyn Ceja, Josefina Ceja, Julio Carmona, Madison DeBord, Cody Faust, Mason Galvan, Lucelida Garcia, Daisy Gutierrez, Bryson Hagan, Elena Hernandez, Adrian Herrera, Noemy Herrera, Dean Klesel, Jazmin Maturino, Edwin Oliva, William Petrosky, Miguel Rivas, Christopher Sabino, Eduardo Sanchez, Hugo Torres, Bryan Trojcek, Robert Arlitt, Philip Rosales, Gavina Jimenez.

First Communion Class: Alexander Arnaud, Seth Arriaga, Elvia Arzate, Felipe Avalos, Jr., Valery Bordovsky, Allison Cardona, Janet Cardona, Adilene del Castillo, Naomi Cornejo, Alondra De Los Santos, Colbie Falcon, Antony Garcia, Cheyenne Hagan, Cristian Herrera, Gael Lopez, Jared Lopez, Kanin Jacobs, Jazmyn Macias, Bryan Martinez, Briana Maturino, Edwin Maturino, Jacqueline Melendez



*“Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.”*

Appreciation and Gratitude

The entire parish family owes a deep debt of gratitude to those who face of their time and talent in sharing the treasure of our Catholic faith in our Faith Formation program this past year: Benita Maturino - Kindergarten Aide, Maria Quilpas - Kindergarten Teacher, Tina Bordovsky - First Grade Teacher, Jessica Williams - First Grade Teacher, Leslie Tolentino - First Grade Aide, Tomas Rojas - First Grade Aide, Manuella Rojas - Second Grade Aide, Susie Barrera - Second Grade Teacher, Rachel Gomez - Second Grade Aide, Sheila Harrison - Second Grade Aide, Hannah Smith - Second Grade Aide, Linda Hagan - Second Grade Aide, Vanessa Falcon - Third Grade Teacher, Denise Migl - Third Grade Aide, Diana Darilek - Fourth Grade Teacher, Marie Terreo - Fourth Grader Aide & Playground Monitor, Paul Frerich - Fifth Grade Teacher, Kayla DeBord - Fifth Grade Aide, Suzanne Martinez - Fifth Grade Helper, Jimmy and Mary Alice Wagner - Sixth Grade Teachers, Anita Pesek - 7th Grade Teacher, Amanda Jahn - 7th Grade Teacher, Robert and Jerrie Kacir - Eighth Grade Teachers, Sharon Janca - Ninth Grade Teacher, Susana Trujillo - Ninth Grade Aide, Jenna Macha - Tenth Grade Teacher, Anthony and Joyce Harper - Tenth Grade Teachers, Ashley Hermes - Confirmation Class Teacher, Morgan Hull - Confirmation Class Aide, Donna Tolbert - Confirmation Class Aide, Nora Cervantes - Seventh Grade Aide, Bill & Joyce Klesel - Playground Monitors & Office Aides, Vicki Vasquez - Playground Monitor & Office Aide, Jackie Boswell - Substitute, Gavina Jimenez - Hall Monitor, Mike Guajardo - Office Aide & Substitute, Jana Guajardo - CCD Coordinator.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 11 – Meet Mr. Sean Mooney (New SJS Principal) – after 8:05 A.M. Mass

May 14 – Baptism Class – 9 A.M.
First Communion – St. Joseph School – 5 P.M.

May 21 – St. Joseph School Graduation – 5 P.M.

May 22 – Mass for Graduating Seniors – 9 A.M.

Camp David Elementary Camp June 15th

The Camp David Elementary Camp is a fun-filled retreat for third (students entering third) through fifth graders (students exiting fifth grade) and will be held Wednesday, June 15th at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Deadline for registration in May 27th.

Camp David Junior High Camp June 12-14 and June 15-17

The Camp David Junior High Camp is a fun-filled retreat for junior high age youth (students entering 6th or finishing 8th grade) and will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The first session will be held from 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 12th and end at noon on Tuesday, June 14th. The second session will begin at 5:30 P.M. on June 15th at end at noon on Friday, June 17th. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Deadline for registration is May 27th.

Sacred Heart Young Adult Retreat

The Sacred Heart Young Adult Retreat will be held June 2-5 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Oakland. The retreat is open to all single adults between the ages of 20-30. The retreat will enable you to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually, give new meaning to your prayer life and Sunday liturgy, and build lasting friendships. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

Couples Retreat – August 12-14



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Prayer for First Communion

*Lord Jesus,
As I receive my First Communion
It is the start of a lifetime
Commitment to you.
Please always walk beside me
And be my comfort and guide.
May my faith and trust in You
Grow each time I receive Communion.
Jesus, I love You. Amen.*

Family Center

As has been mentioned previously, the Family Center is in need of some "TLC" with cracks in the Sheetrock, ceiling problems of discolored tiles and grid work shifting that holds it in place. Finding a period of time where it is unoccupied is a challenge--but at present it appears that the three week timeframe needed may be open at the end of May through part of June. Once things are set, the exact dates will be made known--it does mean that during that time period it would be unavailable for the most part. Just a "heads up."

Registration

Registration for St. Joseph School Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 programs and new students K-8 for the 2016-2017 school year is currently underway. Parents may register in the school office from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 1:00-3:00 P.M. Parents are required at the time of registration to present the students baptismal and/or official birth certificates and a complete immunization record. No child will be completely registered unless all of these documents are provided. A registration fee of \$200 per student is required. St. Joseph School admits students of any religion, race, color, or national or ethnic origin. **Registration forms are available at the back of the church.**

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

*This day you have received the
Sacrament of Confirmation.
You have been fully initiated into
The Roman Catholic Church.
A seal has been placed on your
soul that can never be removed.
You are forever marked as a
follower of Christ.
You must now make a choice.
When it becomes hard to practice the faith,
when you feel too busy to go to Mass,
when someone asks you to
do something wrong,
when you do not want to follow
the ways of the Church,
when you are worried what people think,
when you doubt that God is there,
what will you do?
May you choose Christ in these moments,
as you did today at your Confirmation.
May you call upon the gifts
of the Holy Spirit that were
poured out on you today, throughout
your journey of faith.
Be bold, be faithful, be Catholic.
--Coreen Wagenbach*

Retrouvaille

...a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

August 12-14, 2016

Diocese of Victoria Spiritual Renewal Center

The Liberating Power of the St. Benedict Medal

A sacramental of exorcism and of healing, it is used to call down God's blessing and protection through the intercession of the great saint.

The Jubilee Medal of St. Benedict is recognized by the Catholic Church as a sacramental of great power, particularly for those seeking healing from illnesses and deliverance from demonic influences.

Like every sacramental, its power does not lie in its beauty, or even in the prayer engraved on it, but can only be ascribed to the merits of Christ Jesus, to the efficacious prayers of St. Benedict, to the blessing of the Church and to the faith and disposition of the person using the medal. They walk not in superstition but in faith, like the hemorrhagic woman who believed her healing could come from the mere touch of the tassel of Christ's cloak, or like those who had been healed and exorcised through a cloth that had been in contact with St. Paul.

“When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled” (Acts 19:12).

The medal of St. Benedict is covered back and front with images, and also with a curious series of letters. On the front, the great Abbot and founder of Western Monasticism is depicted at the center. In his right hand he holds a cross, representing the saving power of Christ. In his left hand he shows the book of the Holy Rule, followed by his spiritual descendants even to modern times, and symbolizing here the Benedictine work of prayer and evangelization over the centuries.

The meaning of the series of letters displayed on both sides of the medal went unknown until, in 1647, a manuscript dating to 1415 was discovered in the Abbey of Metten in Bavaria. It explained that each letter represents one word of a Latin prayer of exorcism.

So, let us look at the medal:

At the center of the front of the medal is, of course, Benedict, in the robes of a monk. To his right is a broken cup, which recalls an incident in Benedict's life: rebellious monks, angry with Benedict, had poisoned his wine. When, at the start of his meal, he made the sign of the cross the cup shattered, and the conspirators fled.

To Benedict's left is a raven, which removed bread that had also been poisoned.

Above the cup and the raven are the words *Crux Sancti Patris, Benedicti* (The Cross of our Holy Father, Benedict). Around the edge, enclosing the image of Benedict are the words *Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!* (“May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death!”)

St. Benedict is — like St. Joseph — a patron of a “happy death.”

Under his feet there are the letters *ex SM Casino MDCCCLXX* (From holy Mounte Cassino, 1880). This commemorates the striking of this medal on the 1400th anniversary of Benedict's birth. St. Scholastica was his twin.

The back of the medal is dominated by central cross. At the top of the cross is the word “*pax*,” Latin for “peace.” This is the greeting and motto of the Benedictine Order.

All around the cross, from each side, are four large letters: *C. S. P. B.* (*Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti*, or “Cross of the Holy Father Benedict”).

In the vertical line of the cross are again initial letters of a Latin prayer, “*Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!*” As follows:

1. *C. S. S. M. L.* (*Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux*): “The Holy Cross be my light”

In the horizontal line of the cross:

1. *N. D. S. M. D.* (*Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux*) “May the dragon never be my guide!”

Starting from the top, in a clockwise direction, and around the edge appear the initials of the prayer of exorcism:

1. *V. R. S.* (*Vade Retro Satan*): “Get away, Satan”

2. *N. S. M. V.* (*Not Suade Mihi Vana*): “Never tempt me with your vanities!”

3. *S. M. Q. L.* (*Sunt Mala Quae Libas*): “What you offer me is evil.”

4. *I. V. B.* (*Ipse Venena Bibas*): “Drink the poison yourself!”

The medal itself does not have power, and to believe so would be an un-Christian act of superstition. Rather, the medal is a visible sign of the inner devotion and faith of the believer in Jesus Christ and in his servant, St. Benedict, who acts by faith.

As the medal is a prayer of exorcism against Satan, it is used to call down God's blessing and protection upon us,

through the intercession of the great saint. It is also a reminder of our baptismal rejection of all that is evil.

There is a plenary indulgence granted to anyone who, at the hour of death, “uses, kisses or hold the blessed medal between the hands with veneration.” The indulgence is also granted if the person entrusts his soul to God, makes a good confession and receive Holy Communion.

Through an order of the Sacred Congregation of Religious in 1965, Benedictine Oblates (lay Benedictines) are permitted to wear the medal of St. Benedict in place of the small black cloth scapular that had formerly been worn.

- See more at: <http://aleteia.org/2016/04/26/the-great-liberating-power-of-st-benedict-medal/#sthash.RIt0TMyw.dpuf>