

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 26, 2017

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Bill Culak
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	M/M Leland Tucker
	10 A.M.	M/M Oscar Ward
		Jimmie, Lorene & Chuck Roznovsky
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Harry Staha
	8:05 A.M.	Edward & Willie Mae Brzozowski
	6:30 P.M.	Guadalupe, Elvira & David Vera
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charles & Josephine Messina
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Katrino & Eloisa Gomez
	10 A.M.	Agnes & Gussie Honc & Sr. Euphrosine Honc
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Janak, Laqua & Ross Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Pesek
	9 A.M.	Joe Lopez & Erica Bridges
	11 A.M.	Manuel Martinez

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for Lori and David Filip.

## Prayer List

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

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

## Your Gift to God: February 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,416
Online Giving	\$1,220
Building Fund	\$200
St. Ann Parish Support	\$1,050
Building Fund	\$40

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

## Ash Wednesday Collection

The collection at the Ash Wednesday Masses is for the Church in Eastern Europe.

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Carol Love
	6:30 P.M.	Susana Trujillo
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Billy Natho
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Rocki Grubert
	11 A.M.	Jorge Resendiz

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gene & Mag Laqua
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Dorothy Lopez Family

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Cindy Jemelka, Georgia Kutach
	6:30 P.M.	Raquel Gomez
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sammy & Susan Elizondo, Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Anthony & Joyce Harper, Blaise Dreitner
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Virginia Amaro, Nina Arriaga

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tom Chilek, Charlie Migl
	8:05 A.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral
	6:30 P.M.	Robert Barrera, Gabriel Espinosa, Guillermo & Maria Vigna
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ronnie Koenning, John P. Barrera, Charlie Proschko, Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Sherri Spaeth, Robbie Hagan
	11 A.M.	Guillermo & Maria Vigna, Robert Barrera, Robert Schneider

### Altar Servers

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Brittany Moreno, Ryan Gearson, Shelby Stary
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ella & Hannah Boswell, Jesse Berger
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Grace Migl, Sierra Johnson, Ryan Brewer
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Samantha Arredondo

*“Seek first the kingdom of God.”*

### **Ash Wednesday: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
6:30 A.M.; 8:05 A.M.; 6:30 P.M.

### **Miercoles de Ceniza**

Misa y Distribucion de Ceniza  
6:30 A.M.; 8:05 A.M.; 6:30 P.M.

### **For Your Information**

Due to the Mass for Ash Wednesday, the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Confessions **will not be heard this week.**

### **CCD/Faith Formation**

There will be **NO CCD** classes held on Ash Wednesday (March 1st) so that families can attend Mass.

### **Atencion: Calendario de Doctrina**

No vamos a tener clases de Doctrina el miércoles 1 de marzo (miércoles de ceniza). Estudiantes y sus familias deben venir juntos a la Misa a las 6:30 P.M.

### **Prayer: Little Black Book**

The Lenten Devotional, Little Black Books, can be found in the baskets at the Church's entrance. This simple and easy devotional keeps one focused on the journey that Lent invites us to experience. Take advantage of this easy and concise booklet--pack it with your lunch, keep it in your purse, in your car to use before starting up the engine--it's brief and a great way to set aside a few moments and engage your faith a little extra--the very heart of our annual Lenten season!

### **El Librito Negro**

El devocional cuaresmal--El Librito Negro--puede estar encontrado en las entradas de la Iglesia.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup>). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **Welcome, Bishop Cahill**

We will have the privilege of Bishop Brendan Cahill joining us at the celebration of our 6:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Mass. As a reminder, the 6:30 P.M. Mass is bilingual.

### **Un Honor y Privilegio**

Este Miércoles de Ceniza tenemos el honor y privilegio de la presencia de nuestro pastor y obispo, el Monseñor Brendan Cahill, como el celebrante de la Misa de las 6:30pm. Es la primera vez en la historia de nuestra parroquia que tendremos este honor para una Misa bilingüe para el comienzo de Cuaresma. También, es un símbolo de la importancia del población Hispano que es integral a la vida Católica en nuestra comunidad. Comenzaremos juntos--con nuestro pastor--la jornada de penitencia y oración como preparación para el triunfo pascual.

### **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.

### **Almsgiving: Operation Rice Bowl**

Each Sunday of Lent the parish will take up a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl. This is a way where we give to the needy from what we sacrifice ourselves. The offerings are divided between national charitable organizations that serve the less fortunate and a percentage is returned to our region for local charitable help.

### **Experience God's Mercy**

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday, except Ash 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.

### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

### **FAST & ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

### **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 from March 2<sup>nd</sup> thru March 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms may be picked up at the St Joseph Pastoral Center. For more information please contact Kenneth Adamek at 293-1318 or 293-6190.

### **Yoakum Boy Scout BBQ March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Yoakum Boy Scout Troop 228 will have their annual barbeque chicken benefit on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. 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 and receive a **FREE** piece of cake.

*discerning reflections and thoughts  
of the heart."*

### **Altar Society Meeting**

The Altar Society will meet Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. Program will be "The Restoration of the Grand Theater" presented by Tammy Steinmann. The agenda will include a report from the nominating committee followed by election of officers, donation of excess funds to the parish and discussion of the spring trip in May. Refreshments to be arranged by Jenny Heller, Shirley Hanzelka, Agnes Kuenstler, J'Net Brewer, Mela Walker and Mag Laqua.

### **St. Ann Fundraiser Kettle Fried Steak Dinner**

St. Ann Church will host a Kettle-Fried Steak dinner on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Family Center, co-sponsored by K.J.Z.T. #37. The meal will consist of an 8oz. kettle-fried steak with trimmings. Plates-to-go only. Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Guys & Gals or the Pastoral Center. In addition, a Country Store featuring a variety homemade goods will be held in front of the church before and after Mass on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase freestanding heaters for the Pavilion and an automated timer with ringer for the church bell.

### **St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration**

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list. **Deadline is Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

*"The word of God is living and effective;*



*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

**DSA:**

**Diocesan Services Appeal**

Each year the Diocesan Services Appeal is done so as to assist with the work and buildup of the Catholic Church in our diocese. It assists the Bishop with his pastoral role as our teacher and guide, and assists in providing many of the services necessary for the Church's enduring presence. Please consider pledging/giving to this real need. For 2017, St. Joseph Parish is assessed a total of \$29,024. St. Ann Parish is assessed \$5,773. Soon the annual "mailing" from the diocese will be sent for families and individuals to consider this important need.

**Catholic Faith Advocacy Day**

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, on April 4, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. If you are interested in participating, call Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at [\(361\) 573-0828](tel:3615730828), email: [chancellor@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:chancellor@victoriadiocese.org) or visit <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

**TMIY**

That Man Is You continues to enrich the lives of the men who risk a bit more involvement and challenge in their journey of faith. You don't have to start from the beginning--if thinking about it considering a way to more actively engage your faith and strengthen your roots--don't procrastinate! **Come and join us this Wednesday at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center!**

*“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”*

**A Note from  
Principal Mooney**

St. Joseph School activities for this week:

**Tuesday**

Distinguished Alumni Dinner – Victoria

**Friday**

Early Dismissal – 1:00 P.M.

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. It is not too soon to be thinking about the 2017-2018 school year.

**Congratulations, Dr. Brooke Jemelka!**

St. Joseph School is proud to announce Dr. Brooke Jemelka as the Diocese of Victoria 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award winner for SJS. Brooke graduated from St. Joseph's in 1995 and continued her high school education at Yoakum High. After graduation, Brooke attended college and earned a medical degree from Texas A&M Health Science Center. She completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and is one of only a handful of fellowship-trained NaPro Technology surgeons in the United States. Dr. Jemelka is a member of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals, American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine, American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Catholic Medical Association. Dr. Jemelka is currently a member of the medical staff of St. Luke's Medical Group Caritas Women's Care in Sugar Land, Texas. Dr. Jemelka has taken her Catholic foundation and teaching and has carried it with her in her profession. She is an example of doing the right thing when it may not be the easy thing. She is an example of what it means to walk in the footsteps of Christ by living her faith through her medical career. She is an advocate for Natural Family Planning and for all Catholic teachings in dealings with women's reproductive systems and rights. When not busy delivering babies and attending to the health and well-being of mothers-to-be, Dr. Jemelka remains active in the St. Joseph Parish and participates in as many

## Enrich Your Spiritual Life During Lent...ALPHA

Lent is that time of year when we, for 40 days, abstain from meat on Friday, or abstain from eating and drinking our favorite foods and beverages, or attend daily Mass, or observe the Stations of the Cross, etc. But at Easter it all comes to an end and we revert back to eating and drinking those things we love and attending Mass only on Sunday...if then. What if God set aside only 40 days to pay attention to our needs?

Our spiritual life is never fully developed. No matter what our age or our religious education, we can never learn enough about our faith or experiencing God in new ways.

**ALPHA** is an opportunity for us to grow closer to God and to more fully understand our Christian faith. So if you are looking for something "to do" aka "sacrifice" during Lent...check out **ALPHA**.

**ALPHA** is a ten week program and meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph Family Center. There is no commitment...just check it out and see what it is about...you having nothing to lose except 90 minutes each Monday evening.

*Hope to see you Monday evening!*

## St. Joseph School Endowment Fund

The School Endowment Fund has setup a post office box so that correspondence, memorials, donations can be sent to a central location and not be mixed in with parish or school mail. The address is:

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund  
P. O. Box 805  
Yoakum, Texas 77995

**Repentance**  
is a change of direction  
in thought and behavior

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Every Monday  
**ALPHA** – 6:30 – 8 P.M.

**March 1 – Ash Wednesday**  
Mass Schedule: 6:30 A.M., 8:05 A.M., 6:30 P.M.

**Every Wednesday**  
**TMIY** – 6 A.M.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.


**Every Friday in Lent**  
St. Joseph School - Stations of the Cross – 3 P.M.  
The Way of the Cross – 6 P.M. - Followed by  
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**March 4**  
Clase de Preparacion Bautismal (Spanish) – 9 A.M.

**March 11**  
Baptismal Preparation Class (English) – 9 A.M.

**March 17**  
Feast of St. Joseph Celebration – 6:30 P.M.  
Fish Fry to follow at the Family Center

**March 26**  
St. Ann Chicken Fried Steak Fundraiser

 **LENT**  
WE CAN THINK OF **LENT**  
..... as a time to .....  
ERADICATE EVIL OR CULTIVATE VIRTUE  
a time to  
pull up weeds or  
plant good seeds  
WHICH IS BETTER IS CLEAR,  
for the **Christian ideal**  
IS ALWAYS  
**POSITIVE** RATHER THAN **NEGATIVE.**

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