

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2017

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Eugene & Mary Taormina
	10 A.M.	Leopold & Jahn Families
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Cooper Peagler
	8:05 A.M.	Claire Garner
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mary Lauer
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
	10 A.M.	Georgie Velek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Hybner, Matula & Bordovsky Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Patsy Kremling & Deceased Members of Charlie & Pauline Kurtz Family
	9 A.M.	David Spaeth
	11 A.M.	Noe Barrera

## 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 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

## Your Gift to God: February 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,559.66
Online Giving	\$1,130
Building Fund	\$205
St. Ann Parish Support	\$408
Building Fund	\$145

*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.	Alicia Lanik
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNeese
	9 A.M.	Allen Migl
	11 A.M.	Josefina Ceja

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rudy Bordovsky Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David Spaeth Family

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Amy Hull, Gloria Lerma, Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mike & Jana Guajardo, Carolyn Janak
	11 A.M.	Vicky Vasquez, Nina Arriaga, Heriberto Castillo

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim & Trevor Fikac, Bobby Fikac, Bill Lopez
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	E. J. Blaschke, Lance Muenich, Henry Janak, Elorine Sitka
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Ernest Gomez, Alice Nunez, Raquel Gomez

### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Konner Dismuke, Alex Hull, Ryan Gearson
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Madison DeBord, Hunster Mischer
	9 A.M.	Lean & Ava Muenich, Benjamin Schultz
	11 A.M.	Angelica, Esmeralda & Tadeo Rojas

## 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>.**

*“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”*

### **CDA Meeting – 5:30 P.M.**

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at **5:30 P.M.** in the Family Center. The meeting will end in time for members to attend ALPHA.

### **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.

### **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 entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

### **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.

### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

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

### **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.

### **Please Pray...**

Please join our parish in praying for our confirmation students who will be attending their confirmation retreat on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please ask the Holy Spirit to continue to open their hearts to the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation which they will receive on April 29, 2017.

### **Rite of Election**

This Sunday at our 9:00 A.M. Mass the RCIA group will be “sent” to the Rite of Election and call to ongoing conversion at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral with Bishop Cahill. Keep them in your prayers – as this Lent marks a unique, spiritual and faith developing period in their lives.

**Catechumen:** Benicio Lopez

**Candidates seeking Full Communion with Catholic Church:** Janice Chumchal, Rebecca Herrera, Sheila Jacob, Dara Loudon and Carroll Sharp.

### **Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration**

“My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, they shall be my people.” Ezekiel 37:27

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

**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. Families are encouraged to attend. Let’s make time for our Lord!

For more information call: Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.



*Fast*



*Give*

**LENT**  
*Prepare*



*Pray*

## Enrich Your Spiritual Life... ALPHA

Would you like to grow in your faith? Are you still looking for something to do during Lent? Try Alpha! This video series will give you the opportunity to reflect on the most important aspects of Christianity and to ask questions about life. Don't worry if you've missed any classes. You are still welcome to come. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Center.

*Hope to see you Monday evening!*

## ALPHA

¿Quiere crecer en su fe? ¿Todavía busca algo que hacer durante la Cuaresma? ¡Prueba Alpha! Esta serie de vídeos se le dará la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre los aspectos más importantes del Cristianismo y hacer preguntas acerca de la vida. No se preocupe si le ha perdido alguno de las clases. Todavía usted es bienvenido a venir. Acompáñenos las tardes del martes a las 6 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial.

## 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!**

## Lenten Practices

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

**SJS Stations of the Cross** – 3:00 P.M. – Every Friday except March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence

**On Friday, March 17, 2017**

**RESCRIPT FROM BISHOP BRENDAN  
CAHILL**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas*

In response to several requests, I hereby issue this rescript and I grant a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence **on Friday, March 17, 2017**, which is the commemoration of Saint Patrick, for all those so desiring it. I encourage the faithful to exercise due moderation and temperance in festivities and celebrations honoring this great saint, in keeping with the penitential nature of our Lenten observance, and to perform some other salutary work of penance or charity on that day or another chosen day. This dispensation is for all the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas and all present in this diocese on March 17, 2017.

*+Bishop Brendan J. Cahill*

## 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, email: [chancellor@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:chancellor@victoriadiocese.org) or visit <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

*“One does not live on bread alone,  
but from every word that  
comes from the mouth of God.”*

## A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week:

### **Tuesday:**

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Gonzales

### **Friday:**

Stations of the Cross – 3 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.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### **Every Monday**

ALPHA – 6:30 – 8 P.M.

### **Martes (Every Tuesday)**

Espanol ALPHA – 6 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 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

## 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**

## SJS & SJS PTC Most Appreciative

SJS and the SJS PTC thank all of those involved with the success of the 2017 Gala! Our Chairman, Carrie Renken, the decorating master-mind, Shawna Knocke, and all of the students, teachers, parents, sponsors, donors, attendees, and SJS friends who helped organize, decorate and execute the Gala fundraising efforts are all such a blessing to SJS.

*Please help us in recognizing and applauding  
the 2017 Gala Sponsors:*

### **Ring Master Double Platinum Sponsors:**

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- Tim Respondek - Henry Rifle (52 Card Draw)
- Nathan Koenig - Henry Rifle w/octagonal barrel (Silent Auction)
- John Renken - Glock 43 (52 Card Draw)
- Zimmerman Electric - Ruger 1022 (52 Card Draw)
- Rock Hard Materials - Taurus 357 Mag (52 Card Draw)
- Ranger Gates - Picnic Table (Live Auction)
- Yoakum General Store - Fire pit with grills (Silent Auction)

# **Ash Wednesday: Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride**

by Rev. Tucker Cordani



On February 25, 2004, I was teaching English at the University of Central Florida in the Diocese of Disney, lecturing on “Ash Wednesday,” T.S. Eliot’s famous poem. There before me in the lecture hall sat several students with ashes smudged across their foreheads in the shape of a cross.

Ash Wednesday. How apropos.

T.S. Eliot wrote “Ash Wednesday” after his 1927 conversion. Published in 1930, the work addresses the struggle that ensues when one who has lacked faith in the past strives to move closer to God. To a degree that sums up the meaning of Lent.

So it was with me. That night after my class ended I entered a Catholic church for the first time in twenty years. Thus began my spiritual journey through the desert of sin to the mountain of grace that is the miracle of the Resurrection. And it led to, in my case, ordination to the priesthood seven years later.

Buy the ticket. Take the ride.

The origins of Lent — forty days and forty nights — are so mysterious that the Church doesn’t even really know when it was established. The word “Lent” itself is an Anglo-Saxon word — the same ancient language from we derive the word “gospel — that means “spring.” Spring brings renewal. The outgrowth can be beautiful.

In the Bible good things happen in threes. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Faith, hope, and love. In the season of Lent it’s almsgiving, fasting, and prayer.

The prophet Joel admonishes all: “Rend your heart, not your garments.” Again, the Trinitarian solution to a fruitful and spiritual season of Lent: fasting, weeping, and mourning. “Why should nonbelievers jeer and say, ‘Where is your God?’ ”

Ashes are a clear sign of our faith, and show nonbelievers that we are Christians. They certainly worked for me. I knew what they were and what they meant and I wanted Christianity again, wanted the ride to take me as far as I could go.

‘Tis the season to stay hungry for God. Prayer, scripture, and sacraments ensure our spiritual needs are met even as we mortify the flesh through fasting, almsgiving, and a whole lotta penitential prayer. A time-honored tradition, Lent can be a spiritual training camp; how devoutly we participate in Lent, the stations of the Cross, the sacrifices, we make, the fish fries, can determine how spiritually we live throughout the entire Catholic calendar.

The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in ways various and sundry but the Church and her saints insist on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Peter Chrysologus was a fifth-century preacher who was known as “Golden-Worded,” which is what Chrysologus means in Ancient Greek. “Prayer knocks; fasting obtains; mercy receives. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated.”

Still another poet, Robert Herrick, a 17th-century cleric and priest, wrote of Lent quite concretely. “Is it to quit the dish of flesh yet pile high the platter of fish? Lent is a fast from strife, debate, and above all, hate. To pray from a heart rent with sorrow, to starve away the sin: that’s how we keep the faith in Lent.”

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, these three, let them be undertaken in the view of our Heavenly Father who sees and repays in secret but also the world will know that we are Christians.

Buy the ticket. Take the ride. Our Lenten journey has begun.

