

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thomas Kocian
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thomas & Maude Grubert
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Chaney Eggemeyer
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Theresa Staha
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tinsley Hall
	8:30 A.M.	Edward Filip & Lonnie Chumchal
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Fred, Alvina & Ronnie Lerma
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Richard, Angeline & Kermit Vinklerek
	9 A.M.	Leo Harabis
	11 A.M.	Selene Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Alton and Evelyn Sokol.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Your Gift to God: May 14th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,401
Online Giving	\$1,215
Building Fund	\$18
Special Collection (<i>Basilica Shrine</i>)	\$358
St. Ann Parish Support	\$743
Building Fund	\$85
Special Collection (<i>Basilica Shrine</i>)	\$27

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Special Collection

A special collection for the Retired and Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Susan Kelley
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Lerma Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Rick & Laurie Jahn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sammy & Susan Elizondo, Theresa Belicek
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Anita Schulte
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Vicky Vasquez, Pam Garza

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Ronnie Koenning, Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Blaise Dreitner, Robbie Hagan
	11 A.M.	Robert Schneider, Alice Nunez, Elsa Resendiz, Gabriel Espinosa

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Abigail Long, Arielle Bennetsen, Maeanon Eggemeyer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Madison DeBord, Clayton Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Jenna Berkovsky, Jacob Koenig, Ryan Gearson
	11 A.M.	Esmeralda, Angelica & Tadeo Rojas

As Summer Vacation Days Draw Near

With the school year coming to its close and summer vacation days draw near, just a reminder to all who are involved with assisting at our liturgies: please make use of the Ministry Scheduler Program (accessible at www.stjatholicchurch.com) so as to secure replacement substitutes when away from the parish family. If for some reason you are having difficulty with accessing the

program, call the parish office so that hopefully the problem can be addressed.

St. Joseph School "Last Day"

On Friday, May 26th we will observe our last day of the 2016-2017 School Year with our closing Mass and Kindergarten graduation. **Mass will begin at 8:30 A.M.**

Parish Blood Drive

Our parish is sponsoring a blood drive today, May 21st from 10:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center mobile unit will be located on the Family Center parking lot. With the Memorial Day holiday just around the corner and summer vacations rapidly approaching, the Blood and Tissue Center is in desperate need to stock-up on their supply of blood. Therefore, it is important for everyone who can donate to do so. You never know whose life you may save!!!

Feast of the Ascension

The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday, May 28th.

Holiday: Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Can you spare one hour of your time to help the parish? The Parish Picnic is need of volunteers in various areas and we are only asking for an hour of your time. The more volunteers the shorter the shift. Please contact the parish office if are willing to spare 60 minutes of your time on August 5th or 6th. Your contribution will make a difference towards the success of the picnic. Thank you!

Congratulations, Class of 2017!

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates in the parish family! As you commence on the next chapter of your lives, keep close to our Lord, frequently celebrate the Sacraments, and seek out the Lord's abundant grace as you discern his calling in your lives!

Pictorial Directory

As mentioned previously, the parish will be putting together a new pictorial directory of the Parish Family. Our coordinators are Georgia Kutach, Susana Trujillo, and Susan Kelley. The dates for the photography appointments are June 12th through June 24th. Please sign-up for your family's photo date. We want to get as many family members as possible to participate and make the directory a complete resource for knowing and celebrating who belongs to our parish community!



Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School!!! If you have a child going into grades K thru 6 in the upcoming school year, consider registering them for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held July 10-14 from 9:00 A.M. to 12-noon. There is no fee and your child(ren) will have a great time enriching their knowledge of Jesus! If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information, please contact Jana Guajardo at faithformation@stjatholicchurch.com. Registration forms may be picked up or dropped off at the parish office. Deadline for registration is Friday, June 30th.

Recordatorio

Nos estamos preparando para la Escuela Bíblica de St. Joseph. Si usted tiene un niño en la escuela entre los grados de Kínder al 6 en el entrante año escolar, considere inscribirlo en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. La Escuela Bíblica se llevara a cabo en Julio 10 al 14 a partir de las 9:00 AM hasta las 12:00 mediodía. Si quiere ser voluntario para ayudar a esta actividad o le gustaría tener mas in formación, por favor contacte a Jana Guajardo en faithformation@stjatholicchurch.com Las formas de

inscripción puede ser recogidas o dejadas en la oficina de la parroquia. La fecha límite para la inscripción es Viernes, de Junio 30.

Our Lady of Fatima Plenary Indulgence

The 100th Anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated in Fatima, Portugal on Friday, May 12 and 13. Pope Francis has offered the following opportunity for a special plenary indulgence that goes through October: "The faithful, with devotion, can visit a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory, or proper place of prayer during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. They must also offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives." **In the Diocese of Victoria, Bishop Cahill with the support of Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, has chosen St. Mary's Church in Victoria to have a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima available for veneration on the 13th of May, June, July, August, September, and October.**

Parish Financial Statement

Balance as of April 1, 2017	\$10,239.10
INCOME:	
Collection	\$17,259.58
Online Giving	6,150.00
Candles	555.00
Other	3,397.56
Total Income	\$27,362.14
	\$37,601.24
EXPENSES:	
Salaries/Benefits	\$12,376.46
Utilities	2,674.19
Maintenance	1,092.05
Church	5,754.88
Rectory	1,375.63
Office	1,360.61
Property Insurance	6,000.00
Auto	1,179.94
Other	1,347.70
Total Expense	\$33,161.46
Balance as of April 30, 2017	\$ 4,439.78

Emmaus Center Grief Group

Emmaus Center offers a grief group meeting on Mondays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. at the Emmaus Center. Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments

A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week:

Tuesday

Field Day – Pre-K 3 & 4
Field Day – Grades K-7

Wednesday

Field Day Awards
Early Dismissal – 12-Noon (Last day of school)

Thursday

No School (Teacher Workday)

Friday

8:30 A.M. Mass – Kindergarten Graduation
Final Report Cards

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney.

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

Retrouvaille - August 4-6

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the Victoria August 4-6, 2017 Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer

Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at HelpOurMarriage.com.

How long is Jesus present in the Eucharist after we've received Communion?

Philip Kosloski | May 17, 2017

"We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord"

The great treasure of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist — Jesus himself hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. We believe, as the *Catechism* states, that “In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*’” (CCC 1374).

Additionally, this Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not end immediately when we receive him at Communion time. The *Catechism* goes on to explain how, “The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist” (CCC 1377).

What does that mean when we receive him into our mouths? How long does Jesus' Real Presence remain in our bodies?

There is a famous story from the life of Saint Philip Neri that helps answer that question. One day while he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside of the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused, the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he sent the altar boys. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, “We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place.” The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God's presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the *Catechism's* statement that the presence of Christ “endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist.”

This is why many saints have recommended offering 15 minutes of prayer after receiving the Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. This allows the soul to savor the

presence of God and have a true “heart-to-heart” with Jesus.

In our face paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn't mean we can't at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus' presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel his love within us.

If one day you forget, don't be surprised if your parish priest sends altar servers to follow you to your car when you leave Mass early!

Register Now for Diocesan Summer Activities!

Registration information and more details are available at victoriadiocese.org under the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry tab.

Camp David

- ~ Camp David Jr. High Session I – June 11-13 ~
- ~ Camp David Jr. High Session II – June 14– 16 ~
- ~ Camp David Elementary Day Camp – June 14 ~

A fun-filled retreat offered for junior high age (student entering sixth or finishing eighth grade) will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Two different overnight sessions will be offered.

Rocky Mountain High Retreat June 24 - July 2

Registration deadline has been extended.
This retreat typically fills up so register NOW!

This unique, week long retreat, in the heart of the San Juan Mountains in Southern Colorado, is an opportunity for high school age young people to take time away from their daily routine.

St. Joseph the Worker Work Camp July 9 – 12

This 3 day retreat and work camp is an opportunity for high school age young people to enjoy the beauty of the Spiritual Renewal Center and participate in an event that gives back to the diocese.

*“Whoever loves me will keep my
word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him
and we will come to him.”*