

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 28, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Larry & Rose Bishop, Virginia Markert
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Martin JimKocian Diana Howell
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Annie Gerdes, Charlie Smirak & Frances Blanar
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	In Thanksgiving
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	J. T. DeBord Lois Jirkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Marvin & Genevieve Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M. 9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Vince, Frances & Rudy Honc Cassandra Braun Brianna Satberry, Blossom & Jett Lugo

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Rudy Jahn.

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; Mt 28:16-20

Your Gift to God: May 21st

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,856
Online Giving	\$1,145
Building Fund	\$41
Special Collection (<i>Retired & Needy Priests</i>)	\$543
St. Ann Parish Support	\$665
Building Fund	\$90
Special Collection (<i>Retired Priests Fund</i>)	\$68

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

*"This Jesus who has been taken up from
you into heaven will return*

in the same way."

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M. 9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Paula Adamek Billy Natho Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick Matussek Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Gloria Lerma
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Anthony & Joyce Harper, Debra Villa Raquel Gomez, Virginia Amaro, Nina Arriaga

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Debbie Caka, Charlie Proschko, Bill Lopez, Andy Bordovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M. 9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Tom Chilek, Al Janak Lance Muenich, Sherri Spaeth, Joe Machalec, E. J. Blaschke Miguel Trujillo, Alice Nunez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Emily Matussek, Konner Dismuke, Jesse Berger
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M. 9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Hunter Mischer Cameron Villa, Leah Muenich, Arielle Bennetsen Erick & Gael Castillo, Jorge Trujillo

Sanctuary Flowers

The floral arrangement in the sanctuary this weekend
was donated in memory of Joe and Birdie Rubac.

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

*I am with you always,
until the end of the world."*

Holiday: Parish Office

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

Parish Pictorial Directory

This weekend will be our **last sign-up weekend** after Masses for appointments for scheduling photography sessions for the Directory. Everyone is encouraged to participate and help make the Directory as complete as possible a representation as possible. Don't forget to book your date!



Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Necesitamos la participación de todos parroquianos en el proyecto de libro de fotos este Junio. Después de Misa este domingo es un oportunidad de escoger fecha y tiempo para su familia para tomar si foto y será parte del libro de todos los miembros de la parroquia.

Picnic Raffle

St. Joseph Annual Picnic Raffle is truly one of the most generous offerings of "chances" to win great prizes. This year in particular...our grand prize is a Kawasaki Mule4010 with trailer followed by 38 other prizes totaling a value of \$24,100.00!!! This year each ticket will be \$5 as in past years (due to the very attractive prizes and their high values the price will be \$5 a ticket--and NOT 6 tickets for \$25). Pitch in...sell your tickets...buy your tickets...the Raffle is the cost-free way that generates great financial success to our Picnic effort. Tickets should be available in the next week. Many thanks to our generous and dedicated donors!!!

Saintly Thoughts

*"Men are generally the carpenters
of their own crosses."*

--St. Philip Neri

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3).

Adoration...Devotional Hour

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Concert to Benefit Prison Chapel

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation (SUCDC) is hosting a concert on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. Produced by World Vision, the YOUR LOVE IS UNBREAKABLE TOUR will begin at 7:00 P.M. and features Gospel Music Association artists Jason Crabb and the group Selah. Money gained from ticket sales will be tagged by the group to acquire grant writing services and to employ an architect for drafting conceptual drawings for a chapel construction project. Ticket sales for the public will begin June 26, however, a weeklong presale event for the local community will begin June 18. Tickets are \$20, \$40, & \$60 and can be purchased online at www.itickets.com. To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.

Keep Up With Us

Don't forget to use the Ministry Scheduler program to update and receive liturgical assignments. There is an APP available on iPhone and Droid--just search for Ministry Scheduler Pro and download it.

Also, use the parish website, school website, Parish Facebook, School Facebook, and there are also available the APPs for both the parish and school for your smart phone as well! Easy, at your fingertips ways to read the bulletin, receive updates as to special

la parroquia. La fecha límite para la inscripción es Viernes, de Junio 30.

"Told You So"

We've all experienced those moments when we automatically think, "told you so," but in kindness/wisdom (hopefully) avoid actually saying it. This past week a visitor to the cemetery who has family buried in our cemetery from years ago, called to complain about the conditions of certain graves that have cement/gravel and that have caved in. Apart from the lecture at their astonishment, it serves as a good reminder of a couple of things: first, why it was necessary to cease allowing curbing and concrete/gravel additions to continue...as future generations (like those of today in some cases) do not visit or care for the graves of their loved ones due to changing times and in many cases, no family living here any longer; secondly, a reminder that grave decor is the family's responsibility (done according to our posted rules and regulations). The cemetery simply cannot "financially" fix leaning/falling gravestones or broken/crumbling grave coverage. When "settling" occurs we do add soil--but any sort of maintenance that goes beyond spraying and mowing is not part of the cemetery responsibility. This is not to be cold or cruel about sensitive concerns, but a statement of reality and responsibility.

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 are available at the Pastoral Center and at the entrances of the church. Forms should be 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 información, por favor contacte a Jana Guajardo en faithformation@stjatholicchurch.com Las formas de inscripción puede ser recogidas o dejadas en la oficina de

Teen ACTS Retreat July 6-9, 2017

Spend a weekend with friends growing in your faith, community and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Spots fill up quickly & you must **MAIL IN** the applications...so act fast! Applications can be found in the back of the church. Contact Ashley Hermes (361-293-0700) if you have any questions.

**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!

Retrovaille - August 4-6

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrovaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrovaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrovaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. **Retrovaille** provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises For more information about the Victoria August 4-6, 2017, Retrovaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week:

School is out for the summer!

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



Grief Group Summer Schedule

Grief Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at *The Emmaus Center* at 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140 on the following dates: June 12th and 26th; July 10th and 31st; August 14th and 28th. Group will not meet on Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830.

Not a Registered Parishioner?

If you have not taken the time to register as a parishioner, please take a moment and stop by the Pastoral Center to pick up a Census form or call and one will be mailed to you. Why is it important to register? As a registered parishioner you are afforded the opportunity to buy cemetery lots at the parishioner rate as opposed to a non-parishioner rate. Registered parishioners are also provided a funeral luncheon, provided by the parish, and the use of the Family Center. Registered parishioners also receive the Catholic Lighthouse at no cost. If sending a child/children to St. Joseph School the tuition rate is lower than the non-parishioner tuition rate. As a registered parishioner you become an official member of the parish family. There are no strings attached. Simply fill out the form and return to the parish office.

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Save  **Please!**

Every Clip Counts

- BUY** - Find Box Tops on hundreds of products
- CLIP** - Clip Box Tops from each package
- SEND** - Send the Box Tops to school in a baggie
- EARN** - Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your school.



Prayer to St. Rita, for an impossible cause

Elizabeth Scalia | Mar 29, 2016

A powerful intercessor to turn to under the weight of our burdens

Rita of Cascia devoted her life to the care of plague victims, without ever becoming infected with the disease. Immediately after her death she was venerated as a protector from the plague and was named the patroness of “impossible causes.” We request her intercessory prayer through a form such as this:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

Under the weight of my burden, I turn to you, dear Rita, holy woman and saint. I am confident that you will hear my prayers and intercede on my behalf.

You, who were chosen by God to be an advocate for those whose cases are most desperate, have the graces necessary to understand my need. [Mention your intention.]

If my sins are an obstacle, impeding the fulfillment of my urgent plea, I beg you to obtain for me, from God, the necessary grace to see and understand my sinfulness, that I may, in sincere contrition, make a heartfelt reconciliation through the sacrament of penance.

From the glory of heaven, have compassion upon me, you who suffered by the grace of the thorn and the rose, that my suffering and anxieties may be lessened, that I may bear my crosses with courage, contentment and trust. I will everywhere proclaim my debt and friendship to you.

Oh, Bride of Jesus crucified, help me to live well and to die well. Amen.