

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elizabeth Keepers
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gilbert Kacir
	10 A.M.	Rudy Jahn & Laurie Allbright
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Dorothy Sykora
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Jerry Welfel
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe Castro
	10 A.M.	Thomas & Marian Valenta
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	SJHS Class of 1957 & 1967
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Harry Zimmerman & George Fojtik
	9 A.M.	Patti Hahn
	11 A.M.	Noe Barrera

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Joe Castro.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Your Gift to God: July 23rd

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,743.26
Online Giving	\$
Building Fund	\$156
St. Ann Parish Support	\$568
Building Fund	\$70

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Feast of the Assumption August 15th

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14th – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, August 15th – 6:30 A.M., 8:05 A.M.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Bob Arlitt
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	SJHS Class of 1967
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Billy Hahn Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Bobby Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Blaise Dreitner
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez, Vicky Vasquez, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby Fikac, Andy Bordovsky, Bill Lopez, JoJo Machalec
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Katherine Jendrzey, E. J. Blaschke
	11 A.M.	Gerardo Rivas, Robert Barrera, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sophie & Ben Jahn, Emily Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Kasey & Kayla Kimes, Carly Hull
	11 A.M.	Angelica, Esmeraldo & Tadeo Rojas

"O Good St. Ann...."

Many thanks to the members of the parish who helped with the annual feast day observance at St. Ann. Special acknowledgement should be made to St. Ann KJZT #37 for their sponsoring and organizing the annual event! As a follow-up...the automated bell work was not able to get installed in time for the feast, but has been re-scheduled for install in mid-August. The unforeseen delay was unfortunate, but it will eventually get done soon.

Picnic Raffle Tickets

DO NOT drop any raffle tickets in next weekend's collection. All raffle tickets should be dropped off at the parish office by noon on Friday or taken to the Community Center next Sunday.

Rolling closer and closer....

As the days are quickly passing, the prep work for the St. Joe Dough Rollers is well underway! The Poppysed grinders have been readied, the moo-cows are being kept calm and serene to bring forth the best cream...and all is falling into place. The only item on the "to do" list is getting those donations into the office for our #1 Auction Item, the Pyramid of Cream Cheese and Poppysed Rolls.

Apprentice Dough Rollers Needed

The Dough Rollers are looking for new comers to join their team on **Saturday, August 5th**. If interested in lending a hand, please contact Tonya Wenzel, 293-7217 or the parish office, 293-3518.



Picnic Work Schedule

Please check the bulletin for the Picnic Work Schedule. **If you are not able to work as scheduled, please secure a replacement or call the Pastoral Center, 293-3518.**

Potato Peelers Needed

Volunteers are needed **Saturday, August 5th** at 8:00 A.M. at the Yoakum Community Center kitchen to help peel potatoes for the picnic. You are asked to bring peelers and/or knives. All help is appreciated!



Picnic Meal Tickets

Meal tickets for this year's picnic may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank or at the Pastoral Center. Cost is \$9.00.

ATTENTION:

2017-2018 Confirmation Students

The church picnic needs your help! **Get ahead on required service hours** for the upcoming Confirmation school year. Contact the parish office at 293-3518 to sign up.

Picnic Updates

COUNTRY STORE items must be dropped off at the Community Center by **noon on Saturday, August 5th** or **no later than 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 6th**. Homemade items – pickles, jelly, cookies, canned goods, etc. – must have all ingredients listed. Help is also needed to price these items on Saturday. No experience necessary.

PANTRY WHEEL items should be dropped off at the Community Center on **Saturday, August 5th**.

AUCTION ITEMS should be dropped off at the Community Center by **2:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 5th** or **after 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 6th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Preparando para La Jamaica

Es el tiempo para hacer las preparaciones para nuestra Jamaica--el primer domingo de Agosto. Cada Domingo después de la Misa los coordinadores de la Comida Mexicana van a estar en la entrada de la Iglesia aceptando donaciones para ayudar con los gastos. Y...como ya saben...necesitamos su ayuda el dia actual con la comida. Si quieren ayudar su familia parroquial con este importante parte de la vida parroquial, hable con Robert Barrera. Es una oportunidad de compartir su tiempo, trabajo y talento en el apoyo de nuestra parroquia.

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.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD aide. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.**

Emmaus Center

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: July 31st; August 14th and 28th. Go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments or call (361) 212-0830

"God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him."

We're Going Back To School



St. Joseph School extends its deepest and sincerest gratitude to our parish family for all of your time, talent and treasure. We begin the 2017-2018 school year on **August 9th** with a dedicated, enthusiastic faculty and staff. We ask for your continued prayers as we enter our 127th year of Catholic education in our parish and community. We invite you to participate with us in our religious celebrations and activities throughout this upcoming year, and always.



St. Joseph School TIGERAMA

All students and parents are invited to attend the "Tigerama" Orientation and Fall Registration on **Thursday, August 3rd from 4:30-7:00 P.M.** in the St. Joseph School. There will not be a registration time scheduled during the day at school. All payments of tuition, lunch, milk tickets and Bibles along with Safe Environment Continuing Education will be taken care of that evening. Pre-ordered school supplies will also be available for pick up. There will be complimentary snacks and drinks for everyone to enjoy along with booths for PTC, Spirit Shirt new designs, Pre-K and Athletics. For more information or to set up an appointment to discuss educational possibilities at St. Joseph Catholic School, please call 293-9000.



A Note from Principal Mooney

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. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Reminder

Every Wednesday we have available the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6-6:30 pm. Take advantage of this added opportunity to celebrate the Lord's abundant mercy!

CCD/Faith Formation

The calendar for the upcoming year is posted on the parish website as well as the registration form. Those who would like to get this taken care of are welcomed to download and printout the form and drop it by the Pastoral Center anytime during office hours. There will be a formal registration the evening of **Wednesday, August 23rd** in the Family Center. **Those enrolling in First Communion Class (2nd grade) and those in Confirmation Class (11th grade) need to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate with their registration.**

CCD/Formación de la Fe

El próximo calendario para la Doctrina (CCD) de este año escolar ha sido puesto en nuestro sitio de internet. Para aquellos que deseen registrarse temprano pueden bajar la forma del sitio y llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia en cualquier tiempo durante las horas normales de oficina. Solamente tendremos una sola noche de matrícula (registro) formal el **miércoles 23 de agosto**. **Los que están registrando en los clases sacramentales, Primera Comunion y Confirmacion (2nd y 11th) necesitan copias de Fe del Bautismo.**

Join Bishop Brendan Cahill and God's Embrace Ministries on a "Lead Me Retreat" September 8-10!!

God's Embrace Ministries invites you to join Bishop Brendan Cahill for a weekend retreat experience on **"Lead Me into the Deep, Lord"**. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the **Spiritual Renewal Center** located at 718 Gussie Schmidt Road, Victoria, TX. Weekend begins 5:00 P.M. Friday, September 8th, and concludes with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday September 10th. Open to men and women, but space is limited. Cost: \$450 for married couples or \$250 for singles. **Pre-registration** required online at www.godsembrace.org or call 979-561-8883 for more information.

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.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, August 3

Tigerama Parent Registration Night – 4:30 – 7:00
St. Joseph School Office – Orth Street Entrance

Saturday, August 5

St. Joseph School Alumni Reunion
Mass – 5 P.M. – followed by meal at Family Center

Sunday, August 6

St. Joseph Parish Picnic
Yoakum Community Center

Wednesday, August 9

First Day of School for St. Joseph School Students

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption

Mass Schedule:

Monday, August 14 – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, August 15 – 6:30 A.M., 8:05 A.M.

Wednesday, August 16

Safe Environment Training - 6:30 P.M.
Family Center Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 23

CCD Registration – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Family Center

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; for you have
revealed to the little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom."*

**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!

Picnic Donations

We are just one week away from our annual picnic and it's not too early to start thinking about Auction items...**no garage sale merchandise or used appliances, etc.**; Country Store items...homemade jelly, pickles, bread, etc. (be sure to list all ingredients on food items), knick-knacks, plants, etc. All items for the Auction and Country Store should be taken to the Community Center Saturday morning. If you have large auction items that need to be picked up, please contact the parish office by Wednesday, August 2nd.

*Come, come everyone
and donate to the
Dough Rollers \$\$*



Celebrating Family



at St. Joseph's Parish Picnic!

Come and join the fun!!

5 Things Catholics Should Know About First Fridays

Philip Kosloski

Learn about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the graces that come from observing First Fridays

It is no wonder, therefore, that our predecessors have constantly defended this most approved form of devotion — the pious devotion of the faithful toward the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus [and] the custom of receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month at the desire of Christ Jesus, a custom which now prevails everywhere.—Pope Pius XI Miserentissimus Redemptor

What's so special about First Fridays?

Our parents grew up going to church every First Friday of the month and taking part in Sacred Heart devotions, but in recent decades the pious practice has fallen out of practice, and is dismissed by some as an “old-fashioned” anachronism.

A main reason for the decline in interest in this devotion is probably rooted in simple ignorance: people don't know what First Fridays are all about; families and parishes may not have adequately passed down their importance to the next generation. Here are five things to know.

1. How did the First Friday Devotion begin?

While some saints referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to “receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months.” The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary's death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church —endorsed by popes and promoted by saints— but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

2. Why nine consecutive months?

The number nine is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal.

3. What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?

Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ's Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, you will also need to go to confession.

4. What are the “promises” connected to this devotion?

Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, “In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.” This means that if a person faithfully receives communion for nine consecutive months on First Fridays, Jesus will grant that person extra graces at the time of their death, making it possible to repent of their sins and receive the last rites (if needed).

This promise is the last of 12 promises connected to the Devotion to the Sacred Heart, particularly attached to the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in one's home:

- (1) I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- (2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- (3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- (4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- (5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- (6) Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- (7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- (8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- (9) I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
- 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- (11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- (12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

5. Are the First Fridays a “ticket” to heaven?

It is not as simple as going to Mass for nine months and then clocking out, never going to Mass again and leading a sinful life! The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person fulfills these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for he or she to be closer to God and better prepared for death. The moment that this devotion is observed in a superstitious manner, neglecting the need to live a virtuous life, all bets are off and Jesus' promise is null and void.

Jesus wants us to rest on his heart, like St. John, and the First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter him more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love of him.

Coming to know, love and trust that we may take rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and place our anxieties within, is what the First Fridays are all about.