

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Adolph & Mary Jemelka
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Samanthe Hall
	10 A.M.	Ervin & Wilma Pesek
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
	8:05 A.M.	Noe Barrera, Sr.
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	M/M Ryan Kloesel <i>Anniversary Blessings!</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	James Jurica
	10 A.M.	Hattie Lauer
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Louis & Lillie Matula & Msgr. Lawrence Matula
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jerry Welfel
	9 A.M.	Rudy Jahn & Laurie Allbright
	11 A.M.	Moises Morales & Carmen Rodriguez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Jimmie, Lorene & Chuck Roznovsky.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Your Gift to God: February 11th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,681
Online Giving	\$1,360
Building Fund	\$46
St. Ann Parish Support	\$599
Building Fund	\$50

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.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles Hanzelka Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Jahn Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matusek, Donna Tolbert
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Dayna Tuttle, Anita Schulte, Susan Kelley
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Bobby Fikac, Bill Lopez, John Paul Barrera
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Kocian, Al Janak
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Bobby & Bea Welfel
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez, Alice Nunez, Arturo & Marie Gutierrez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Arielle Bennetsen, Abigail Long, Brittany Moreno
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Tyler & Addison Ferry, Hunter Kvinta
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Griselda Portales

Lenten Practices

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

SJS Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M. – Every Friday except March 16th.

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.

Yoakum Boy Scouts BBQ

Yoakum Boy Scout Troop 228 will have their annual barbeque chicken benefit on Saturday, March 3rd from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. behind the Yoakum Community Center. Plates are an \$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 & receive a **FREE** piece of cake.

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 beginning March 1st thru March 4th. Registration forms may be picked up at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center. For more information contact Kenneth Adamek at 293-1318 or 293-6190.

Prayer Garden Bricks

We are once again taking orders for the Prayer Garden bricks. If interested in purchasing a brick/bricks, please complete the form inserted in today's bulletin or stop by the Pastoral Center for a form. Cost per brick is \$75. **Deadline for orders is April 2nd**. Please note there is a limited amount of letters that can be placed on the brick.

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.

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 16th). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner."*

Pausing...Focusing

Recently when some cellular service "went down" many of us didn't know how to function. We have become so "connected" to constant communication and information. To not be able to text, email, access internet or the simple act of a call with our cellphone frustrated and became a nuisance for the brief period of time that service was unavailable. Yet it wasn't that many years ago when these aspects of modern technological advances were unknown to the majority of us. How did we exist "back then" when the world wasn't at our fingertips nor did we have a small pocket-sized smartphone that can do what most very large tower computers used to be required to do? It's a challenge to pause from the ordinary routine most of us have become so accustomed to--and focus on the communication that matters most--our relationships, starting with the Lord. Lent is the annual "pause" our spiritual lives deserve and need. Don't take it for granted...take advantage of the many ways available to us to get our focus in perspective on what truly defines us. It's not gadgets, information, technology and constant social media...rather it is the challenge to quiet oneself, engage our faith, and listen to what we are being called to--a life more fulfilled, meaningful and hopeful because of our experience of the Lord's grace in our lives--through the Sacraments, Scriptures, Devotions and pious Lenten practices that are being offered through our parish life. Find the time this Lent to disengage from the noise and activity, and apply oneself to what we hold most dear--our journey of faith embraced by God's abundant mercy.

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.

Catechumens: Krystal Ferry, Myles Pate, Lesley Seidenberger.

Candidates seeking Full Communion with Catholic Church: Adam Bruton, Shawna Knocke, Daniel Newman, Bill Sharp.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Why I'm Catholic (and you should be too)

Has anyone ever asked you why you're Catholic? Have you ever wondered yourself? Would you like some good reasons? If so, you might enjoy this six part series presented by Fr. Jacob. Sessions will take place on the **Mondays of Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center beginning February 19th. No need to register in advance – just show up.**

La razón soy católico (y debería ser también)

¿Le ha preguntado alguna vez alguien por qué usted es el católico? ¿Se ha hecho alguna vez esa pregunta a usted mismo? ¿Le gustaría tener algunas buenas razones? Entonces podría disfrutar de esta serie de La Cuaresma presentado por Padre Jacob. Las sesiones se llevarán a cabo los domingos después de la misa en el Salón Parroquial que a partir de **las 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. y comienza el 18 de febrero. No necesitan registrarse antes.**

You are Invited to: “Rediscover Jesus”

An invitation is extended to you to join a small group using the book “Rediscover Jesus” by Matthew Kelly beginning the week of **February 4, 2018 through March 23, 2018**. Small groups are being offered from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Sunday through Thursday. Please call the Parish Office, 293-3518, if you would like to join a small group for Lent and indicate the best day of the week. If you would like to host or form a small group in *your* home (or for more information), call Ashley Hermes, 293-0700, Joyce Harper, 798-6325 or Sharon Janca, 293-8367.

Catholic Relief Services App

For those looking for another “modern” help during Lent...Catholic Relief Services have designed an App for smartphones that is free and helps in better understanding the importance of almsgiving and the real needs in our world we easily take for granted. Search in the Apps for CRS Rice Bowl and download it.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on Friday, March 16th 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 16th are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list. **Deadline is Tuesday, March 13th.**

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be next **Saturday, March 10th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

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.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, February 19th
No School (Presidents' Day)

Wednesday, February 21st
Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.

Friday, February 23rd
Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 24th
PTC Gala – Yoakum Community Center

“Cub Care”

Available every day after school until 6:00 P.M. for SJS students. Contact the office for more details.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph's.

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

Congratulations, Bob Sokol!

St. Joseph School is proud to announce Robert (Bob) Sokol as the Diocese of Victoria 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award winner for St. Joseph School. Bob Sokol was born and raised in Yoakum, Texas. His parents, the late Evelyn and Alton Sokol, were lifelong parishioners of St Joseph's Catholic Church and made sure that Bob and his sisters Lorene and Anna received the best religious and academic education possible. He has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confession, Communion and Marriage in the Catholic Church.

Bob completed his first 8 years of education at St Joseph's Catholic School in Yoakum, "graduating" in 1974. While at St Joseph's, Bob was an active participant in the church as an altar boy, lector and usher. He continued his education at Yoakum High School graduating in 1978 and then went on to graduate with honors and a BBA degree in accounting from Southwest Texas State University in 1982.

After graduation from college, Bob began a career of 36 years in the petrochemical industry starting with SOHIO near Bloomington, TX as a site accountant. In the late 80's SOHIO was acquired by British Petroleum (BP) which gave him and his family the opportunity to work and travel not only in the U.S. but also to England, Germany, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Switzerland.

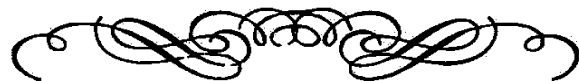
Bob currently holds the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Ethylene Derivative division of INEOS Oligomers in Houston TX. He directs the financial operations for the Ethylene Derivative in 7 countries with sales revenues exceeding \$4 billion. He also assists the global acquisitions team and was the lead on several acquisitions with BP/INEOS.

Bob and wife Cali live in Houston where they are active in their faith communities. They volunteer with organizations such as Halo House Foundation, St Bernadette's Grocery Closet, St. John the Theologian Greek Festival and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Bob is also an active member of his Home Owners Association.

Bob and Cali have 3 children; Sarah, Valia and Christopher who also live in the Houston area.

Bob enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, traveling for pleasure and helping out at the family's business, Sokol's Greek Deli and Café.

*"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!"*



You are cordially invited
to the 17th Annual
St. Joseph School PTC

Gala

Saturday, February 24, 2018
5:30 pm to 12 midnight
Yoakum Community Center

\$50 per ticket

Only 300 tickets sold

Tickets available at the
school and parish offices

Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Live Auction,
Silent Auction, Texas Hold 'Em,
Blackjack, Dancing with Los Kolaches,
52 Card Draw & PTC Prize Patrol

All proceeds to benefit SJS



Pictorial Directory

Each family that took a picture and assisted with the project is entitled to a complimentary copy. Simply stop by the Pastoral Center during office hours and pick yours up.

Reminder: The Parish App

It's been a couple of years since the parish made available the smartphone App. We're still using it...if you don't have it yet...check your App Store (it's a free download) and add it to your smartphone. If having a problem, call the parish office.

