

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mildred Sternadel
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
	10 A.M.	Adolph & Frances Hybner
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Msgr. Lawrence Matula
	8:05 A.M.	Agnes, Gussie & Sr. Euphrosine Honc
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mary Lauer
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Morris Bennetsen
	10 A.M.	Claire Hermann Garner
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Wick Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Special Intention
	9 A.M.	Edwin Mayer
	11 A.M.	Joe & Theresa Rodriguez & Jovita Nunez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

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

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Your Gift to God: February 25th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,136.50
Online Giving	\$1,205
Building Fund	\$190
Rice Bowl	\$390
St. Ann Parish Support	\$542
Building Fund	\$50
Rice Bowl	\$60

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.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Aileen Hybner
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Ed Mayer Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dorothy Zabransky, Gloria Lerma, Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Rick & Laurie Jahn, Patty Mabry
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Pam Garza, Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim & Trevor Fikac, Rocki Grubert, Andy Bordovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlestein, Lance Muenich, Katherine Jendrzey
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sophie & Ben Jahn, Abigail Long
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Ava & Leah Muenich, Ryan Brewer
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Luis Avalos

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 A.M. Be sure to set your clock **forward** before going to bed Saturday.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

2018 K.J.Z.T. District 1 Meeting

The 2018 K.J.Z.T. District 1 meeting, hosted by K.J.Z.T. #37, Hochheim, will be held today, Sunday, March 4th at the St. Joseph Family Center. Registration starts at 10:30 A.M.

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, March 5th at 5:30 P.M. at the Family Center. Winners of the Education Contest will be presented their awards at 6:00 P.M.

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society members will meet Wednesday, March 7th at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. There will be an educational program on diabetes. Hostesses will be Dolores Sestak, Wanda Zabransky, Paula Ramirez, Benie Gerdes, Adele Seitz and Elaine Dornak.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, March 7th at the KC Hall. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Country Bake Sale Fundraiser March 24-25

A Country Bake Sale, co-sponsored by St. Ann K.J.Z.T. #37 and St. Ann Parish, will be held before and after the Masses on March 24-25 at St. Joseph's and St. Ann's. Donations of baked goods, homemade noodles, country eggs, plants, pecans and canned goods, etc. are needed. All donations and support will be greatly appreciated!

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.

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.

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.**

Deanery Penance Services

Monday, March 19th – St. Joseph – Moulton

Tuesday, March 20th – Sts. Cyril & Methodius –
Shiner

Thursday, March 22nd – St. Joseph – Yoakum

Friday, March 23rd – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

Palm Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 A.M. Masses

The 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Masses on Palm Sunday, March 25th will begin at the Family Center, weather permitting, with the blessing and procession of palms.



Domingo de Ramos

Las Misas de 9:00 y 11:00 el domingo, 25 de marzo comenzará en frente del salón parroquial, el tiempo lo permite, con la bendición y procesión de las palmas.

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Saturday, March 24, 2018

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Tuesday

Chrism Mass – 10:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Victory Cathedral - Victoria

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
and the Priesthood

Mass – 7:00 P.M.

Nightwatch in the Church until Midnight

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
12:30 P.M.

Recitation of the Rosary for our Country will
follow in the Prayer Garden.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – St. Ann's

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. (Bilingual)

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. No registration – 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. No necesitan registrarse antes.**

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

A Note from Principal Mooney

Wednesday, March 7th

Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.

Friday, March 9th

Cheer Tryouts

Spring Break – March 12-16

Early Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins March 19th and runs through April 30th.

“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.

Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service on Sunday, March 25th at the First Baptist Church. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

St. Joseph School Sets Registration March 19th – April 30th

Early registration for all new and returning students at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on March 19th and run through April 30th. The new early registration fee is \$150 per student. General registration will begin on May 1st, and the general registration fee will be \$250 per student. Parents may register in the school office from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 1:00-3:00 P.M. Register your students early and take advantage of the great discount!

All new students enrolling at St. Joseph School must present a birth certificate and/or baptismal certificate as well as a complete immunization record at the time of registration. All current students will receive paperwork to take home to parents in their folders.

St. Joseph Catholic School welcomes all students regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity.



Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a few weeks away and it's time to remove those Christmas poinsettias and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

*“God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might have eternal life.”*

Jesus' rules that make life worth living

Tom Hoopes

While the faith isn't about rules, it would be a mistake to say rules aren't important.

I spend a good amount of time telling my children and my students that faith isn't about rules. It's about a relationship with God.

But it would be a mistake to say that rules are not important at all. Even our human relationships have rules: Don't interrupt; don't ignore; don't come home late without calling.

This Sunday's readings (the Third Sunday of Lent, Year B) are all about rules in our relationship with God.

Rule Number 1: The Temple is about worship and welcome.

Jesus in the Gospel drives the money-changers out of the Temple. Scholars say he had two problems with what they were doing: First, their high exchange rates took advantage of the piety of pilgrims. Second: The location of their tables crowded out the Gentiles from the one place they could share in Temple worship.

By driving out the money-changers, he is saying, emphatically: "The Temple is a place of worship above all" and "We must welcome others to the Temple."

These rules touch on the Jewish people's and his own deepest identity: The Temple is his Father's house. It is his dwelling place on earth; it represents the covenant he has made with his people. Because of the Temple, the Jews are the chosen people, and because they are the chosen people, they come to the Temple.

Rule Number 2: We are each a Temple.

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," he said – and to people with their high view of the temple that was scandalous, so St. John hastens to add: "He was speaking about the temple of his body."

But we now know exactly what he meant. There is a new dwelling place for God and a new sign of his covenant: Jesus Christ. And through his sacrifice on the cross, carried to us through the sacraments, he incorporates all of us into this "new temple" of his body, and our bodies become temples where he lives.

That means those old Temple rules now apply to us: "This is a place of worship above all," and "This is a place that welcomes others."

Rule Number 3: Don't deny who you are — and who God is.

The same rules God made for the Temple are right there in the Ten Commandments, in the first reading. The first three commandments say, "You were made to worship God."

The first commandment prohibits idolatry — whether that means spending your time and treasure on a sparkly golden calf or a sparkly smart phone. We were made for more than shiny objects. We were made for God.

The second commandment prohibits taking the Lord's name in vain. The third commandment says to keep one day a week for him – not for more work, or more shopping, or even for Amazon. We were made for better; to have awe at his name, and respect for his day. We were made for worship.

Rule Number 4: Don't make others unwelcome.

The last seven commandments are about our love for others. Think of how each makes others welcome: You honor your parents, you respect life, you do not commit adultery, you don't steal.

Stealing is clearly unwelcoming; but also, spending so much on ourselves that we can't serve the poor makes us unable to welcome those who most need it.

Lying about your neighbor is unwelcoming; but also, creating new versions of ourselves on social media that "bear false witness" to our lives also leaves others feeling inadequate.

And how can you welcome others when you are too busy training yourself to covet others, in ads, entertainment and pornography?

And how can you welcome others when you are ashamed that your house doesn't live up to the standards of the ones you covet?

Rule Number 5: Violating the rules makes Jesus mad.

We tend to avoid talking about the wrath of God anymore – but in our fear of over-emphasizing God's anger we should not forget that his anger is real.

In Sunday's Gospel we see how angry Jesus got when people violated the rules of the Temple. When we violate the Ten Commandments, what we are doing is as bad as or worse than what those money-changers did. We are each now his temple, and he still does not want anyone to make his temple into a place of iniquity.

That is one of the purposes of Lent. In Lent, we drive the money changers out of the temple that each of us is; we drive out the bad habits and negative tendencies we have built up. And then we celebrate that moment when Christ laid down his life and raised his temple — and ours — again on the third day.

From the Desk of the Principal:

Warm greetings as we continue this Lenten season. I am pleased to once again be able to sit down and write this letter telling all of you in our parish's and school's family the wonderful things that are happening here.

We had our annual gala last weekend, and it was an even greater success than I could have possibly hope. The theme this year was "Once Upon a Time," and the event was marked at every turn by gorgeous and creative Disney and fairytale decorations. We had a wonderful meal catered by Werner's Catering and plenty of dancing to live music courtesy of Los Kolaches. Our live and silent auctions were very lucrative, and I can say all who contributed were pleased with the items they purchased. (I happened to walk away with a couple of nice items myself, even if I was disappointed to lose out on a couple of nice hunting rifles and shotguns) To all who helped put on our gala--especially our PTC parents--as well as our generous gala attendees and sponsors, I cannot express how grateful I am for your continued dedication to our school and Catholic education.

Basketball season concluded with great results. While we did not defend last year's championship title, our boys' and girls' teams were still very successful, and our players had a great time playing as they did so. Now we turn our attention to track season. On March 6, our track athletes will participate in the St. Philip's meet in El Campo. I will be sure to let you know how all of our athletes fared.

In addition to competing athletically, our students are also gearing up for the academic competition season. We are participating in two Academic Invitational Meets this year, and our students are working hard to prepare in areas of Math, Science, and Social Studies. I will also let you know of their success in next month's letter.

March is a very important time for our school as we continue our Lenten journey and await the resurrection of our savior. We will conduct Stations of the Cross each Friday at 3pm in the church, and we invite you to join us. In addition to enriching our faith, our students will be enriching their minds. All our grades will be going on multiple field trips to places like the Alamo, the USS Lexington, The Texas State University Aquatic Center, and many other trips and exciting events that make attending our school so much more than simple classroom education.

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