

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	M/M Robert Benys, Robert Benys, Jr., M/M Raymond Hermes
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Annie Neighbors Method & Henrietta Migl
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M. 8:05 A.M.	Raymond Bordovsky Irma Brewer
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thomas & Maude Grubert
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Julius & Agnes Seitz Fay Rohan
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Alfred & Leona Proschko Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M. 9 A.M. 11 A.M.	Joe, Aileen & Darryl Vinklarek Mark Zinke Othon Osorino

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Billy Proschko.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 31:31-34; Hb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Your Gift to God: March 11th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,432
Online Giving	\$1,395
Building Fund	\$71
Rice Bowl	\$501
St. Ann Parish Support	\$485
Building Fund	\$230
Rice Bowl	\$84

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.	Patrick Matusek Billy Natho
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Mary Havlik Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa Jose Martinez

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie Proschko Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Zinke Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Theresa Belicek, Dawne Wendel, Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Carolyn Janak
	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas, Nina Arriaga, Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Bobby Fikac, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Bruce Chilek, Paul Ebner
	9 A.M.	Henry Janak, Elorine Sitka, Bobby & Bea Welfl
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Elsa Resendiz, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hannah & Ella Boswell, Emily Matusek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Luke & A. J. Adamek
	9 A.M.	Benjamin & Hannah Schultz, Jacob Koenig
	11 A.M.	Gabriel & Jorge Chavez, Cecilia Rivas

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.

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

Penance Service: Thursday

It's that time of year as we soon approach the solemn week of remembrance. Now is also the time to commit ourselves to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience God's abundant mercy and grace as the perfect way to enter into the Paschal Mystery. Confessions will start at 5:30--extra priests will be available to assist us.

Servicio del Penitencia: Jueves

Es ese tiempo del año cuando pronto nos acercamos a la solemne semana de conmemoración. Ahora también es el tiempo de proponernos a celebrar el Sacramento de Reconciliación y experimentar la abundante misericordia y gracia de Dios, manera perfecta de adentrarnos en el Misterio Pascual. Las confesiones serán a partir de las 5:30 pm, habrá sacerdotes adicionales que ayudaran con el Sacramento.

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 next 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 salon parroquial, el tiempo lo permite, con la bendición y procesión de las palmas.

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Thursday, March 29th and reopen on Tuesday, April 4th. **Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 27th.**

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in substitute teaching, assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD teacher, aide or monitor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the home-bound or nursing homes, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.** This class is for **ADULTS ONLY.**

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!

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 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.

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)

Holy Thursday Collection

A special collection For the Education of our Seminarians will be taken up at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Good Friday Special Collection

A special collection to help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

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.

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.

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.

Join in Praying the Rosary for our Country

All parishioners are invited to gather in the Prayer Garden immediately for the Good Friday Service to pray for our country by reciting the rosary.

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.**

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.

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.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, March 19th – Feast of St. Joseph
Early Registration Begins

Tuesday, March 20th
Lifetouch Group Pictures

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

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.

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)

Recently the annual mailing for the Diocesan Services Appeal was sent to all registered parishioners within the parishes of the diocese. The accompanying brochure included explained how this appeal assists with the ministry of the Diocese and our Bishop in evangelization and continuing to maintain our Catholic presence in this region. Consider giving to this worthy cause as both an act of charity and support of the Church.

Our Assessment/Goal set by the Diocese for St. Joseph in 2018 is \$30,949. St. Ann in Hochheim has a 2018 goal of \$5,850. Whatever is not offered by parishioners through gifts, donations and pledges is billed to the parish at the end of the year. As an example...for the calendar year 2017, St. Joseph's Goal was \$29,024--of which the parish must now pay the balance not met of \$8,754. There were 86 families (St. Joseph has 879 registered families) who gave a total of \$20,270 towards the Appeal. For St. Ann in Hochheim the 2017 goal was \$5,773--of which the parish must now pay the difference of \$3,068. There were 4 families (St. Ann has 26 registered families) that gave \$2,705 towards the goal.

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.

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 8th

Yoakum Community Center
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Shiner Hobo Band performing
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans Market
Balloon Creations – Face Painting

Meal tickets available at First State Bank,
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet
Youth Ranch and at the door.

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.

*“Whoever serves me must follow me,
says the Lord; and where I am, there
also will my servant be.”*

Tu, Yo y Cristo (You, Me and Christ) Couples Retreat

Tu, Yo y Cristo is a 2 day retreat that includes daily life topics and real testimonies that will give couples the tools to refresh, rekindle and deepen their relationship with each other and most importantly with God.

Retreatants are encouraged to invite Christ to be the center of their home which is critical to deepen their Faith and therefore become better spouses, parents and Catholic Christians.

Tu, Yo y Cristo Retreat
April 14th & 15th
St. Mary's Activity Center, Victoria
Cost is free & meals provided
No Day Care will be available
For more information contact:
Maria Hernandez (361)648-5791
Linda Perez (361)655-9358
Maggie Peralez (361)433-7161

Applications available at the entrances of the church.

This ancient prayer to St. Joseph has “never been known to fail”

Philip Kosloski

As long as it is said in faith and for a particular spiritual benefit.

Even though St. Joseph never spoke a word in scripture, his silent example of obedient faithfulness and diligent care for the Holy Family during Jesus' formative years has made him one of the most beloved saints of Christianity.

Devotion to the foster-father of Jesus is generally traced to the 3rd or 4th century, but according to the *Pieta* prayer book, there is a prayer to St. Joseph that dates to the year 50.

This prayer was found in the 50th year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505, it was sent from the pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands

of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you desire. It has never been known to fail.

Here is the prayer, which some claim “has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for.”

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Remember, God *always* answers our prayers. We may not always expect the response we receive.



St. Joseph, pray for us!

*Joseph, a righteous man, models for us
obedience and trust in the Lord.*

This one prayer makes the devil cringe

Philip Kosloski

He couldn't stand it then and it makes him furious when someone says it now.

Satan thoroughly despises humans, but above all he hates those who recite a particular prayer from the depths of their heart. It is a prayer that directly contradicts what he proclaimed to God when he led a rebellion against the heavenly hosts.

There are many traditions surrounding Satan's rebellion against God at the beginning of time. One of them relates the devil's outright refusal to serve God. Various spiritual writers have interpreted the following passage in Jeremiah to be a perfect description of Lucifer's fall from Heaven.

For long ago you broke your yoke and burst your bonds and you said, "I will not serve".
(Jeremiah 2:20)

Writer John Milton wrote a famous poem in the 17th century called *Paradise Lost*, and in it he assigns that particular phrase, "I will not serve" to Satan himself. He uses the Latin *non serviam* to summarize Satan's stark disobedience.

It should come as no surprise that the prayer that Satan abhors the most is the opposite phrase, "I will serve" (*serviam* in Latin). St. Josemaria Escriva meditates on this "flipping the coin" in *The Way*.

The non serviam of Satan has been too fruitful. Don't you feel the generous urge to express your daily desire for prayer and work with a serviam — I will serve you, I will be faithful! — which will surpass in fruitfulness that cry of revolt?

Many people around the world say this short and simple prayer of *Serviam* ("I will serve") at the start of each day, pledging their life to God. It is a prayer of the heart, one that stands in stark contrast to the *non serviam* ("I will not serve") of Satan.

It is a similar prayer to the "Jesus Prayer" that Eastern Christians are familiar with and can be prayed over and over again throughout the day. It is even a prayer that can be said when faced with a temptation, adding, "I will serve God."

The Blessed Virgin Mary said a similar phrase at the Annunciation when she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to

your word." (Luke 1:38) The primary phrase of her humble obedience in Latin is *fiat*, or in English "let it be done." For this reason Satan hates the Blessed Mother, as he revealed to Fr. Gabriele Amorth in a dialogue he had with a demon.

Father Amorth: "What are the virtues of the Madonna that make you angriest?"

Demon: "She makes me angry because she is the humblest of all creatures, and because I am the proudest; because she is the purest of all creatures, and I am not; because, of all creatures, she is the most obedient to God, and I am a rebel!"

Being a servant of God is the true goal of the Christian life, as Jesus himself explains in the Gospel of John.

If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:26)

The next time you are looking for a prayer to show your steadfast loyalty to God and trust in his divine providence, simply say "I will serve."

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.



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

