

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ray Barrera
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tyler Pate
	10 A.M.	Bill & Helen Mitchon, Terry Bludau
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	David Spaeth
	8:05 A.M.	Joseph & Annie Bolech
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Felix & Finis Kuenstler
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mildred Sternadel
	10 A.M.	Val Honc
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Richard, Angeline & Kermit Vinklerek
	9 A.M.	Tyler Pate
	11 A.M.	Jose Roberto Ontiveros

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Charles Kvinta, Sr.

## Prayer List

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

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## Your Gift to God: April 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,377
Online Giving	\$1,950
Building Fund	\$81
Helping Hands	\$1,101.50
St. Ann Parish Support	\$361
Online Giving	\$205
Building Fund	\$110

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

## Special Collection

A special collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up at all Masses April 28-29.

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Confirmation Candidates
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Diana Darilek
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Confirmation Candidates
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Tyler Pate Family

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Jana Guajardo
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Dayna Tuttle
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez, Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Bill Lopez, JoJo Machalec
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak, Joe Machalec
	9 A.M.	Robbie Hagan, Blaise Dreitner, David & Jo Ann Muehlstein
	11 A.M.	Vicky Vasquez, Miguel Trujillo, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ryan Gearson, Emily Matussek, Konner Dismuke
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Brittany Moreno, Ryan Brewer, Raleigh Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Jorge Trujillo, Alex Gutierrez, Samantha Arredondo

## Prayer Garden Bricks

We are once again taking orders for the Prayer Garden bricks. If interested in purchasing a brick/bricks, please stop by the Pastoral Center for a form. Cost per brick is \$75. Thus far we have 23 bricks purchased. To obtain the best pricing the recommended number for a minimum order is 30 bricks. So, we are extending the deadline to **May 1<sup>st</sup>** so as to try to get the minimum number to order.

*“Peace be with you.”*

### **K.J.T. #13 Meeting**

K.J.T. Society #13 will meet today, April 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

With CCD/Faith Formation winding down (and soon completing this school year) the Wednesday evening Confession period will be from **6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** beginning this week.

#### **Acts of the Apostles: Pentecost**

Come Holy Spirit! In this second session of our six part Bible Study on Acts we'll take a look at the powerful event of Pentecost, its Old Testament roots, and what it all means. Come join us as Fr. Jacob focuses on the Promised Gift of God's Spirit, **Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Bring your Bibles!**

#### **Hechos de los apóstoles: Pentecostés**

¡Ven Espíritu Santo! En esta segunda sesión de nuestro estudio bíblico vamos a echar un vistazo en el poderoso evento de Pentecostés, sus raíces del Antiguo Testamento, y todo lo que significa. Únase a nosotros **HOY, 15 de abril después de la misa**, como Padre Jacob enfoca en el regalo prometido del espíritu de Dios. La próxima semana vamos a ver la actividad increíble de la iglesia en Jerusalén. **¡Traigan sus Biblias!**

#### **Clase de Preparacion Bautismal**

La clase de preparacion bautismal sera el primer Sabado, 5 de Mayo, del mes a las 9:00 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion. **Esta sera la ultima clase hasta Septiembre.**

#### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

*“Lord, let your face shine on us.”*

### **Confirmation Reminders**

Bishop Brendan Cahill will be here on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** as he joins us for Confirmation at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Students and sponsors are asked to be at Church Saturday morning at 10:30 A.M. for a brief practice.

#### **First Reconciliation**

The celebration of First Reconciliation in preparation for First Communion will be at 9:00 A.M. in the Church on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **First Communion**

On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> we will have the celebration of First Communion at the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses.

#### **First Communion Interviews**

Those preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will have their interviews with Father on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from **3:30-5:30 P.M.** in the Pastoral Center. At the time of the interview the family will need to indicate which of the two First Communion Masses they will attend in Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>-- either 9:00 A.M. in English or 11:00 A.M. in Spanish.

#### **Entrevistas para la Primera Comunión**

Aquellos que se preparan para celebrar Primera Reconciliación (Confesión) y Primera Eucaristía (Comunión) tendrán sus entrevistas con el Padre el **martes, 17 de abril** de las 3:30 a las 5:30 P.M. en el Centro Pastoral. Cuando se lleve a cabo la entrevista la familia tendrá que indicar a cuál de las dos Misas de Primera Comunión asistirán el domingo, 6 de mayo, ya sea la de inglés a las 9 A.M. o la de español a las 11:00 A.M.

#### **Faith Formation: May Crowning**

On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will conclude our Faith Formation year with the crowning of the Blessed Mother. All are invited to bring flowers with them to CCD. After the Holy Rosary there will be a brief ceremony recognizing attendance and our 8th graders. Dismissal will occur slightly earlier...parents and family members are encouraged to join us!

*“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”*



## KC “Hook’em & Cook’em” Salt Water Tournament

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus Council #1582 “Hook’em & Cook’em” Salt Water Tournament will be held May 5-6 at Lamar Volunteer Fire Dept. Hall, Lamar, Texas. Festivities begin Friday evening followed by the tournament on Saturday. The tournament is open to everyone. Guide and non-guided divisions. Entry forms may be found at [www.hookem-and-cookem.com](http://www.hookem-and-cookem.com). In addition to the tournament there will be a silent auction and live auction. For more information contact: Reinhard Hagan at 361-293-4719 or Brad Brown at 361-293-8698, or Alan Migl at 361-648-0329 or Daniel Driskell at 361-208-5041. Proceeds benefit Yoakum Knights of Columbus charities.

## *The Emmaus Center:* *Roast and Toast*

**Saturday, May 12th – 6:30 P.M.**  
**The Cathedral Center in Victoria**

**Help Support *The Emmaus Center. Counseling and Spiritual Direction in the Catholic Tradition.*** Join in the fun and festivities on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Victoria at The Cathedral Center for the First Annual ***Roast & Toast*** benefiting ***The Emmaus Center***, the Diocese of Victoria’s Counseling and Spiritual Direction Center. This year’s honoree will be **Father Gary Janak**, on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. The evening will include a delicious meal, entertainment and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds directly benefiting *The Emmaus Center*. *The Roast & Toast* event promises to provide an opportunity to enjoy a great evening and support the Center’s continuing efforts to serve others. Call *The Emmaus Center* (212-0830) or The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory (575-4741) for tickets and further information.

## Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat July 19-22

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held July 19-22 at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart from Hallettsville on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. and return July 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

## Young Adult Evening Retreat

Holy Family in Victoria will be holding an evening retreat for Young Adults (men and women, 20s-30s, with or without kids) on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Join Pete Burak, National Director of id916 Young Adult Ministries, and the Victoria id916 team as they share ***“The Furnace: For in Fire Gold is Tested”***. Tickets are \$15. To register go to:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/id916-victoria-summit-the-furnace-tickets-44893005187>.

## KC Mother’s Day BBQ Dinner

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Mother’s Day Chicken BBQ dinner on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Yoakum Community Center. Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank and the Parish Office. Proceeds go to KC Charities.

*We have an  
Advocate with  
the Father  
Jesus Christ  
the Righteous  
One*  
1 Jn.



### **A Note from Principal Mooney**

**April 16-20**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

AIM Meet – El Campo

**Early Registration**

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

**“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.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

**Domingo (Cada Domingo)**

Espanol hechos de los apóstoles – 12 P.M.

**Every Monday**

Acts of the Apostles – 6:30 P.M.

**Every Wednesday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

**April 17**

First Communion Interviews – 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

**April 21**

Confirmation Practice – 10:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Confirmation – 5 P.M.

**May 1**

May Crowning (CCD) – 6:30 P.M.

**May 5**

First Reconciliation (CCD) – 9 A.M.

**May 6**

First Communion (CCD) – 9 & 11 A.M. Masses

**May 12**

St. Joseph School First Communion – 5 P.M.

**May 13**

KC Mother’s Day Chicken BBQ – 10:30-12:30  
Yoakum Community Center

**May 19**

SJS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 5 P.M.

**May 20**

Mass for Graduating Seniors – 9 A.M.  
followed by breakfast at the Family Center

### **St. Joseph School Sets Registration March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Early registration for all new and returning students at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on March 19<sup>th</sup> and run through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new early registration fee is \$150 per student. General registration will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



# Here's everything you need to know about the Easter candle

Philip Kosloski

## *The candle used during the Easter season has profound symbolism.*

Not surprisingly, early Christians used candles in their liturgies. Initially this was done for practical purposes (especially when praying in the catacombs), but the light coming from the candles quickly became symbolic.

The candle-lit ceremonies reminded Christians of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). For this reason candles became a central part of Christian worship and were associated with the light of Christ.

Besides using multiples candles for practical illumination purposes, there began a tradition where a single candle was used as a direct symbol of Jesus. According to Fr. Edward McNamara, "The most likely origin [of the Easter candle] is that it derived from the *Lucernarium*, the evening office with which early Christians began the vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter. In turn, this rite is probably inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. The rite therefore has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity. In the *Lucernarium* rite the light destined to dispel the darkness of night was offered to Christ as the splendor of the Father and indefectible light. This Sunday rite was logically carried out with greater solemnity during the Easter Vigil."

Over time the Easter candle was given greater prominence and was decorated to further expound on the Paschal mystery. Below is a brief guide to the Easter candle along with the corresponding symbolism.

### **Wax Candle**

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents His divinity."

### **Light**

The Roman Missal summarizes this symbolism perfectly, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." This connects

the Easter candle to Jesus, "light of the world," as he describes himself in the Gospel of John.

From the Easter candle are lit all the other candles in the church, showing how Jesus is the source of our light.

### **Flame**

The flame is reminiscent of the "pillar of fire" that led the people of Israel and protected them as they escaped the slavery of the Egyptians. The *Exsultet* refers to this symbolism when it states, "This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin."

### **Cross**

The cross is the supreme symbol of Jesus and the instrument through which he saved the world from sin and death.

### **Alpha and Omega**

It is common in Christian art to find two Greek letters: the alpha (Α) and omega (Ω). These two letters have an ancient history in Christianity and are rooted in the book of Revelation, where Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:6-7).

### **Year**

As the priest traces the year on the Easter candle, he prays, "All time belongs to him, and all the ages." This reminds us that God is here with us today and is constantly guiding all creation to himself.

### **Grains of incense**

Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle on top of the cross, symbolizing the five "holy and glorious wounds" of Jesus Christ.

