

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13, 2018

Mass Intentions

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| <i>Mon.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Luciana Salazar & Jesusa & Maria Maciel |
| <i>Tue.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 10 A.M. | Marjorie Novak |
| <i>Wed.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Alvin & Kirstin Wenske, Carl, Della & Harvey Neubauer |
| | 8:05 A.M. | Deceased Members of the Roller Family |
| <i>Thurs.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Richard Schleinschok |
| <i>Fri.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Edgar Ward |
| | 10 A.M. | George Roznovsky |
| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Marjorie Novak |
| | 9 A.M. | James & Agnes Chomout |
| | 11 A.M. | Antonia Trejo |

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur George Hermann, Sr.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11; Ep 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Your Gift to God: May 6th

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| St. Joseph Parish Support | \$4,424.68 |
| Online Giving | \$1,845 |
| Building Fund | \$405 |
| St. Ann Parish Support | \$864 |
| Online Giving | \$95 |
| Building Fund | \$30 |

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Holiday: Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 28th
in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | SJS 8 th Grade Class |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Al Janak |
| | 9 A.M. | Paula Adamek |
| | 11 A.M. | Carolina Caballero |

Offertory Gifts

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | SJS 8 th Grade Class Members |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 9 A.M. | Jimmy & Irma Chomout |

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Mike & Jana Guajardo, Annie Rodriguez |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 9 A.M. | Mark & Cindy Jemelka, Anita Schulte |
| | 11 A.M. | Susie Barrera, Virginia Amaro Heriberto Castillo |

Ushers/Hospitality

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | JoJo Machalec, Charlie Proschko, Bill Lopez, Ronnie Koenning |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Janet & Jason Zabransky |
| | 9 A.M. | Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Dennis & Dolores Sestak |
| | 11 A.M. | Robert Barrera, Gabriel Espinosa, Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez |

Altar Servers

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | A. J. Adamek, Addison Ferry, Benjamin Schultz |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz |
| | 9 A.M. | Abigail Long, Brittany Moreno, Ryan Brewer |
| | 11 A.M. | Gabriel & Jorge Chavez, Samantha Arredondo |

Special Collection for the Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Next week's special collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Diocese of Victoria. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

KC Mother's Day BBQ Dinner

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ dinner today from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Yoakum Community Center. Tickets are \$9.00. Proceeds go to KC Charities.

Picnic 2018!

We had our organizational meeting for planning our upcoming picnic on Sunday, August 5. Gratitude is owed to Patrick and Bernadette Matussek for going above and beyond and chairing our annual fundraiser again. Everyone knows the drill...we need your help...so without beating the proverbial drum to raise your attention, please consider stepping forward and helping. Simply call the parish office

One last call....

This is a final reminder to those who would like to donate towards the raffle. Anyone interested should simply contact the parish office this week **by Friday**. We're hoping to get the ticket proof together soon thereafter and to the printer.

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 27 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 15th** so as to try to get the minimum number to order.

Diocesan Catechist Rally

Those involved in Faith Formation/CCD...mark your calendars! "We are Catechists, Witnessing for Jesus: Living as Missionary Disciples" is the theme for the 2018 Catechist Rally which will be held on Saturday, July 14, at the Cathedral Center, next to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, Texas. The Catechist Rally is a Catechist appreciation and recognition event. All Catechist and Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to attend.

Congratulations!

This Saturday evening we celebrate our final First Communion Mass with our St. Joseph Students. Most Catholics can remember the excitement and joy surrounding this sacred moment in our own lives. May all of our First Communicants truly grow closer to our Lord through this wonderful experience.

St. Joseph School First Communicants: Nickolas Adamek, Trent Ferry, Kaydance Ferry, Kenzie Grahmann, Shooter Laqua, Katie McElroy, Ilyana Puntos, Gunner Smith.

Mass Honoring Seniors

Our annual Mass to honor graduating Seniors will be held at the **9:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday, May 20th**. A breakfast for the Seniors and their parents will follow in the Family Center. Attending Seniors are asked to wear their cap and gown. If you plan to attend call the parish office, 293-3518 **by 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 16th**.

Hechos de los apóstoles: el Ministerio de San Pablo

¡Hasta los confines de la tierra! En esta última entrega de nuestro estudio bíblico tomaremos una mirada amplia en el ministerio de San Pablo, quien así fue tan afectado por la misericordia del Jesús resucitado que tenía a compartirlo con tantas personas como él podría. Únase a nosotros para Padre Jacob establece algunos de los temas principales del ministerio de San Pablo **HOY, 13 de mayo** después de la misa en el Salón Parroquial. **¡Traigan sus Biblias!**

Acts of the Apostles: The Ministry of St. Paul

To the ends of the earth! In this last installment of our Bible Study on Acts we'll take a broad look at the ministry of St. Paul who was so touched by the mercy shown him by the risen Jesus that he had to tell as many people as he could. Join us as Fr. Jacob lays out some of the major themes of St. Paul's ministry, **Monday, May 14th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. **Bring your Bibles!**

Marten Program in Homiletics

Recently several priests of our diocese began a Homiletics and Preaching Renewal Program that will last until June of next year. We are fortunate in that our own Fr. Jacob is among them. They will be meeting together regularly during the year to focus on improving preaching skills. It'll involve deeper study, setting specific goals, giving each other in-depth evaluations and feedback, and meeting a few times with groups of priests from other parts of the country who are also working through this program. As they begin, please keep them in your prayers.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.



Attention! Attention! JCDA Leader(s) Needed

Since 2009, Desiree Muenich and Jennifer Jahn have been co-coordinators of the Junior Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206. These ladies have worked hard and put in countless hours to build the organization which currently has 35 active members ranging from kindergarten through 12th grade. Desi and Jennifer are looking for a couple of individuals to take their place and continue working with these young ladies. They are committed to helping the new co-coordinators get started and assist when needed. The JCDA organization has been long established in our parish and we want to see it continue. If interested in working with the JCDA, please contact CDA Regent, Mary McQuillen at 293-3736 or the parish office, 293-3518.

-Calling All Youth- You are Invited!

2018 Vacation Bible School
July 9th - 13th
St. Joseph Family Center
9:00 A.M. - 12-noon

Students entering grades K-6 will be VBS campers
Students entering grades 7-12 will be VBS helpers

Adult helpers are also needed
Please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863 or
faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

VBS Day Includes:
River Run Storytelling; Plunge-In Bible Challenge;
Fireside Snacks; White Water Games; River Riffs
Music & Dance, and Sandbar Crafts

VBS Daily Colors:
Monday - Yellow; Tuesday - Red;
Wednesday - Purple; Thursday - Green;
Friday - Blue

Safe Environment Student Awareness
will take place Monday, July 9th during snack times.

Friday, July 13th - Parents are invited to our
Closing Celebration at 11:45 A.M.

Application forms are available at the entrance of
the church and at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Tuesday, May 15th

Grades 4-8 – AR Reward Trip to Splashway

Wednesday, May 16th

Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.
Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 17th

Grades 2-3 – Spring Play

Friday, May 18th

8th Grade Trip

Saturday, May 19th

8th Grade Graduation – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Friday, May 25

Mass- 8:30 A.M.

Kindergarten Graduation & Report Cards

Positions Available 2018-2019 School Year

Kindergarten Teacher
1st Grade Teacher
Physical Education Teacher
Part-time Cafeteria Worker

All applicants, with the exception of the cafeteria position, must have a Bachelor's degree and 12 hours Education credit OR a valid state teaching certificate.

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 or applying for a teaching position at St. Joseph's.

Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

May 19

SJS 8th Grade Graduation – 5 P.M.

May 20

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

Happy



Mother's Day

What is a novena?

Philip Kosloski

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Catholics often talk about “novenas,” and without any prior knowledge of the devotion the name can be confusing.

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Novenas are an ancient part of the the Church’s devotional life and many trace the structure back to the days between Jesus’ ascension and the feast of Pentecost.

Jesus’ final command on earth before ascending into heaven was to “wait for the promise of the Father.”

And while staying with them [Jesus] charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4-5)

God fulfilled this promise on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, as is described in the second chapter of Acts. This Jewish feast was always celebrated 50 days after the feast of Passover.

According to St. Luke, Jesus ascended into heaven after “appearing to [the apostles] during forty days” (Acts 1:3) after his resurrection. This means that the time between Jesus’ ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is nine days (not including the day of Jesus’ ascension).

For many Christians, they saw these nine days of prayer as a model of prayer and developed devotions that consisted of nine days (or months) of prayer for a specific intention or to a particular saint. This number was seen as divinely inspired and so “novenas” (from the Latin word, *novem*, meaning “nine”), were viewed as a perfect way to pray.

One of the earliest novenas was a period of prayer for the nine months preceding the feast of Christmas, in imitation of Mary’s prayerful pregnancy.

It didn’t take long for the number nine to be used in all sorts of situations, such as a novena of Masses said for a person, or a novena of prayers for the restoration of health. Thus, the “novena” was born and has become a central part of Catholic devotion ever since.

WANTED:

Job Description: Full-time position with no guaranteed vacations or flexible hours. Must be available 24/7. Past experience in the following areas useful: nursing, counseling, teaching, dispute mediation, chauffeuring, housekeeping, and restaurant management. Once accepted, position lasts the rest of your life. The ideal candidate will have the strength of a pack mule (for loading kids and groceries in and out of the car), the patience of Job, and a heart as big as the universe. Must also be willing to be hated—at least temporarily—until someone needs another cookie, a raise in their allowance, or a ride to the mall.

Previous experience: None required. On-the-job training offered on a continually renewing basis.

Benefits: No pension, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered. Position does offer limitless opportunities for personal growth, a lifetime supply of love, and the satisfaction of knowing that if the job is done well, your life will be richer and the world will be a better place.

