

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Myron Patek
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thomas & Maude Grubert
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mary Lauer
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Santos Ramirez
	8:30 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Guadalupe, Elvira & David Vera
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	9 A.M.	Fred, Alvina & Ronnie Lerma
	11 A.M.	German & Trinidad Sanchez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of the deceased members of the Chomout & Harbus families.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Your Gift to God: May 13th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,954
Online Giving	\$1,470
Building Fund	\$175
Helping Hands	\$1,078
St. Ann Parish Support	\$540
Online Giving	\$160
Building Fund	\$50

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

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Carol Bade
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Bob Arlitt
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gloria Lerma
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Lerma Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek, Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Jimmy & Shirley Mudd, Sherri Spaeth
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Raquel Gomez

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Andy Bordovsky, Alan Migl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Joe Machalec, Lance Muenich
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hannah & Ella Boswell, Emily Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Ryan Gearson, Hunter Kvinta, Carly Hull
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Luis Avalos

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 25th** so as to try to get the minimum number to order.

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

This week's special collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Diocese of Victoria. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection.

As Summer Vacation Days Draw Near

With the school year coming to its close and summer vacation days draw near, just a reminder to all who are involved with assisting at our liturgies: please make use of the Ministry Scheduler Program (accessible at www.stj catholic church.com) so as to secure replacement substitutes when away from the parish family. If for some reason you are having difficulty with accessing the program, call the parish office so that hopefully the problem can be addressed.

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.

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 19th at 8:00 A.M. and return July 22nd for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

Congratulations Class of 2018!

The parish extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates. At this exciting time in your lives open your hearts to the fullness of the Lord's discerning Spirit as you take the next step into your futures. Blessings to each of you at this momentous and joyful event!

Congratulations SJS 8th Grade Graduates

Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes are extended to the seven young men to have completed their elementary education and St. Joseph's: Mario Ariceaga, Macanon Eggemeyer, Tyler Ferry, Alex Gutierrez, Kaden Holik, Jacob Koenig, Caden Malinovsky.

Baptismal Preparation

The Church requires that parents and godparents participate in a preparation program prior to celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a "refresher" and overview of this important moment in the life of the family and the identity of our Catholic faith. The parish preparation program will be on "vacation" until September 8th. If someone desires to celebrate a Baptism this summer and one or more of the parents/godparents still need the class, they can attend in any Catholic parish and simply present their certificate. If they cannot locate a "class" that works with their schedule, there is always the option of the online version/program that can be completed. Unlike the parish sponsored programs which are free, the online requires registering for it and paying a fee of approximately \$30 to the company (this is solely the company's and in no way gets shared/given to the parish). After completing the online program a certificate is emailed to you for presenting to the parish as proof of having had the preparation. For those who want to pursue more information about this offering, go to www.catechismclass.com.

*"Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love."*

-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 22nd
1st–3rd Grades – AR Reward Trip to
Palmetto State Park

Wednesday, May 23rd
Field Day

Thursday, May 24th
End of School Parties
Early Release – 12:30 P.M.

Friday, May 25
Liturgy- 8:30 A.M. - Kindergarten Graduation
Final 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.

Recordatorio

Nos estamos preparando para la Escuela Bíblica de St. Joseph. Si usted tiene un niño en la escuela entre los grados de Kínder al 6 en el entrante año escolar, considere inscribirlo en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. La Escuela Bíblica se llevara a cabo en Julio 9 al 13 a partir de las 9:00 AM hasta las 12:00 mediodía. Si quiere ser voluntario para ayudar a esta actividad o le gustaría tener mas in formación, por favor contacte a Jana Guajardo en faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com Las formas de inscripción puede ser recogidas o dejadas en la oficina de la parroquia. La fecha límite para la inscripción es Viernes, de Junio 29.

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.

*“Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”*

Pope Francis explains the Hail Mary phrase by phrase. Check it out!

Gelsomino Del Guercio

And he remembers a mother who had an amazing gift of counsel. Here's the advice she gave her son:

We all recite the Hail Mary, but how many of us know its true meaning? What is the prayer really saying?

In the book, "Mary, Mother of All" ("*María, Mamma di tutti*"), Pope Francis himself teaches us the meaning of the words of this essential prayer.

Full of Grace

The Angel Gabriel calls Mary "full of grace" (Lk 1:28); in her, the pope explains, "there is no room for sin, because God has chosen her from all eternity to be the mother of Jesus, and has preserved her from original sin."

"The Word became flesh in her womb. We, too, are asked to listen to God, who speaks to us, and to accept His will. The Lord always speaks to us."

The Lord is with you

What happened in a unique way in the Virgin Mary, Francis says, "happens on a spiritual level in us as well when we welcome the Word of God with a good and sincere heart, and put it into practice. It happens as if God were to become flesh in us; He comes to live in us, because He makes His home in those who love Him and obey His Word. It's not easy to understand this, but, yes, it's easy to feel it in your heart."

"Do we think that the incarnation of Jesus is only a past event, that it doesn't affect us personally? Believing in Jesus means offering Him our body, with the same humility and courage as Mary."

Blessed are you among women

How did Mary live her faith? "She lived it," the pope answers, "in the simplicity of the many daily occupations and worries of every mom, such as providing food and clothing, and taking care of the house... Precisely this normal existence of the Virgin was the ground on which a singular rapport and profound dialogue between her and God, between her and her Son, developed."

Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Mary is receptive, but not passive, Francis explains.

"Just as she receives the power of the Holy Spirit at a physical level, but then gives flesh and blood to the Son of God who takes form in Her, so also on a spiritual level, she receives grace and responds to it with faith. For this reason, Saint Augustine says that the Virgin 'conceived in her heart before in her womb.' She conceived faith first, and then the Lord."

Holy Mary, Mother of God

The Mother of the Redeemer, the pope continues, "precedes us and constantly confirms us in the faith, in our vocation, and in our mission. With her example of humility and readiness to obey God's will, she helps us to translate our faith into a joyful proclamation of the Gospel, without borders."

Pray for us sinners

In order to explain the meaning of this passage of the prayer, Francis relates an anecdote: "I remember how once, at the Shrine of Luján, I was in the confessional, in front of which there was a long line. There was also a young man who was very modern, with earrings, tattoos, all those things... And he had come to tell me what was going on with him. It was a big problem, very difficult. And he said to me, 'I told my mom all of this, and my mom said: Go to the Blessed Virgin and she will tell you what to do.' Now, that's a woman who had the gift of counsel. She didn't know how to solve her son's problem, but she pointed out the right path: go to the Blessed Virgin, and she will tell you. This is the gift of counsel. That humble, simple woman gave her son the best advice. In fact, the young man said to me, 'I looked at the Blessed Virgin and I felt that I should do this, this, and this...' I didn't need to talk; his mom and the young man himself had already said everything. This is the gift of counsel. You moms, who have this gift: ask that it be given to your children. The gift of counseling your children is a gift of God."

Now, and at the hour of our death

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary, Pope Francis says, "so that she, as the Mother of our first-born brother, Jesus, can teach us to have the same maternal spirit towards our brothers, with a sincere ability to accept, to forgive, to strengthen, and to infuse confidence and hope. And this is what a mom does."

Mary's path towards Heaven began "with that 'yes' she spoke in Nazareth, in reply to the heavenly Messenger who announced to her God's will for her. In reality, that's exactly how it is: every 'yes' to God is a step toward Heaven, toward eternal life."

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

