

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 22, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Wilbert & Bernice Kutac
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elizabeth Pulkrabek & Hattie Targac
	10 A.M.	Frances Sylvester
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Sam Sykora
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elenora Ebner
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Marcella Janak
	10 A.M.	Lay & Annie McCord
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Joseph Bolech
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Fred & Emma Baros
	9 A.M.	Joe Guardiola & Annette Marie Vera
	11 A.M.	Augustin & Concepcion Oviedo

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Ernest Gomez, Jr.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Your Gift to God: July 15th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,399
Online Giving	\$1,320
Building Fund	\$125
Helping Hands	\$1,131
St. Ann Parish Support	\$404
Online Giving	\$150
Building Fund	\$40

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. –6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Reminder

Every Wednesday we have available the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6-6:30 P.M. Take advantage of this added opportunity to celebrate the Lord's abundant mercy!

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Billy Natho
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Paula Adamek
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Joseph Bolech Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	James & Irma Chomout

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Theresa Belicek, Dawne Wendel Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mike & Jana Guajardo, Anita Schulte
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim & Trevor Fikac, Charlie Proschko, Debbie Caka
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Janet & Jason Zabransky
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Emil Blaschke, Lance Muenich
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Adriana Resendiz, Elsa & Jessica Resendiz

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Reagan Respondek, Konner Dismuke, Arielle Bennetsen
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Tyler & Addison Ferry, Carly Hull
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Alex Gutierrez

2 Weeks to the Picnic



Appreciation

The parish extends its gratitude to Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation for promptly addressing the concerns mentioned previously in the bulletin about the challenges experienced with our weekly liturgies and ministry there. The administration was immediate in their response this week and our Tuesday Mass was accommodated with professionalism on the part of the facility. Many thanks!

Altar Server Training

Another Altar Server Training will be held next **Saturday, July 28th from 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.** in the Church. This is open to all new servers--boys and girls 4th grade and up.

Monaguillos

Vamos a tener un entrenamiento para nuevos monaguillos el **Sábado, 28 Julio de la 1 pm a las 2 pm** en la iglesia. (Niños del cuarto grado hasta duodécimo grado en la escuela)

Picnic Meal Tickets

Meal tickets for this year's picnic may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank or at the Pastoral Center. Cost is \$9.00.

Picnic Donors List

Copies of the Picnic Donors List are available at the parish office for anyone who may not have gotten a bulletin last week.

Es el Tiempo...Otra Vez

Es el tiempo de preparación para la jamaica de la parroquia el primer domingo del agosto. Necesitamos su ayuda y su generosidad para la comida mexicana. Hable con Robert Barrera o Frances Barrera después de las Misas cada domingo del julio. Ellos estarán en el frente de la iglesia colectando donaciones y buscando miembros de nuestra familia parroquial a ayudarnos.

Putting the Pop in Poppysseed!

St. Joe Dough Rollers know how to keep their menfolk smiling when it comes to the kitchen. After a long afternoon walking behind ol' Dixie the mule there's no better way to get that extra boost than svacina--with a spread of delicious Poppysseed and Cream Cheese Rolls. The secret recipe gets results--whether getting Pop back to the field with Dixie or garnering picnic success. Help make our #1 Auction Item--the Pyramid of Cream Cheese and Poppysseed Rolls another Success--donations are readily being accepted at the Pastoral Center.

Attention: Picnic Chairpersons

Work Schedules for the picnic must be turned in to the parish office by **noon on Wednesday, July 25th.**



St. Joseph School *TIGERAMA*

All students and parents are invited to attend the "Tigerama" Orientation and Fall Registration on **Wednesday, August 8th from 4:30-7:00 P.M.** in the St. Joseph School. There will not be a registration time scheduled during the day at school. All payments of tuition, lunch, milk tickets and Bibles along with Safe Environment Continuing Education will be taken care of that evening. Pre-ordered school supplies will also be available for pick up. There will be complimentary snacks and drinks for everyone to enjoy along with booths for PTC, Spirit Shirt new designs, Pre-K and Athletics. For more information or to set up an appointment to discuss educational possibilities at St. Joseph Catholic School, please call 293-9000.



A Note from Principal Mooney

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

KJT State Family Day – July 29th

KJT State Family Day will be held Sunday, July 29th at the JKT Activity & Fraternal Center in La Grange. Registration begins at 11:00 A.M. with Holy Mass at 11:30 A.M. followed by the meal. All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a BBQ meal and a day of fun! Chris Rybak will provide entertainment and there will be attendance prizes throughout the day. There will also be a water slide and face painting for the children. RSVP by July 16th at 979-968-5877 or info@kjtnet.org.

The Isaacs in Concert

The Isaacs, a multi-award-winning country and bluegrass Southern gospel music family of Hendersonville, TN will perform in concert at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center on Saturday, **August 4th** beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert is hosted by the Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation and proceeds from ticket sales will be added to the construction fund for an education and multi-denominational chapel building at the prison in Cuero. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40 and are available online – www.chapelfund.org

SOS Marriage Retreat

Surrender your marriage to God's plan.

Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Serve the Lord in all that you do.

Are you longing to spend relaxing quality time with your spouse and better understand God's plan for your marriage and your family? If so, please join us for the annual Hallettsville Deanery marriage retreat, which will be held **August 17-19** at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales. We are all different couples, at all stages of marriage, and this weekend is designed for anyone! Registration forms are located in back of the church. You may contact Jeff and Leslie Chancellor at 361-772-2650 or Anthony and Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325 for more information. We hope to see you there!

SJS School Year Begins

The 2018-2019 St. Joseph School year will begin on Monday, August 13th.

CCD Registration

For those who want to get ahead and cross an item off of the annual “to do” list...you can find the registration forms available for download in the parish website (or by stopping by the Pastoral Center during office hours). There will be a designated evening in August for registration—this is just information for the “early birds” amongst us.

Twenty-First Annual St. Joseph School Alumni Reunion Saturday, August 4th

Mass – 5:00 P.M.

followed by

Tour of school (for those interested)

Social, Meal, Short Program,

Silent Auction

All alumni of St. Joseph School are invited to attend. This includes high school graduates, 8th grade graduates, anyone who attend St. Joseph's for at least one year, faculty and staff.

Cost is \$15.00. Please R.S.V.P. by July 27th by contacting the Pastoral Center.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, August 14th – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, August 15th – 6:30 & 8:05 A.M.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD aide. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.**



High-Tech Noodle Making



Volunteers are needed **next Saturday, July 28th** to help make noodles for the picnic Country Store. Since the Catholic Daughters have gone high-tech with the purchase of a new electric noodle making machine, I'm sure everyone will want to try their hand at new gadget. Donations of eggs and flour are also needed.



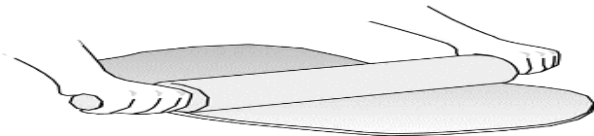
Potato Peelers Needed

Volunteers are needed **Saturday, August 4th** at 8:00 A.M. at the Yoakum Community Center kitchen to help peel potatoes for the picnic. You are asked to **bring peelers and/or knives**. All help is appreciated!



Apprentice Dough Rollers Needed

The Dough Rollers are looking for newcomers to join their team on **Saturday, August 4th**. If interested in lending a hand, please contact Tonya Wenzel at 293-7217 or the parish office at 293-3518.



ATTENTION:

2018-2019 Confirmation Students

The church picnic needs your help! **Get ahead on required service hours** for the upcoming Confirmation school year. Contact the parish office, 293-3518, to sign up.

*"He preached peace to you
who were far off and
peace to those who were near."*

Picnic Raffle

If you've seen the tickets (extras are available in the Church entrances and at the Pastoral Center) you now know that again, our Raffle is one of the most generous in our area--both in terms of prize values as well as number of prize chances! Thanks to the extreme generosity of our parish family members the Raffle is pure financial "gain" for the parish picnic's success. Sell...buy...get the tickets going--Each are \$5.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you spare one hour of your time to help the parish? The Parish Picnic is need of volunteers in various areas and we are only asking for an hour of your time. The more volunteers the shorter the shift. Please contact the parish office if are willing to spare 60 minutes of your time on August 4th or 5th. Your contribution will make a difference towards the success of the picnic. Thank you!

Picnic Donations

It's not too early to start thinking about Auction items...no garage sale merchandise or used appliances, etc.; Country Store items...homemade jelly, pickles, bread, etc. (be sure to list all ingredients on food items), knick-knacks, plants, etc. All items for the Auction and Country Store should be taken to the Community Center Saturday morning, August 4th. If you have large auction items that need to be picked up, please contact the parish office by **Wednesday, August 1st**.

Religious Goods

One aspect of our Catholic devotion and piety is that we treasure sacred items as a way to assist in sanctifying our lives and living spaces. The Pastoral Center in Yoakum has a great variety of religious goods for all occasions. From cards to books to crucifixes, rosaries, etc.--there is something for all age groups and occasions. Stop in and check out the items available.

Dates to Remember

Monday Evenings

“Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” – 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Evenings

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

Sunday, July 22

Feast of St. Ann Celebration

Mass – 7 P.M. - followed by refreshments at Pavilion

Saturday, July 28

Catholic Daughters Noodle Making Day
8:00 A.M. – Family Center

Saturday, August 4

St. Joseph School Alumni Reunion

Mass – 5 P.M. – followed by meal at Family Center

Sunday, August 5

St. Joseph Parish Picnic
Yoakum Community Center

Wednesday, August 8

Tigerama Parent Registration – 4:30-7:00 P.M.

Monday, August 13

First Day of School for St. Joseph School Students

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, August 14 – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, August 15 – 6:30 A.M., 8:05 A.M.

Wednesday, August 22

CCD Registration – 5:00-7:00 P.M. – Family Center

Safe Environment Training – 6:30 P.M.

Family Center Meeting Room



*“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.”*

Pray this St. Michael prayer for personal protection

Philip Kosloski

A powerful alternative to the traditional St. Michael prayer many are familiar with.

St. Michael the Archangel is an angel who is clearly associated in the Bible with protection and spiritual warfare. He is one who leads the heavenly army to defeat Satan in the book of Revelation, and he is traditionally believed to be the angel who guided the Hebrew people out of Egypt, through the Red Sea and into the Promised Land.

Throughout the centuries the Church has confirmed this special role appointed to St. Michael by God, most clearly in the St. Michael Prayer that was composed by Pope Leo XIII.

There are also many other prayers in the spiritual treasury of the Church that invoke St. Michael’s protection, including the following prayer that invokes his spiritual aid. It is a powerful prayer, one that can also be prayed in addition to the traditional prayer of Leo XIII.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, Glorious Prince, chief and champion of the heavenly hosts; guardian of the souls of men; conqueror of the rebel angels! How beautiful art thou, in thy heaven-made armor. We love thee, dear Prince of Heaven! We, thy happy clients, yearn to enjoy thy special protection. Obtain for us from God a share of thy sturdy courage; pray that we may have a strong and tender love for our Redeemer and, in every danger or temptation, be invincible against the enemy of our souls. O standard-bearer of our salvation! Be with us in our last moments and when our souls quit this earthly exile, carry them safely to the judgment seat of Christ, and may Our Lord and Master bid thee bear us speedily to the kingdom of eternal bliss. Teach us ever to repeat the sublime cry: “Who is like unto God?” Amen.



Buzz over to the Pastoral Center and donate to the Dough Rollers!

The Gospel this week will tell us how to achieve unshakeable peace

Tom Hoopes

Pay attention this Sunday to find what we all want, and how to make sure it can't be taken away

We can all relate to the feeling the apostles have when they return from their mission and report to Jesus all they have done, as we hear this Sunday (the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

When Jesus tells them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while,” they are sure they are in for a well-deserved break.

That’s not what they get. Instead, they learn where real peace and rest come from.

Peace comes from good, hard work.

Jesus, being God, knows what is going to happen. As soon as they head to vacation, “People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.”

On their break from work, they find ... even more work.

But they do get a kind of “rest.”

“The great happiness of those days can be seen from the hard work of those who taught and the enthusiasm of those who learned,” wrote St. Bede.

The Apostles learn that real rest doesn’t come from having nothing to do, but from doing what you must — with Christ.

That doesn’t necessarily mean preaching. Lasting peace comes from doing what God asks you to do — which usually means doing your same-old job, sometimes tedious household chores, and dealing with family, friends and neighbors.

The difference isn’t *what* you do, it’s whether or not you do your job with Christ. But what does it mean to “do your job with Christ”?

Peace comes from tearing down the wall in your heart.

The Russian author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn wrote against the temptation to think that other people are the cause of the problems we confront.

“If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them,” he said. “But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?”

Each of us has this struggle within us. We are each deceitful, greedy, lazy, lustful, prone to harsh judgments and to wallowing in self-pity.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Ephesians, says Jesus Christ “is our peace” because he “broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through the cross, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace.”

Jesus Christ found a way to break into that part of our heart we barely acknowledge and rarely visit. That way, says the reading, is the cross.

It hurts to face our petty vices and unsavory desires and break from them. But there is no other path to peace than to shoulder that cross and do it.

Peace without Jesus Christ is impossible.

Along with the cross of facing our darkness comes the light of grace, above all through the Holy Spirit who Christ brings to breaks down the wall in our heart. He writes his law on our hearts, inspires our hearts to pray and fills our heart with God’s love.

Healing is his work, not ours. But it only comes if we welcome him into our lives.

We won’t be at peace if we don’t talk to God.

We won’t be at peace if we try to do the minimum for God while trying to maximize our comfort.

We won’t be at peace if we redefine God to better suit our purposes.

We will only be at peace if we are honest about who God is and who we are, and invite him in.

But if we do, great things await.

With Jesus Christ, peace is unassailable.

The Church has always seen today’s Psalm, “The Lord is my shepherd,” as a vision of what life in Christ looks like.

It is a vision of what life looks like for someone with the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

“Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil,” says the Psalm. “Goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life.”

It is, in fact, a picture of what the apostles felt when their vacation was so rudely interrupted: An unshakeable peace.

We are lost and frightened in the world, following paths that lead nowhere, anxious and alone. We are like sheep without a shepherd.

Well, now we have one.