

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 5, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Adolph Beran, Jr.
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Lillie Jemelka
	10 A.M.	John & Frances Pekar
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Maude Grubert
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alphonse Tesar
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charlie Schilhab
	10 A.M.	Gene & Lois Jirkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Lora Torres
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kip Brewer & Leslie & J'Net Brewer <i>70th Anniversary Blessings!</i>
	9 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of K.J.Z.T. Society #1
	11 A.M.	Ernest Gomez, Jr.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Joe Castro.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Your Gift to God: July 29th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,352.10
Online Giving	\$1,806
Building Fund	\$135
Helping Hands	\$1,053.25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$870
Online Giving	\$180
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.

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.	Diana Darilek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Rita Pargmann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	K.J.Z.T. #1 Members

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion

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

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, John P. Barrera, Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak, Paul Ebner
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Henry Janak, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Gerardo Rivas, Miguel Trujillo, Vicky Vasquez, Alice Nunez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hannah & Ella Boswell, Reagan Respondek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Cameron Villa, Jacob Koenig, Raleigh Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Cecilia Rivas, Jorge Trujillo, Joel Gomez

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.

Picnic Raffle Tickets

DO NOT drop any raffle tickets in this weekend's collection. All raffle tickets should be taken to the Community Center.

K.J.T. #13 Meeting August 12th

The KJT Society #13 meeting will be held next **Sunday, August 12th** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Center. Please make plans to attend.

Una Oportunidad de Educación

Dentro de nuestra comunidad tenemos un gran ministerio de educación con nuestra escuela parroquial. Uno de nuestros alumnos ha ofrecido becas por familias que quiere sus hijos a recibir una educación Católica pero tiene preocupaciones sobre el precio. Esta oferta es especialmente para familias que comprenden que una educación total incluye académicas y espiritualidad. Si tiene interés o quiere más información por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela o a la parroquia. Este es el tiempo de actuar en el interés de sus hijos y su crecimiento intelectual y espiritual.

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.**

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.

Welcome!

Welcome to all of our alumni and “extended” parish family on this Parish Picnic weekend. St. Joseph Parish and School has deep roots in our community and in our families--and it is a great experience to come together, renew friendships and share memories--all while contributing to the work of supporting the Church. Next year—2019--will mark the 150th anniversary of the formal establishment of St. Joseph Church. Plans are in the works to observe and celebrate this important sesquicentennial part of our presence. Details forthcoming....



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.



SJS School Year Begins

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

*“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.”*

CCD/Faith Formation

The calendar for the upcoming year is posted on the parish website as well as the registration form. Those who would like to get this taken care of are welcomed to download and printout the form and drop it by the Pastoral Center anytime during office hours. There will be a formal registration the evening of **Wednesday, August 22nd** in the Family Center. **Those enrolling in First Communion Class (2nd grade) and those in Confirmation Class (11th grade) need to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate with their registration.**

CCD/Formación de la Fe

El próximo calendario para la Doctrina (CCD) de este año escolar ha sido puesto en nuestro sitio de internet. Para aquellos que deseen registrarse temprano pueden bajar la forma del sitio y llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia en cualquier tiempo durante las horas normales de oficina. Solamente tendremos una sola noche de matrícula (registro) formal el **miércoles 22 de agosto**. **Los que están registrando en los clases sacramentales, Primera Comunion y Confirmacion (2nd y 11th) necesitan copias de Fe del Bautismo.**

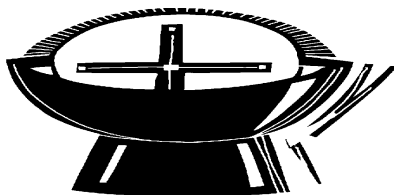
Religious Goods

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.

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund

The School Endowment Fund has setup a post office box so that correspondence, memorials, donations can be sent to a central location and not be mixed in with parish or school mail. The address is:

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund
P. O. Box 805
Yoakum, Texas 77995



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!

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.

Wednesday, August 8

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

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

Sunday, September 9

R.C.I.A. Classes
after the 9:00 A.M. Mass
Family Center Meeting Room



Why did Jesus invent the Eucharist?

Tom Hoopes

The soul-body unity that is the human being requires treatment that acknowledges both elements. And our Creator knows that ...

It is as if we are two creatures in one, we human beings.

We could say that we are part animal and part “angel.” One part of us is hungry, like a bird, for what will satisfy our body — the other is starved for what will satisfy our soul.

Jesus points to our two hungers in Sunday’s Gospel (the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Last week, he showed his preference for giving us more than enough for our body. This Sunday, he wants to give us more than enough for our soul.

Bread is not enough.

Feeding the body is a central aspect of Christianity — from Jesus’ miracle at Cana to the loaves we heard about last weekend, to the Last Judgment when his test for each of us will be, “Who did you feed?”

As one 12th-century Church text put it: “Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him, you have killed him.”

But Jesus has also always warned about stopping there.

When the devil tempted him to turn stones to loaves of bread, he refused, saying, “Man does not live on bread alone.”

Today, he hides from the people who want to celebrate him merely because they ate. “Do not work for food that perishes,” he tells them, “but for the food that endures for eternal life.”

Mother Teresa knew what this greater hunger looks like.

“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat,” St. Teresa of Calcutta said.

Recent headlines about wealthy suicides would seem to make her point. But our hunger for meaning causes many behaviors that plague us, well short of suicide. There is the hookup culture on campuses, alcohol and drug abuse, even social media.

Clearly we have a gaping hole in our hearts that pains us terribly if we find no way to fill it.

As the Second Vatican Council put it, a human being “plunges into the depths of reality whenever he enters into his own heart; God, Who probes the heart, awaits him there; there he discerns his proper destiny beneath the eyes of God.”

The only way to satisfy our second hunger is to plunge in.

Jesus Christ in this Sunday’s Gospel refuses to settle for satisfying anything less than the deepest hunger he knows the people have.

This is why he invented the Eucharist — to show as clearly as possible that he wants to enter into our lives and fill us with his life.

As the the Catechism puts it, “What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life.” In particular, “As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity.”

In other words, it immerses us in love, making it possible to “put away the old self of your former way of life” and “put on a new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth” as the Second Reading specifies.

The Eucharist can do wonders for us, if we receive the Bread of Heaven not just with our mouths but with our hearts and our lives.

After all, when we are hungry, we can’t think of anything else.

For me, at least, the longest 10 minutes of the day are the 10 minutes before dinner. And when the milk, eggs or bread run out, restocking them is a priority that trumps all other considerations — even if it means going to the store looking like you just woke up.

That is how hunger works: It demands food, now.

Our spiritual hunger has to work that way, too. But often it doesn’t. We are like hungry beggars invited to a feast who stand outside, too self-conscious to go in — too afraid of confession, too afraid of Christ, too afraid of ourselves.

“I am the bread of life,” Jesus tells us. “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

We know we are hungry. We know where the food is. We have been invited to the table. What are we waiting for?