

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Willie & Mary Pavelka, Paul Molnoskey
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Fabian Ramirez
	10 A.M.	Sandra Pelech
	6:30 P.M.	Lora Torres
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Lillian Roller
	8:05 A.M.	John Ferrell & Lisa Davis
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Eugene & Lillian Anders
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mitchel, Jr. & Valerie Harbus
	10 A.M.	Pete & Julia Canales
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Joseph Lazarus Chapa
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	9 A.M.	Louise Drabek
	11 A.M.	Jesse Gomez

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

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Your Gift to God: August 5th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,380
Online Giving	\$1,850
Building Fund	\$513
St. Ann Parish Support	\$695
Online Giving	\$30
Building Fund	\$180

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. –6:30 P.M.
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Sanctuary Flowers – St. Ann's

The floral arrangements were donated by the children of Damon & J'Net Brewer in memory of Kip Brewer and in honor of the following wedding anniversaries:

Damon & J'Net Brewer – 70 years
Kenneth & Mildred Brewer – 64 years
Boots & Del Ruth (Brewer) Ermis – 64 years

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
<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.	Bruce & Paula DeBord
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Gloria Lerma, Amy Hull, Donna Tolbert
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Susan Elizondo
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Daniel & Janna Driskell, Sherri Spaeth
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Nina Arriaga, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 P.M.	JoJo Machalec, Charlie Proschko, Bill Lopez, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tommy Chilek, Charlie Migl
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim Brown, Trevor Fikac, Debbie Caka, Andy Bordovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Bobby & Bea Welfl
	11 A.M.	Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez, Robert Barrera, Gabriel Espinosa

Altar Servers

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ava & Leah Muenich, Konner Dismuke
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ben & Sophie Jahn, Arielle Bennetsen
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Benjamin & Hannah Schultz, Gage Harrison
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Gabriel Chavez, Luis Avalos

*"Taste and see
the goodness of the Lord."*

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.

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.**

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.**

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparación bautismal se celebrará el Sábado, 8 de septiembre a las 10:30 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion.

Gratitude and Appreciation

The parish picnic has finally come and gone and it is due time to say thanks to all who so generously went above and beyond in achieving its success. Patrick and Bernadette Matussek showed such generosity and leadership in chairing the event (especially when they had already served two accomplished years) and the parish is indebted to them for their dedication and sacrifice. So many in the parish stepped forward and pitched in--some have done "their part" for years, even decades--and yet they still so willingly come and volunteer. It is a great testament to the shared heritage at St. Joe and the sense of responsibility to something greater. There were those who "jumped in" for the first time and together we were able to accomplish the necessary task to meet coming expenses throughout the year. Many thanks to each of you who worked behind the scenes and to all of those who continue to show their support through generosity to St. Joseph Parish.

Muchísimas Gracias

Tenemos la obligación a dar gracias a todos los parroquianos que ayudaron con la Jamaica este fin de semana pasada. Gracias especialmente a Robert Barrera y Francés Barrera con su organización y trabajo...y a todos los ayudantes con la comida mexicana. Tuvimos gran éxito.

Thank You!

We just wanted to say "thank you" to each and every person who helped out in any way during this Parish Picnic weekend. It was a pleasure working with all of you and we look forward to working with you again next year for our 150 year anniversary. Thanks for making this such a successful event.

Patrick & Bernadette Matussek

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, **Saturday, September 8th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

*"Be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and live in love."*

We're Going Back To School



St. Joseph School extends its deepest and sincerest gratitude to our parish family for all of your time, talent and treasure. We begin the 2018-2019 school year on **August 13th** with a dedicated, enthusiastic faculty and staff. We ask for your continued prayers as we enter our 128th year of Catholic education in our parish and community. We invite you to participate with us in our religious celebrations and activities throughout this upcoming year, and always.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, August 13th
First Day of School

Wednesday, August 15th
Mass – 8:05 – Feast of the Assumption

“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. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Welcome back to school!

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.

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!

An “Informed” Decision

Most will remember the “old days” when an adult who wanted to be baptized or received into the Church would undergo several meetings with Father then “become” Catholic. The Church wants those who consider joining it to be as informed as possible about what “they are getting themselves into.” The best way to get a good and broad overview of the Church and its teachings is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). **It begins on September 9th**, meets weekly (except holidays) and concludes at Easter when the candidates receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you have been thinking about joining the Church or know someone who has always said that they are eventually going to become a Catholic, now is the time to encourage them to take the next step. For more information contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at (361)741-2657 or at deacon@stj catholicchurch.com.

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

Special Thanks to our Picnic Donors

We especially want to thank those individuals and families who donated the stew meat, potatoes, sauerkraut, beans, bread, ingredients for the cream cheese and poppyseed rolls, and other miscellaneous items to the picnic. Their generosity saved the parish over **\$6,500.00**.

We also thank all those who generously donated the **\$18,000.00** in raffle prizes.

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.

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

Saturday, September 8

Baptismal Preparation Class – 9:00 A.M.

Family Center Meeting Room

Sunday, September 9

R.C.I.A. Classes

(After the 9:00 A.M. Mass)

Family Center Meeting Room

2018 Picnic Report

Income

Auction	\$69,915.00
Raffle	\$36,740.00
Meals	\$14,128.00
Advance Meal Sales	\$ 612.00
Inside Meal Sales	\$7,511.00
Meals to Go Sales	\$6,005.00
Mexican Food	\$4,410.00
Country Store	\$2,905.95
Pantry Wheel	\$2,637.00
Cake Walk	\$2,097.50
Games	\$1,353.00
Desserts/Sauerkraut	\$295.00
Cream Cheese, Poppy Seed Roll	\$1,525.00
Sales	\$1,525.00
Cash Donations	<u>\$4,133.00</u>
	\$140,139.45

Expenses

Yoakum Community Center	\$1,920.00
City of Yoakum - Kitchen & Coolers	\$50.00
City of Yoakum - Dumpsters	\$22.90
County Line Meat Market (Sausage)	\$1,763.58
Lavaca County Office Supply (Tickets)	Donated
Gulf Coast Paper	\$662.80
The Victoria Advocate	\$350.00
Yoakum Herald-Times	\$203.18
Catholic Lighthouse	\$65.00
Texas Thunder Radio	Donated
DeWitt Poth (Posters)	\$90.00
Postage	\$312.65
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 20.10</u>
	\$5,460.21
Total Income	\$140,139.45
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,460.21</u>
Profit	\$134,679.24
FYI: 2017 Picnic Profit	\$124,490.99

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“I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The annual tradition of blessing herbs on the feast of the Assumption

Philip Kosloski

The special blessing seeks to increase the natural powers of healing these plants possess.

During the Middle Ages there developed an annual tradition of blessing herbs on the feast of the Assumption, August 15. It coincided with harvest time and was an opportunity to give thanks to God for the bounty received.

The custom arose primarily from Germanic countries, and the *Directory on Popular Piety* describes it as “a clear example of the genuine evangelization of pre-Christian rites and beliefs: one must turn to God, through whose word ‘the earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds’ (Gen 1, 12) in order ... to stem the damages deriving from poisonous herbs, and benefit from the efficacy of curative herbs.”

The reason why the blessing of herbs became associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary was due “most of all because of Isaiah 11, 1, and his reference to the ‘shoot springing from the side of Jesse,’ which would bear the blessed fruit of Jesus.”

The first part of the blessing, found in the *Roman Ritual*, describes how God created the many plants of the earth for the benefit of humans and to heal them.

Almighty everlasting God, who by your word alone brought into being the heavens, earth, sea, things seen and things unseen, and garnished the earth with plants and trees for the use of man and beast; who appointed each species to bring forth fruit in its kind, not only for the food of living creatures, but for the healing of sick bodies as well; with mind and word we urgently call on you in your great kindness to bless + these various herbs and fruits, thus increasing their natural powers with the newly given grace of your blessing. May they keep away disease and adversity from men and beasts who use them in your name; through Christ our Lord.

What’s interesting is that lately there has been a renewed interest in plants and natural remedies, looking to the earth that God created for cures. This blessing seeks to amplify the natural powers of these plants through the grace of God.

The second part of the prayer is more closely connected to the harvest festivals of ancient peoples and their desire to have God bless their produce.

God, who through Moses, your servant, directed the children of Israel to carry their sheaves of new grain to the priests for a blessing, to pluck the finest fruits of the orchard, and to make merry before you, the Lord their God; hear our supplications, and shower blessings + in abundance upon us and upon these bundles of new grain, new herbs, and this assortment of produce which we gratefully present to you on this festival, blessing + them in your name. Grant that men, cattle, flocks, and beasts of burden find in them a remedy against sickness, pestilence, sores, injuries, spells, against the fangs of serpents or poisonous creatures. May these blessed objects be a protection against diabolical mockery, cunning, and deception wherever they are kept, carried, or otherwise used. Lastly, through the merits of the blessed Virgin Mary, whose Assumption we are celebrating, may we all, laden with the sheaves of good works, deserve to be taken up to heaven; through Christ our Lord.

The final prayer invokes the Blessed Virgin Mary and seeks her aid to use wisely the fruits of the earth.

God, who on this day raised up to highest heaven the rod of Jesse, the Mother of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that by her prayers and patronage you might communicate to our mortal nature the fruit of her womb, your very Son; we humbly implore you to help us use these fruits of the soil for our temporal and everlasting welfare, aided by the power of your Son and the prayers of His glorious Mother; through Christ our Lord.

While it may be an outdated prayer for agrarian societies, with the recent interest in “returning to the earth,” this just might be a tradition worth reviving.

