

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Father Dan Morales
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Leslie & Vera Kaiser
	10 A.M.	Alren Emerson
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Monsignor Lawrence Matula
	8:05 A.M.	John & Annie Gerdes, Charlie Smirak & Frances Blonar
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Vera Kaiser
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Sam Elizondo
	10 A.M.	George Roznovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Felix Hybner Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	John & Minnie Richter
	9 A.M.	John & Myron Patek
	11 A.M.	Santiago Arriaga

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Gladys Newby.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Your Gift to God: August 26th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5,123
Online Giving	\$1,460
Building Fund	\$190
St. Ann Parish Support	\$533
Online Giving	\$130
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.

Special Collection

A special collection for Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign and The Catholic University of America will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 8-9.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Carol Bade
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Jose Martinez

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert Hybner Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	John Patek Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Susie Barrera

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel, JoJo Machalec, Kim Brown, Trevor Fikac
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Kocian, Bruce Chilek
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Lance Muenich, Elorine Sitka
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Macanon Eggemeyer, Reagan Respondek, Arielle Bennetsen
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Ava & Leah Muenich, Raleigh Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Alex Gutierrez, Luis Avalos, Samantha Arredondo

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers were donated by the children of Norman & Helen Manning in honor of their parent's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Holy Rosary Men's ACTS Retreat

Parish of the Nativity – Eagle Lake, Texas
September 13-16

Applications available at the entrances of the church.

Office Schedule

The Parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday. Normal operations will resume at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday, September 4th.

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society members will meet Wednesday, September 5th at 2:30 P.M. in the Family Center. Deacon Dennis Kutach will present the program. Hostesses are Mary Holik, Doris Chumchal, Charlotte Morrow, Sharon Hopkins, Virgie Ferrell, Annette Hull and Stacy Chomout.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3).

Adoration...Devotional Hour

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptismal Preparation Class

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

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparaci3n bautismal se celebrar3 el S3bado, 8 de septiembre a las 10:30 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informacion.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

And We're Off...

This Wednesday we begin our 2018-2019 CCD Faith Formation year. We are so fortunate with our many volunteers and staff who dedicate themselves to sharing the treasure of our Catholic faith with tomorrow's leaders. Anyone interested in getting more involved is invited to call the Pastoral Center or email Jana Guajardo, Faith Formation Coordinator at: faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

Doctrina

Las clases de doctrina va a comenzar este Miercoles **septiembre 5 a las 6:30 P.M.**

High School Youth Night

Saturday, September 8th at St. Joseph Church 5:00 P.M. Mass followed by dinner, prayer and fun. All high school students welcome!

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph School Library. For all parents/guardians of incoming confirmation students.

Reuni3n de padres de confirmaci3n

El domingo, **9 de septiembre a las 10:00 a.m.** en la biblioteca de la escuela St. Joseph. Para todos los padres / tutores de los estudiantes de confirmaci3n entrantes.

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!

**RETURN:
How to Draw Your Child Back
to the Church**

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Church? Not sure what to do? Join us for **RETURN** as we explore the topics of evangelization, discipleship, and effective strategies for outreach. This 10 week one hour program will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center beginning **September 4th**. For more information about the book the program is based on, visit brandonvogt.com.

**REGRESA:
Cómo atraer a su hijo de vuelta
a la iglesia**

¿Conoces a alguien que se ha alejado de la iglesia? ¿No está seguro de qué hacer? Únase a nosotros para **REGRESA** mientras exploramos los temas de evangelización, discipulado y estrategias efectivas para ayudar a otros que están lejos de la iglesia. Este programa de 10 semanas de una hora se llevará a cabo los domingos después de la misa a las 12:30 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial a partir del **2 de septiembre**.

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.

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.”

**Faith Formation
Safe Environment**

As part of the Safe Environment policy of the diocese we will have our annual continuing education program for all CCD students and their parents on **Wednesday, September 12th**. The program will be presented in the individual classrooms.

**Formación de la Fe
Entorno Seguro**

Como parte de la política de Entorno Seguro de nuestra diócesis tendremos nuestro programa de educación continua anual para todos los estudiantes de CCD y sus padres el próximo **Miércoles 12 de septiembre**. El programa será presentado en cada salón clase.

**Dynamic Catholic is coming to the
Diocese of Victoria!**

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself or some second-rate-version of yourself? Our lives change when our habits change. Join us on **Saturday, September 15th** from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria and hear Jonathan Fanning with Dynamic Catholic present “Find Your Greatness – Four habits that will transform your life”. Cost of this event is \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased online at DynamicCatholic.com or by calling 1-859-980-7900. In addition to hearing a life-changing talk, all attendees will receive a hardcover copy of a Dynamic Catholic Book (valued at \$25), a CD copy of The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality (valued at \$10) and an Inspirational Journal (valued at \$12)

Planning Ahead

Each Wednesday the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 6 pm to 6:30 pm. On **Wednesday--September 19th--the time will revert back to 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** so as to be available to the CCD students as well (**but not until September 19th**).

Have a Safe & Relaxing Labor Day!

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, September 3rd
No School – Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 5th
Mass – 8:05

Thursday, September 6th
Volleyball vs St. Michael – 5:30 P.M.

Friday, September 7th
Early Release – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 8th
Football season opener vs. Faith Academy – 10 AM

Monday, September 10th
Volleyball at St. Philip - El Campo – 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 12th
Grandparents' Mass – 8:05 A.M.

Thursday, September 13th
Football at St. Michael – Weimar – 5:30 P.M.

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.

Dates to Remember

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

Domingo 2 de Septiembre
REGRESA – 12:30 P.M. – Salon Parroquial

Tuesday, September 4
RETURN – 6:30 P.M. – Family Center

Wednesday, September 5
Faith Formation (CCD) Classes Start – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 8
Baptismal Preparation Class – 9:00 A.M.
Family Center Meeting Room
Clase de Preparacion Bautismal – 10:30 A.M.
Salon Parroquial
High School Youth Night – 5:00 P.M. Mass
followed by dinner, prayer & fun

Sunday, September 9
R.C.I.A. Classes - (After the 9:00 A.M. Mass)
Family Center Meeting Room
Confirmation Parent Meeting – 10:00 A.M.
Reunión de padres de confirmación – 10:00 A.M.
School Library

*“The Father willed to give us birth by
the word of truth that we may be a
kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”*



St. Joseph Catholic School – From the Desk of the Principal:

Peace and blessings to you and your family as we begin another promising school year. I am pleased to once again be able to sit down and write this letter telling all of you in our parish's and school's family the wonderful things that are happening here.

Our new school year has certainly started out very well. We are thrilled to welcome a number of new families who have chosen to take advantage of Catholic education. In fact, our Pre-K classes have grown by twenty percent for the second consecutive year. Continued growth in these lower grades will certainly help ensure the continued success of our school.

Our lunch program, now in its second year, is running very smoothly. Although our inaugural year serving lunches in the Family Center went well and the food we prepared was very good, we found that the guidelines and requirements of the National School Lunch Program did not allow us to serve our students as completely as we wanted to. We therefore have discontinued our participation in the federal lunch program and have set up our own program. With the help of Susan Hermes and Lynn Schuette, we can now focus on providing the same healthy, nutritious, and delicious food to our students that we all enjoyed in our youth. We have also begun serving hot and cold breakfasts each morning (except Mass day, of course) to further serve our students. All of this would not be possible without the support of our SJS parents, our benefactors, and our parish who continues to allow us to use the Family Center to serve our students each day.

We are also excited to welcome Liz Baker as our new First Grade teacher and Kaitlyn Caka who has agreed to take on our Kindergarten class. They both bring an incredible level of enthusiasm and energy to our team and have already made a profound impact on our students and our school. In addition to Liz and Kaitlyn, we determined that our ever-growing Pre-K program required reinforcements, so we were thrilled to have Alyse Pauler join our team helping in that capacity. Although I have not been here very long, I can say with confidence that our faculty and staff is stronger than it has ever been, and I am truly blessed to have everyone here.

Athletics is off to a great start as well. Our volleyball season is in full swing under the direction of Laney Barnes and is already proving successful. Our new six-man football program is off and running as well and, with Athletic Director and Coach Anthony Harper at the helm, should prove to be a great success. I will be sure to keep you all informed of our progress as their seasons move forward.

As we start the month of September, we have a few important dates for you to add to your calendar: our football team will open their season against Faith Academy at Bulldog Stadium on the 8th at 10 a.m. and will then play St. Michael's in Weimar on the 13th at 5:30 p.m. Our volleyball team will play St. Michael's at home on the 6th at 5:30 p.m., St. Philip's in El Campo on the 10th at 5 p.m., and Sacred Heart at home on the 24th at 5:30 p.m. Our Grandparents' Mass is coinciding with our annual visit from Bishop Cahill and will be celebrated by the bishop on the 12th at 8:05 a.m. with refreshments to follow in the Family Center. And we will be conducting the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of the 17th.

We have a wealth of information online. You can stay connected by visiting our school website at www.stj catholic school.com or 'Liking' our Facebook Page. Please stop by if you would like to visit with me--my door is always open. I look forward with getting to share more of the good news at St. Joseph School with all of you next month. Until then, keep us in your prayers, as we certainly continue to keep you in ours.

God Bless,

Sean Mooney, Principal

This is Satan's greatest weakness

Philip Kosloski

And the only way evil can be destroyed.

Often when we see great evil in the world we feel an urge to “fight fire with fire” and use the same tactics as the enemy. We start to convince ourselves that if we were only “powerful” enough, we could take down Satan and all his minions.

However, that strategy will only hurt us in the end. If we truly want to conquer Satan's power in our lives, we need to go after his greatest weakness.

Satan loves power and so he is going to use our desire for power against us. But there is one thing he hates and it alone can overturn his power: humble weakness.

That may sound strange, and a little counterintuitive, but it is the biblical way to defeat Satan.

The most supreme example of “weakness” that overcame evil was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ upon the cross. There we have the King of Kings stripped naked on the wood of the cross in supreme agony. His hands and feet are nailed down, leaving him entirely vulnerable. His captors can do anything they want to him and he can do nothing to protect himself.

Yet, this act of weakness was in reality a deed of extraordinary love and self-sacrifice. The power of love that it contained broke the bonds of death and opened up the gates of Heaven. Christ's example of shedding his blood would summarize for us what being a Christian is all about.

Countless men and women throughout history would be inspired to follow in Jesus' footsteps and as a result, evil empires were destroyed and corrupt political systems were demolished. Weakness would go on to save the day for the rest of history.

Philosopher Peter Kreeft points out in his book, *The Philosophy of Tolkien*, how even in Revelation, the “last battle between good and evil is a battle between two mythical beasts: Arnion, the meek little Lamb, and Therion, the terrible dragon beast. And the Lamb overcomes the Beast by a secret weapon: His own blood.”

Kreeft goes on to explain, “The weakness of evil is that it cannot conquer weakness. No matter how much power evil has, it is always defeated by the free, loving renunciation of power. It can be defeated ... as it was on Calvary: by martyrdom.”

Satan despises weakness as he thrives on the quest for earthly power. The more we try to be “strong” and “influential” in the world, the more Satan works on us and gains inroads. Think of Mother Teresa. She worked with the poorest of the poor and in the eyes of the world she was a short, weak, and frail elderly woman. However, in truth she was one of the strongest women to have ever lived and was a thorn in the side of Satan. He could never conquer her and the good work she did.

If we want to overcome evil, the pathway to victory is lined with humility and self-sacrifice. Only when we give everything over to God, will we ever be able to defeat evil.

A powerful prayer to defeat the work of Satan

Philip Kosloski

There is a spiritual battle around us and we must fight.

St. Paul famously wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

It is a truth of the Catholic faith that Satan and his minions are real and are actively engaged in a battle against us. They eagerly want our demise, but we must fight back against them.

Pope Francis explained this reality during a daily Mass homily in 2014.

The devil exists and we have to fight against him. Paul says so — I'm not the one saying it. The word of God says it ... However, do not be discouraged. (Have) courage and strength because the Lord is with us.

Among the many prayers that the Church provides for us in this battle against Satan, here is one simply called “Prayer to Defeat the Work of Satan.” It is a powerful prayer, one that begs God to cast out the darkness from this world once and for all.

O Divine Eternal Father, in union with your Divine Son and the Holy Spirit, and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg You to destroy the Power of your greatest enemy — the evil spirits. Cast them into the deepest recesses of hell and chain them there forever! Take possession of your Kingdom which You have created and which is rightfully yours. Heavenly Father, give us the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I repeat this prayer out of pure love for You with every beat of my heart and with every breath I take. Amen.

