

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Carlos & Angelita Barrera
<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Marvin & Genevieve Matusek
	10 A.M.	Mary Fitzpatrick
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tom, John & Frances Heidaker
	8:05 A.M.	Mark Zinke
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	James & Judy Huehlefeld
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Sam Sykora
	10 A.M.	Victor & Edith Pulkrabek & Joe & Annie Pulkrabek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	M/M Robert Benys, Robert & Adolph Benys, M/M Raymond Hermes
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	John & Mathilda Matula
	9 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	11 A.M.	Familia Morales Melendez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Johana Martins & Virginia Markert

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Your Gift to God: March 17th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,279
Online Giving Parish Support	\$925
Building Fund	\$179
Online Giving Building Support	\$203
Rice Bowl	\$305
St. Ann Parish Support	\$437
Online Giving	\$180
Rice Bowl	\$77

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

*“Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Carol Bade
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Susan Kelley
	11 A.M.	Jose Martinez

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hayne Hermes Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Susan Elizondo
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Sherri Spaeth
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Nina Arriaga, Susie Barrera, Annie Rodriguez

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Charlie Proschko, Bobby Fikac
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Katherine Jendrzey, Robbie Hagan
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Raquel Gomez, Alice Nunez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Hannah & Ella Boswell, Gage Harrison
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Ryan Brewer, Carly Hull, Jacob Koenig
	11 A.M.	Alex Gutierrez, Griselda Portales, Samantha Arredondo

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent through Easter Sunday we will have the traditional almsgiving program, “Operation Rice Bowl” taken up as a second

**St. Joseph School PTC
BBQ Stuffed Baked Potato Fundraiser**

Wednesday, March 27th – 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Drive-thru at St. Joseph Family Center
Tickets - \$9.00

Half-pound baked potato loaded with
BBQ brisket & served with fixins'.

Tickets available at the school and the Pastoral
Center.

Power In My Hands Movie

Save the dates for 2 showings of the movie, Power
in My Hands in the Diocese of Victoria.

Sunday, March 24th – 2:00 P.M.

Holy Family, 704 Mallette Drive, **Victoria**

Sunday, March 31st – 2:00 P.M.

Holy Family, 2011 Briar Lane, **Wharton**

Sunday, April 7th – 2:00 P.M.

St. Rose of Lima, 1010 Lyons Ave., **Schulenburg**

This 80 minute film will represent the faces of
America and propose the simple and yet profound
power of the rosary for all people of all ages to usher
in an era of peace, harmony and most of all hope.



“Shades of St. Ann” Fundraiser

Mark your calendars...**Sunday, April 14th**...for the
St. Ann's, co-sponsored by KJZT #37, **“Shades of
St. Ann”** (solar screens) fundraiser featuring a
homemade, delicious (8 oz) Kettle Fried Steak
Dinner. The event will be held at the St. Joseph
Family Center. Plates-to-Go only. Serving is from
10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10 and are
available at the Pastoral Center.

Thank You!

Special thanks to our Yoakum Knights of Columbus
for their sharing of their “great catch” and the
excellent meal they provided for our annual
celebration of St. Joseph our patron. The meal was
delicious and generous! Also thanks to our Catholic
Daughters for leading a special rosary prior to the
Mass. Our parish is truly enriched by these Catholic
men and women who always step forward and go
above and beyond! Many blessings to all of them!

**Programa de Cuaresma
"Perdonado"**

el poder transformador de la confesión

Perdonado te guía a través de la gracia y sanación, que
se ofrece en el Sacramento de la Confesión.
Estudiando la revelación de Dios de Su misericordia
en las Sagradas Escrituras, y viendo paso a paso el rito
del sacramento, *Perdonado* transmite el mensaje de la
invitación de Dios a cada uno de nosotros, para
experimentar Su amor indescriptible—sin importar lo
que hayamos hecho o por cuánto tiempo hayamos
estado lejos de Él. Juntamos todas los domingos de
cuaresma a las 12 P.M. en el cuartito de juntas en el
salon parroquial. Comenzamos el 10 de Marzo
(Primer Domingo de Cuaresma).

Lenten Program – “Forgiven”

The Transforming Power of Confession

The parish is offering a Lenten video study ‘Forgiven’
on **Monday evenings at 5:30 P.M. beginning
March 18th** at the Family Center. Cost for the study
which includes a workbook is \$10 and is due at the
first meeting. For more information contact Sharon
Janca at 361-293-8367.

FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in
Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy
reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By
looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture
and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite
itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to
each one of us to come experience his indescribable
love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral
decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church

“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of
happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing
else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to
which you are so attracted.”

—St. John Paul II

entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

The Way of the Cross

Each Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SJS: Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph School students will have Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M. on Friday's during Lent. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a few weeks away and it's time to remove those Christmas poinsettias and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

Lenten Practices

Daily Mass – Monday thru Friday – 6:30 A.M.

SJS Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M. – Every Friday except March 15th.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – Every Friday – 6:00 P.M.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection – Every Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Every Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. & every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Ven y Sígueme: Primer curso al discipulado

Estan invitados a venir al segundo curso de Ven y Sígueme.

Vengan y aprenden más sobre su fe Católica.

- ❖ Sesión 3: Jesús y Su Comunidad: Ayer y Hoy – el 13 de abril
- ❖ Sesión 4: Sacramentos, Liturgia y Devociones – 11 de mayo
- ❖ Sesión 5: Desarrollo de Liderazgo - 8 de junio

Para más información:

Diocese of Victoria/Sister Rosario:
361-573-0828 ext. 2216
Heriberto Castillo: 361-208-5014

April CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will have their regular meeting on Monday, April 1st at the Parish Family Center. The hostesses for the meeting are: Carolyn Hoepfl, Carolyn J. Janak, Mary Holik, Amy Hull, Carolyn Ann Janak. A short program will be presented at this meeting.

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society members will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. Wade Zidek of the Yoakum Community Hospital Therapy Dept. will present the program. Remember your "Spring Bakeless" bake sale starting in April. Hostesses are: Gloria Lerma, Marilyn Matussek, Gavina Jimenez, Ann Machalec, Joyce Word and Shirley Hanzelka.

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)

Recently the annual mailing for the Diocesan Services Appeal was sent to all registered parishioners within the parishes of the diocese. The accompanying brochure included explained how this appeal assists with the ministry of the Diocese and our Bishop in evangelization and continuing to maintain our Catholic presence in this region. Consider giving to this worthy cause as both an act of charity and support of the Church.

Our Assessment/Goal set by the Diocese for St. Joseph in 2019 is \$31,227. St. Ann in Hochheim has a 2019 goal of \$6,581. Whatever is not offered by parishioners through gifts, donations and pledges is billed to the parish at the end of the year. As an example...for the calendar year 2018, St. Joseph's Goal was \$30,949--of which the parish must now pay the balance not met of **\$10,624**. There were 86 families (St. Joseph has 879 registered families) who gave a total of \$20,325 towards the Appeal. For St. Ann in Hochheim the 2018 goal was \$5,850--of which the parish must now pay the difference of **\$4,030**. There were 4 families (St. Ann has 26 registered families) that gave \$1,820 towards the goal.

Prayer for Lent

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.

King of endless glory!"

**A Note from
Principal Mooney**

March 18th thru April 30th
Early registration for 2019-2020

Tuesday, March 26th
5th Grade Field Trip to San Antonio Zoo

Wednesday, March 27th
Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.
STJ PTC Fundraiser - BBQ Stuffed Baked Potato
4:00-6:00 P.M. – St. Joseph Family Center

Friday, March 29th
2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip to Natural Bridge
Caverns
8th Grade Holocaust Museum Trip
Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M.

**High School Students
Rocky Mountain High Retreat
July 13 - 21, 2019**

This unique, week long retreat, in the heart of the San Juan Mountains in Southern Colorado, is an opportunity for high school age young people to take time away from their daily routine. They will experience the wonder and grandeur of the great outdoors (courtesy of Sonlight Camp) spending time reflecting on important issues of life, faith, family, and friends. A trained staff of qualified adults, from throughout the diocese, offers caring relationships to assist our youth on their journey. Small group discussions, presentations on key topics, unique prayer and liturgical experiences, plus a wild and crazy rafting trip on the Animas River in Durango (river levels permitting), help make this an unforgettable week.

COST IS \$750.00 PER PERSON*

Fee Includes:

Food
Lodging at Sonlight Camp
Transportation by chartered
bus
Rafting trip
Diocesan t-shirt

*A \$75.00 non-refundable deposit is required to secure space.

For more information visit the diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org and click on Ministries. The information can be found under Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries/Rocky Mountain High Retreat. Registration forms are also available at the Pastoral Center.

**St. Joseph School Sets Registration
March 18th – April 30th**

St. Joseph School will begin registration for new and returning students for the 2019-2020 school year beginning March 18th through April 30th.

For new enrollees, parents and students are required to participate in an interview with the principal and their teacher prior to registration. Parents are also required to present the student's complete immunization record and baptismal and/or official birth certificate. No child will be completely registered unless all of these documents are included with registration.

For current SJS students, forms will be sent home in the folders for the parents.

A registration fee of \$150 per student will be required. After the deadline of April 30th, the registration fee will be \$250. We encourage all parents of new and current students to register the students before April 30th.

Visit www.stj Catholics school.com for more information.

St. Joseph School admits students of any religion, race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church and at the Pastoral Center.

Deanery Penance Services

Monday, April 8th – St. Joseph – Moulton

Tuesday, April 9th – Sacred Heart - Hallettsville

Thursday, April 11th – Sts. Cyril & Methodius –
Shiner

Friday, April 12th – St. Joseph – Yoakum
[No Stations of the Cross that Friday]

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

"Lord, you are truly the

Savior of the world.”

have mercy on me, a sinner.”

How to Survive Being Married to a Catholic

Is your spouse Catholic and you aren't? Do you want to understand more about the Catholic faith – in a fun way? Then read *How to Survive Being Married to a Catholic* by Michael Henesy, CSsR and Rosemary Gallagher. This 63-page book uses a lively and highly original cartoon format with full-color illustrations to explain the central beliefs of Catholics in lighthearted chapters. It presents straightforward answers to nearly one hundred of the questions most commonly asked about Catholicism. It also includes a glossary of Catholic terms. A limited amount of copies are available at the Pastoral Center. Cost is \$13.

“Life of Jesus”

by Francisco Fernandez-Carvajal

The *Life of Jesus* will take you on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as on onlooker, as if you were in the Holy Land.

The Person of Christ unfolds page-by-page, pointing the way for each of us through his words, actions, Passion, Death, and the importance of his message for human existence. Over forty maps and charts assist the reader in placing him or herself in the synagogues, towns, homes, fishing villages, rivers, seas, and much of the Holy Land as it appeared two millennia ago.

This book is ideal for private meditation and a great reading source during this Holy Season of Lent. If interested in purchasing a copy, please stop by the Pastoral Center during regular business hours. Cost is \$28. A limited number of copies are available.



“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

PRAYER IN TIMES OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL

PSALM 27:7-9, 13-14

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;
your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off;
forsake me not, O God my savior.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

~from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
bless us with the courage to defend all life
from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
from east to west, from north to south,
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be
neighbor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

(From *Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice*,
USCCB, April 1998)

A Prayer for Perseverance

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe in You as my God and my Saviour. Make me more faithful to Your Gospel and commandments. By sharing in the Eucharist, may I come to live more fully in the life You have given me. Keep Your Love alive within my heart and soul so that I may become worthy of You. Teach me to value and be thankful for all of Your Gifts. Help us to strive for eternal life. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death. Amen.

Novena prayer to Our Lady of the Annunciation

Philip Kosloski

This prayer helps to enter into the spirit of the obedience that permeates the Annunciation.

Each year the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Annunciation on March 25, a day that commemorates the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary, exactly nine months before we celebrate his birth on Christmas.

It is a day that is permeated by a "spirit of obedience," as the Virgin Mary freely submitted to the will of God and allowed the Messiah to dwell within her. It is a great mystery, one that should inspire us to allow God's will to form everything that we do.

To help prepare for this feast, below is a popular novena to Our Lady of the Annunciation, typically prayed during the days before March 25 (though it could also be prayed after the feast as well, or any time of the year).

It asks for the Virgin Mary's heavenly intercession, placing before her our needs and petitions.

I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners!

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favor I request in this novena:

(Mention your petitions here)

Obtain for me also, Queen of heaven, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity, and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my Mother and Protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory.



Feast of the Annunciation March 25th

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this

is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.