

February 10, 2019
Ordinary Time
Fifth Sunday



God Calls, We Respond!

Featured in today's Gospel are Peter, James and John, who thought they had found their place in life as fishermen. It all changed when they met the Lord. Their spiritual horizons were broadened and they realized that their life's search had only just begun. They would help others experience God in Jesus. We continue their mission as we in our turn help others recognize the presence of God in their lives.

Today's Bulletin is printed
in memory of Larry Seifert
sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend
are donated in memory of Larry Seifert by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 15
8:00 a.m. Boyce John Michalec, Robert Bohuslav
Saturday, February 16
6:30 p.m. Mary Patek
Sunday, February 17
6:30 a.m. Geraldine & Edward Toth
9:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred I. Brandl

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Angie Wagner.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Larry Seifert.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER



We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Donations In Memory of John Lewis Beran

Thelma & Val Hinze - \$25
Kaylene & Leon Berckenhoff - \$25
Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff - \$25

Donations In Memory of Gloria & Robert Haas

Carol & Robert Rother - \$100

Donations In Memory of Patricia Kuntschik

Patsy Zamykal - \$10

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$451,531.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Coffee and Kolache Membership Drive next Sunday, February 17, 10:30 a.m., Family Room. All CDA members and any Catholic women, 18 years and older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities are invited. The Catholic Daughters welcome you and would be very happy to have you join us. See the brochure in today's bulletin for more information.

* CDA dues are now due. Make check payable to Moulton CDA and mail to Sherry Fishbeck, P. O. Box 123, Moulton, TX 77975.

St. Joseph's Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle, February 24. Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Look out for more information. *Have you purchased your Raffle Tickets yet?*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (Grades 3 & 4); C.C.D.
– First Communion Parents Meeting
Feb. 11 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 13 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

REFLECTION

A Call From God

Each of today's readings recounts a "call" from God to one sent forth to speak in God's name: the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul and Jesus' disciple Peter. These are important figures in the history of God's dealing with people, yet each one's imperfections are paramount in these accounts. Isaiah laments his uncleanness when confronted with the majesty of God; Paul says he is the least of the apostles, one who had persecuted the nascent church. In the gospel, Peter, in the face of a miraculous catch of fish, recognizes his unworthiness. Jesus does not argue with Peter's claim to be a sinner; he does not assure Peter that he is "good enough" to be a disciple, a student of Jesus. Instead, he comforts Peter as though the decision had already been made, and he announces that Peter "will be catching people" instead of fish.

If God chooses to act through such admittedly impure individuals – even one who had persecuted God's people – then what excuse do we have for refusing to heed God's call? Certainly, we say, *someone* needs to speak up in the face of injustice, *someone* needs to spread the gospel, *someone* needs to minister to the followers of Jesus – but not me! Perhaps we are really afraid, not of being unworthy but of what God's calling will cost us. What will people think? Will I have to give up what I enjoy? How painful will it be? (Isaiah, after all, was purified with a burning coal to the lips!)

Perhaps most striking is the story told of Peter and his fishing partners: "They left everything and followed Jesus." This was no casual Sunday afternoon outing by the lake. These people gave up the sources of their livelihood; they quit their jobs to follow an itinerant preacher.

Speaking for God carries a price. It is demanding. It is uncomfortable. It is our calling, too.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 10 – Patrick Cinadr, Georgie Holub, Kyle Koncaba, Daniel Kresta

Feb. 12 – John Gomez, Heather Rebecck

Feb. 14 – Agnes Jasek, Debbie Rother

Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege

Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 10 – La Sae & Eric Rother

Feb. 11 – Lillian & Patrick Kubicek

Feb. 12 – Windi & Matt Michal

– Barbara & Allen Hermes

– Cleo & Leroy Nieto

Feb. 14 – Mava & Marcus Jalufka

LOOKING AHEAD – LENT / EASTER

The Season of Lent Begins March 6th

Bible Study: The regular Bible study group invites parishioners to join them for a Lenten Bible Study. The group will meet once a week. For more information/to join the group contact Anna Bartos at 361.798.0999.

Fish Fry: Plans are underway for the annual Lenten Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. As in the past proceeds will go to charity. Look out for more details.

Easter Picnic: Many seem to be excited. They have been asking about it and calling to volunteer to help. Here is an update:

- Tony Janak and his crew will sell the Dinner Tickets inside.
- Laura & Tim Pustejovsky will take care of the Concession Stand.
- Marcel Kleihege is lining up the Bingo.
- Terry Stevenson needs volunteers to help prepare/fry the chicken. To help, contact Terry at 361-772-7099 or email terrywstevenson@gmail.com.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK- FEBRUARY 11

Prayer: *Merciful Jesus, during Your life on earth You showed great concern for the sick and the infirm. Have compassion now on all those who are sick or in pain. Grant them a healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit. Comfort them with knowledge that we are praying for them, and give them peace with a sense of your presence. May they know that in a special way they are united with You, their suffering Christ. May they contribute to the welfare of the whole People of God by associating themselves freely with your Passion and death for the salvation of the world. Bless, too, those who take care of the sick. In their own time of need, bestow on them a hundred fold the blessings they have given to others. Amen.*

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of the Clergy: Contact

- The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within 48 hours, at (800) 252-5400, www.txabusehotline.org or local police department. If person is in immediate danger call 911.

- and Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

- or, Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828. Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 marked "Personal and Confidential".

If sexual abuse by a member of the clergy has occurred in another diocese, the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials. For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.