



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 7, 2021

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**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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**Lectors:** Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Rian Potysman & Billie Myers

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Marie Gonzalez & Nancy Birkenfeld

Karley & Oliva Myers & Luke Bowman **Servers:** Saturday:

> Isaiah Reyes, Nayeli Nunez & Jenson Myers Sunday:

**Ushers for February:** Saturday: Larry Welch & Gary Pennartz

> Sunday: Ray Moore & Johnny Birkenfeld

Collection Counters for February: John & Kelly Myers & Melissa Myers

**Altar Flowers:** This weekend's Altar Flowers were donated by:

An anonymous donor. Thank you for your generosity.

Mon: 7:00 am No Service 7:00 am Tues: No Service Wed: 7:00 am No Service Wed: 6:00 pm Rosary Thurs: 7:00 am No Service 7:00 am No Service Fri: Fri: 6:00 pm No Service

Sat: 6:00 pm Richie Smith by Stephen & Sheila Kuehler Sun: 9:00 am Jane Duesterhaus by Bob Moore Family

11:00 am Mass at Santa Rosa Sun:

January 31, 2021 Attendance: Saturday: 65 Sunday 94



\$3,365.00 Collection: Youth Ministry Collection: \$20.00 Church in Latin America: \$140.00

Thank you for your generous contributions

Please pray for our sick and convalescing especially: Neva Gonzales, Nick Ptacek, Jim Williams, Kaitlyn Acevedo, Allen Brown, Jeanene Redder, Arleda Decker, Refugio Nunez, Jamie Welborn, Ethel Birkenfeld, Brittany Solano, Francis Brown, Bob Moore, Kolby Kuykendall, Paulina Mendiola, Dorothy Herring, Joe Castorena, Urban Bellinghausen, Geneva Pennartz, Diana Homer Essig, Angelica Lucas, Albert & LuRose Schumacher, Darlene Bellinghausen, Antonio Mendez, Jorge DeHaro Jr., Karymay Groves, Cory Almanza, Coltyn Eldridge, Maria Mejia, and any others. Please remember all rest home and shut-in parishioners. Let us earnestly pray for all our sick and do whatever we can to help them.

Please let us know if names need to be added or removed

# 125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

The 125<sup>th</sup> celebration will be rescheduled for a later date.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

St. Joseph Parishioners are asked to bring **peanut butter or anything else**, for the February Food Pantry. Thanks to all of you who continually help feed the hungry in our community.

# **REQUEST**

Photos with dates are needed from our Hispanic community on weddings, baptisms, deaths, quinceaneras (optional) to be included in the 125<sup>th</sup> book. Also, any active military members. Any of these events that occurred from 1995 to the present are in much need. Please email to lauramyers21@gmail.com. Thank you

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### **CHANGE FOR LIFE!**

**Notice...** there is an oversized baby bottle bank in the back of church and will remain there until Feb. 14. Please put in your spare change (or bills!) to help support the Haskell Pregnancy Care Center. The Center ministers to our area with free pregnancy tests, sonograms, adoption information, and many more life-supporting resources. Your change can change someone's life. And continue to pray for an end to abortion.

# KC FRIED FISH & SHRIMP TAKE-OUT ONLY FOR LENT/ SEYMOUR

MARK YOU CALENDAR: Every Friday during Lent (February 19 – March 26) from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Mosler Hall. It will be \$15 per takeout only. Fish, Shrimp or both with Fries, Coleslaw, Pickles & Onions, Hush Puppies, Tartar sauce & Red sauce. Takeout served on Southside of Mosler Hall.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING & THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated **February 8th** as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods. This day is also one of awareness and action: our prayers are strengthened three-fold when we accompany them with a willingness to become aware of the problem and become involved in erasing this evil. **February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita.** Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St.

Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation". On **February 8th, Catholics around the world** are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to generate greater awareness about human trafficking. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. As Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle stated, "On [February 8th], we

will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors. If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."



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JANUARY 31st REGULAR

**COLLECTION:** \$302.30

**ATTENDANCE:** 67

MONEY COUNTERS~FEBRUARY MONEY COUNTERS: Joe Sloan

and Ricky Escamilla.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** 

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> -In memory of Dr. Juan Fitz by Joe & Maria Sloan

FEBRUARY 14th – Carrrie Urbanzyk by Vega family

**MASS INTENTIONS** 

Santa Rosa Catholic church is currently needing mass intentions, and if you would like to offer a mass for a family member please contact our Secretary Miss Noelia Davila.

# LET US KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Ray Lerma, Frankie Stinnet, Elda Garcia, Connie Garcia, Santos Gonzalez, Federico Monita, Bartolo Martinez, Margaret Martinez, Bob Lake, Connie Ramirez, Richard Espinosa, Victoria Medina, Connie Ledesma, Paulina Mendiola, Mary Ann Myers, Flora Lopez, and any others. Please remember all rest home and shut-in parishioners.

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# ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Serve the Poor Through the Annual Diocesan Appeal: Through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, we express our gratitude for God's love in our lives by making a sacrifice to share what we have received with others, especially the poor and marginalized receiving assistance from Catholic Charities. Thanks to you our parish has pledged \$970.00 from 5 families. We are striving for 100 percent participation. Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at <a href="https://doi.org/bit.ly/ADADonate">bit.ly/ADADonate</a>. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$2,100.00.

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