



# St. Joseph's Church

R H I N E L A N D

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 7, 2021

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**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

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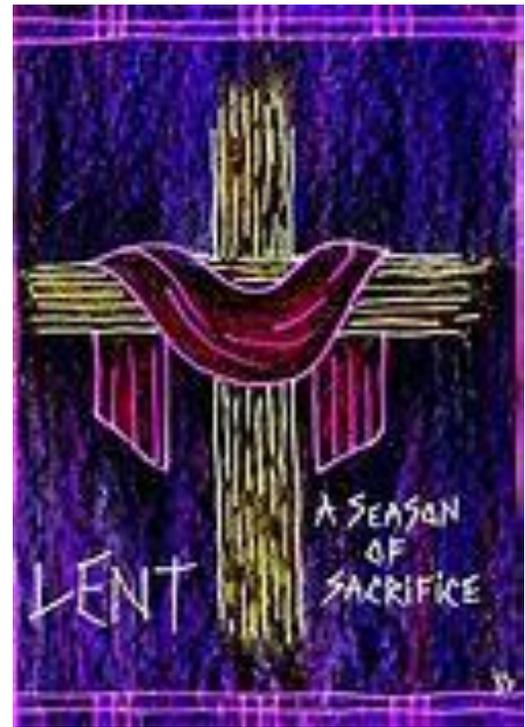
**Lectors:** March 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday: John Myers & Rian Potysman  
March 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Stephen & Sheila Kuehler

**Servers:** Saturday: Olivia Myers, Adam Myers & Luke Bowman  
Sunday: Hunter & Brooke Urbanczyk & Marion Llamas

**Ushers for March:** Saturday: Kevin Myers & Jason Bowman  
Sunday: Josh Myers & Jake Myers

**Collection Counters for March:** Kevin & Shelley Myers & Julie Kuhn

Mon: 7:00 am Virginia Redder by Herman & Ruth Redder  
Tues: 7:00 am C.J. Albus Anniv. By Family  
Wed: 7:00 am Herman Jungman by Ida Jo Owens  
Wed: 6:00 pm Billie Jake & Dot Myers by Jenson Myers  
Thurs: 7:00 am Kenneth Groves by Stephen Kuehler Family  
Fri: 7:00 am Mika Fetsch by Rick & Michele Fetsch  
Fri: 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**  
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Sat: 6:00 pm Jane Duesterhaus by Family  
Sun: 9:00 am Alvin Jungman by Valera Hertel  
Sun: 11:00 am Mass at Santa Rosa



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February 28, 2021 **Attendance:** Saturday: 70 Sunday 110

Collection: \$3,027.00  
Black & Indian Missions: \$25.00  
Youth Ministry: \$25.00

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

Please pray for our sick and convalescing especially: Jeanell Kuehler Howell, 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 Penartz, 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**

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### **FOOD PANTRY**

St. Joseph Parishioners are asked to bring **canned chicken or anything else**, for the March 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](mailto:lauramyers21@gmail.com). Thank you

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ALL FRIDAY'S IN LENT**

**6:00 PM at St. Joseph/Rhineland 7:00 PM at Santa Rosa/Knox City**

### **EASTER LILIES**

Please consider helping to adorn our Altar for Easter Sunday with Easter lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones, living or deceased. If you would like to donate an Easter lily, please contact Buds For You, at 422-4712. Thank you!

### **KC FRIED FISH & SHRIMP DRIVE-UP ONLY FOR LENT/SEYMOUR**

Every Friday during Lent (now – March 26) from 5:30 – 7 PM in Mosler Hall. It will be \$15 per drive-up only. Fish, Shrimp or both with Fries, Coleslaw, Pickles & Onions, Hush Puppies, Tartar sauce & Red sauce. Drive-ups will be served from the southside of Mosler Hall.

New pastoral letter: <https://fwdioc.org/news-3-4-21-bpolson-pastoral-letter-maintain-current-protocols-en.pdf>

Pastoral letter of September 25, 2020: <https://fwdioc.org/news-9-25-20-bpolson-updated-protocols-covid19-and-flu-season.pdf>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR A GENEROUS RAIN FOR OUR FIELDS, CROPS & RESERVIORS**

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH SAUSAGE & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

**DRIVE BY PLATES ONLY**

RHINELAND, TX

**DATE: Sunday, MARCH 21, 2021**

**SERVING TIME: 11:00 AM- 1:30 PM**

**COST: \$12 a plate**

## **Meat Plate Choices:**

**Sausage ONLY**

**Sausage & Chicken**

**Chicken ONLY**

**(ALL plates will include mashed potatoes,  
green beans, sauerkraut, & bread)**



**To order BULK SAUSAGE (\$5 per lb) please call**

**Billie (940-256-2973)**

**David (940-256-2060)**

**Kevin (940-256-3325 or 940-422 4501)**

**COOKED  
SAUSAGE  
2 lbs. for \$15**

### **MEDITATION POINT.**

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### **WE ARE BLESSED TO BE AMERICANS: Ruth Weber Davenport Iowa**

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**MONEY COUNTERS~**

March: Anita Silva And Mary Escamilla.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>** – In memory of Dr. Juan Fitz by Maria and Joe Sloan.

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>** – Juan Ocon by Silva 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**

Bring Hope to Our Parishes, Hope to Our Schools, Hope to Those in Need Lent is the time where all Christians are called to consider how they are making personal and spiritual sacrifices to renew our faith and thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Almsgiving is one way that we can honor Christ's sacrifice while providing the financial means to continue our work in our parishes, Catholic schools and Diocesan ministries that share the Gospel. Please support the Annual Diocesan Appeal at [bit.ly/ADADonate](https://bit.ly/ADADonate) to support vital ministries throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. Bring Hope to Parishes in Need \$1 million of your contributions to the Annual Diocesan Appeal will be returned to needy parishes through generous operating grants from the Advancement Foundation. (IF YOUR PARISH IS A RECIPIENT OF ONE, PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT AND PURPOSE). Please help PARISH NAME reach 100 percent participation in supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal at [bit.ly/ADADonate](https://bit.ly/ADADonate). Bring Christ, The Reason for Our Hope to our rural and needy parishes.

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH THE BISHOP'S  
OFFICE



PASTORAL LETTER  
TO ALL PRIESTS, DEACONS, SEMINARIANS, RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN,  
AND FAITHFUL LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

March 4, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I am certain you are aware, Governor Greg Abbott has issued an executive order to take effect on March 10, 2021 rescinding his current statewide order requiring the wearing of masks in public spaces and businesses. Governor Abbott stated, “Today’s announcement does not abandon safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year. Instead, it is a reminder that each person has a role to play in their own personal safety and the safety of others. With this executive order, we are ensuring that all businesses and families in Texas have the freedom to determine their own destiny.”

Since the start of this pandemic and in the exercise of our religious freedom through the provision of such essential services as outreach to the poor, the education and formation of our school children, the administration of the sacraments, and the daily and Sunday gatherings for the celebration of the Eucharist, the priests and faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth have done so safely, responsibly, and mindful of the love of God and of neighbor, body and soul. Our protocols, including the wearing of masks, the employment of safe physical distancing, the reception of Holy Communion only in the hand, and the frequent and regular use of sanitizing and hand washing, have enabled everyone, including the vulnerable, to participate physically in the participation at Mass if they judged it to be prudent to do so.

After consultation with my priests, civic officials, members of the laity, and professionals in the fields of medicine and public health I judge it very prudent currently to [maintain our protocols that have been in effect since September 25, 2020](#). It is our Christian responsibility to maintain our concern for others especially those most vulnerable so that we attend Mass safely and contribute to the common good of our parishes and the larger community of our towns, counties, and state.

We are moving gradually towards a time when we can more safely relax our restrictions and protocols as hospitalizations decrease and people are immunized and as we gain insight through ongoing consultation with others. Yet, let us be clear that as the Church, we are neither moving towards a modern sense of subservience to the civil government nor towards an equally contemporary disposition of self-reliance and autonomy—negligent of our natural responsibilities in charity and justice towards God and our neighbor.

I am grateful for the generosity of each and all of you during this time that has required a more intentional practice of the virtue of solidarity and compassion for our neighbors. Please be assured of my prayers for you during this season of Lent as I seek the same from you on my behalf. I remain, Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Michael F. Olson*

Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA  
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