

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25th

5 P.M. – A. W. & Lillian Matusek,
Rudolph & Emily Dornak

Sunday, March 26th

7 A.M. – Janie Migl
9 A.M. – William Reardon, Sr.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Your Gift to God: March 12th

Sweet Home	\$1,075
Online Giving	\$350
Building Fund	\$45
DSA	\$15
Rice Bowl	\$96
Koerth	\$621
Building Fund	\$25
DSA	\$15
Rice Bowl	\$35

May God reward your generosity!

Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

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 collection each weekend.

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.

*"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
Give me living water,
that I may never thirst again."*

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

Koerth Cemetery

KJZT #12 Juniors are sponsoring a "Koerth Cemetery Clean Up" Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to come out and lend a helping hand to make our cemetery look nice for the Easter Season. If you have any questions please call Joyce Kurtz 361-798-6734. Thank-you for your support!

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration

*"My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God,
they shall be my people." Ezekiel 37:27*

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville
Confession, Mass, Adoration, Stations,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction**

Please join us, for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. Bread and water will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Let's make time for our Lord!

For more information call: Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300.

Deanery Penance Services

Monday, April 3rd – Sts. Cyril & Methodius -
Shiner

Tuesday, April 4th – St. Joseph - Yoakum

Thursday, April 5th – Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

Friday, April 6th – St. Joseph - Moulton

All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.

Progress Update

--**Rectory** work continues with painting and interior window trim work. The cool and damp hindered interior work but it has picked up again thankfully.

--**Queen of Peace Church** saw the beginning of some of the exterior glass installation this week. It's still foreseen for the Church window-work to be completed by Easter.

--**St. John the Baptist Church** floors were completed this week and are truly beautiful! In the next two weeks the Altars will hopefully be wrapping up and the stored contents will begin to be put back in place. All of the pews are finished and we are awaiting a date for their being reinstalled soon as well. We will return to having Mass at Koerth on Easter Sunday morning...it seems that this is a realistic assumption (although not etched in stone just yet).

Enrich Your Spiritual Life During Lent...ALPHA

Would you like to grow in your faith? Are you still looking for something to do during Lent? Try Alpha! This video series will give you the opportunity to reflect on the most important aspects of Christianity and to ask questions about life. Don't worry if you've missed any classes. You are still welcome to come. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Center.

Hope to see you Monday evening!

TMIY

That Man Is You continues to enrich the lives of the men who risk a bit more involvement and challenge in their journey of faith. You don't have to start from the beginning--if thinking about it considering a way to more actively engage your faith and strengthen your roots--don't procrastinate! **Come and join us this Wednesday at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center!**

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 2nd

Yoakum Community Center
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Shiner Hobo Band performing
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans
Market

Balloon Creations – Face Painting

Meal tickets available at First State
Bank,
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet
Youth Ranch and at the door.

Catholic Faith Advocacy Day

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, on April 4, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. **If you are interested in participating please let us know ASAP. We are making plans to secure a bus if we have enough people. It will be first come first serve and the bus would leave from Victoria.**

Reserve your spot by calling Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at (361)573-0828, email: chancellor@victoriadiocese.org or visit <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matussek & J. O. Hermes

St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.

21 Regrets people confess on their deathbeds

Some of these seem all too familiar...

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We've all heard the old saying that "People on their deathbeds don't say, 'I wish I'd spent more time at work...'"

More often, people's regrets are truly about "what I have done, and what I have failed to do."

A Spanish priest, Father Nelson, has listed the sort of regrets he has often heard while accompanying the dying, and we reprint it here from our Spanish edition, with permission.

These regrets seem all too familiar to us, and the list seems well-worth keeping before our eyes, for the good of our souls, and our hearts and minds, too! We might even use this list as an examination of conscience, or to help us to pray for the grace to live in a way that might prevent our feeling these regrets later in our lives.

1. For the times when I set a bad example, and there were people who followed my lead
2. For my indifference in the face of someone's suffering

3. For failing to say so many words of praise, recognition and encouragement to those who deserved them or needed them
4. For claiming credit for my triumphs but blaming my failures on circumstances
5. For having failed to respect someone's innocence or having blocked someone's dreams
6. That I wasted money on things that I didn't need and never used
7. For the times I took too much time and not enough effort to forgive
8. For taking advantage of someone who loved me, in order to get something for myself
9. For not being careful to guide those I should have educated better, before it was too late
10. For not visiting or sharing time with people because I thought they weren't interesting, educated or useful
11. For fleeing the cross so many times
12. For savoring adulation even while knowing it was false
13. For complaining much more often than I gave thanks
14. For the stubborn, vulgar or rude words that came out of my mouth
15. For participating in conversations making fun of God, the faith or the Church
16. For wasting so much time on empty things... time that can't be gotten back
17. For the promises I didn't keep
18. For the times that I could have and should have prayed more, and above all, with more love
19. For ignoring Jesus. The solitude of Christ in the tabernacle hurts me
20. That I hurt or harmed someone in any way
21. For lacking love. I should have loved God and my neighbor much more.

"Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."