St. Joseph on the Brazos Catholic Church

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St. Joseph on the Brazos— Mission Statement

"We, the people of St. Joseph on the Brazos Catholic Church, in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We are called and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of faith, service, and community, we strive to bring people closer together and closer to God. This we accomplish by:

* *Building our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer,*
* *Contributing to the growth of our parish by spreading the Gospel by word, witness, action and evangelization,*
* *Inviting everyone to serve, in this way meeting the needs of our parishioners and the broader community,*
* *Being faithful stewards of St. Joseph's, accountable to God by responsibly sharing our time, talent and treasures,*
* *Lending support to the parish leadership and working together to fulfill the mission."*

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Previous instructions are required for parents. Classes are scheduled as needed. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.
Weddings: Engaged couples should contact the church office six months in advance, prior to setting the wedding date.
Quinceanera Celebration: Contact the priest six months in advance. Candidate must be enrolled and active in C.C.E. classes for two years prior to the celebration.
Visitation of the Sick: Please call the Church office if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion. Father Tin visits all shut ins, if requested.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Tuesday, August 9th—8:30 AM
For Felix Matula+
By Marion Matula

Wednesday, August 10th —6:00 PM
For St. Joseph's Men's Club

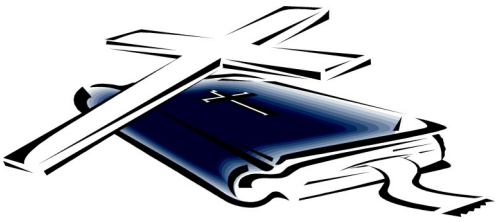
Thursday, August 11th—8:30 AM
For Grenva Allen+
By Marion Matula

Friday, August 12th—8:30 AM
For St. Joseph's CCE Students and Teachers

Saturday, August 13th— 5:30 PM
For Sarah Smith+
By KJZT
For Bertha Hernandez+
By The Sonya Hernandez

Sunday, August 14th— 8:30 AM
For Sarah Smith+
Pat and Charles Morgan

Sunday, - August 15th— 11:00 AM
For Doyle Justin Danford+
By Sharon Danford



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

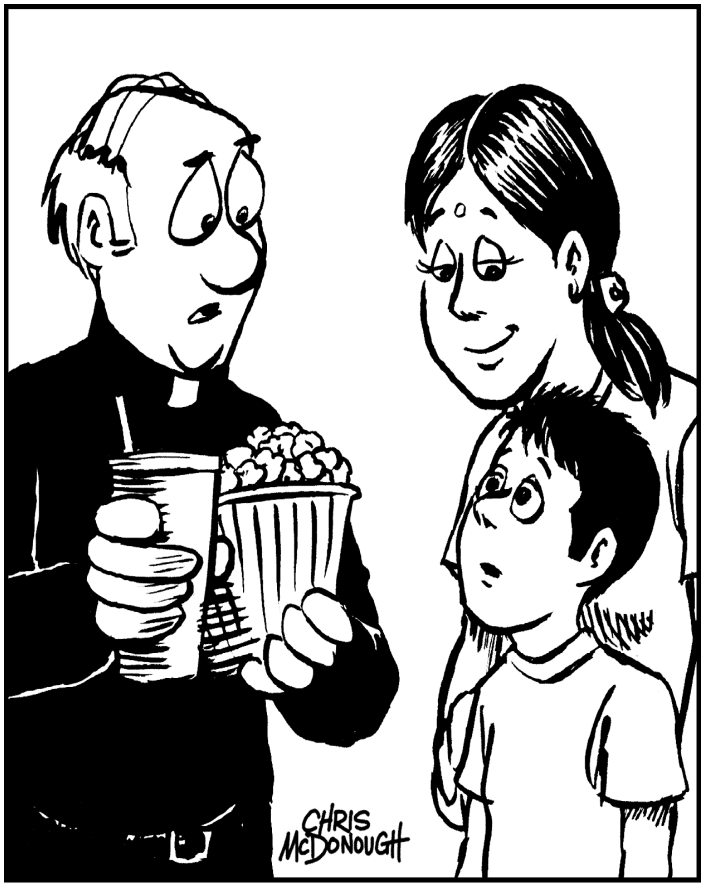
I was getting ready for a doctor's appointment and remembered how my mother once told me, "An apple a day, keeps the doctor away."

Taking her words to heart I decided to bring an apple. Needless to say, it was shot day, I didn't like needles and was thinking, "There must be some way out of this?"

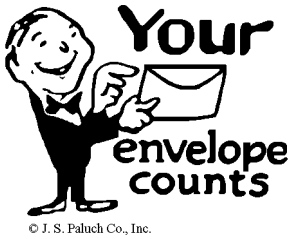
So without thinking, I threw my apple at the doctor. He hasn't spoken to me since.

BAD MEMORY

The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.



"I assure you, my going to a PG movie isn't a sin. What *is* a sin is the price of this popcorn with a soda."



Collection for The Weekend Of July 23rd & 24th

Regular Collection—$3689.10
DSF Fund—$212.10

CCE INFORMATION

CCE Early Registration started July 31. The forms are on the table next to the bulletin or available on the church website at stjosephonthe-brazos.com . Classes include pre-K—High school as well as confirmation classes Any questions contact Betty Steigerwald at 979-798-2288.

Classes begin September 18, from 9:30—10:50.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How has the Lord answered my prayers?

BE NOT DECEIVED

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

Liturgical Ministers For the Weekend of August 13th & 14th

August 13th—5:30 PM Mass
Lector/Commentator
Ed deValcourt
Peggy Kresta

Usher—Wnk Bowling

August 14th—8:30 AM Mass
Lector/Commentator
John Krolczyk
Betty Cordoba

Usher—Richard Walkewicz

August 14th—11:00 AM Mass
Lector/Commentator
Dora Garza
Linda Smith

Usher—Juan Carlile

Counters—Pat Morgan & Diana Berry

Thank you all the volunteers who helped with the Garage Sale. A special thank you to Mary Anguiano and Bea Arroyo.

The sale was a huge success!!!

We are in need for someone to help us maintain the large hall. Betty and Robert Cordoba have taken care of the hall since we had it remodeled. And they are ready to retire. — Care means cleaning, setting up the tables and chairs, minor repairs and anything that comes up that needs attention.

If you are able to help us, please let Father Tin or the Parish Office know.

We are in need of additional Liturgical Ministers for all 3 masses. If you are interested please contact the church office at 979-798-2288 from 9-3 Mon.—Thurs. Thanks

FAITH

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

Please remember in your prayers all those on our Prayer Board. Also remember those that are shut-in and Sometimes unable to attend Mass.

Pray for Bertha Hruby, Betty Castillo, Dora Picha, Shirley Areson, Mike Jankowiak Erma Vacek,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Dominic
Tuesday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence
Thursday:	St. Clare
Friday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

Guilty As You

A red-faced judge convened court after a long lunch. The first case involved a man charged with drunk driving who claimed it simply wasn't true.

"I'm as sober as you are, your honor," the man claimed.

The judge replied, "Clerk, please enter a guilty plea. The defendant is sentenced to 30 days."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62: Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

The Little Ones Jim Burrows

Jesus said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does one's life consist of one's possessions." Lk 12:15

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20

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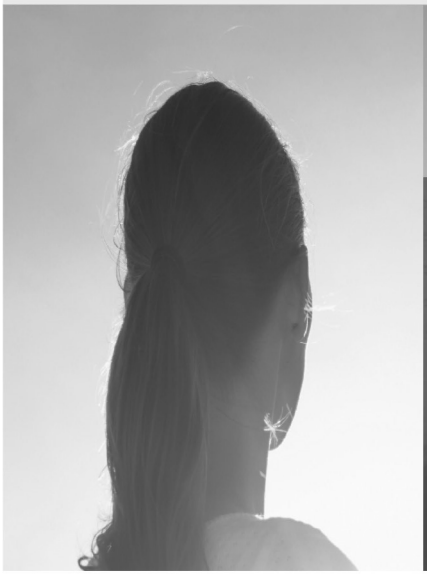
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Luke 12:37

Today Jesus proposes an attitude universally countercultural: vigilance. Whatever our other differences, we moderns dread delay; we hate to wait! All three readings call us to faith-filled vigilance, "focused" waiting, holy patience. In communion with our ancestors across the centuries—those to whom Wisdom and Hebrews were addressed—we, recalling the Rich Fool's sudden demise, must work, witness, and worship in this world with our hearts set on the future that God has prepared for us, the fulfillment of bold and beautiful promises: deliverance from threats without and burdens within, a heavenly homeland, a city yet to come. Well might all of us called to spiritual vigilance also spare a thought for those who work while others sleep—police, firefighters, first responders—making our own the night prayer attributed to Saint Augustine: "Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen."

DILIGENCE

Our watchfulness is to be not only prayerful but service-oriented, that active-contemplative balance so often proposed by Luke's Jesus. Though ignorance of the master's wishes may win some a reprieve, Jesus presumes that we who are listening to him now will not qualify for such mitigation. Using Luke's favorite image of table fellowship, Jesus depicts the master "girding" himself, just as the disciples have been told to do, and serving the servants who persevered in their service of watching and working. How often we brush off a thank-you from others by saying, "It was the least I could do!" And, sadly, how often we do the least we can! But true discipleship, in Luke's perspective, is not settling for the least we can get away with until our master's return, but getting ready by always being ready for his kingdom to come.

Today's Readings: Wis 18:6–9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18–19, 20–22; Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 [1–2, 8–12]; Lk 12:32–48 [35–40]

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