

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2020

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ernest Gomez, Jr.
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	David Spaeth <i>St. "Padre Pio"</i>
	*8:15 A.M.	Marie Luecke
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tony Janak
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ernest Gomez, Jr.
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Tony Stary
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	9 A.M.	Barbara Renken
	11 A.M.	Teodoro Cervantes

*Due to the extra steps as the children arrive for school the Mass will begin at **8:15 A.M.** to prevent the rush to get into the Church.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Ernest Gomez, Jr.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Your Gift to God: September 13th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,422
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,895
Building Fund	\$265
Helping Hands	\$656
St. Ann Parish Support	\$607
Online Giving	\$80
Building Fund	\$100

May God reward your generosity!

Please Note: Confessions

Wednesday confessions will be heard from **5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** On Saturdays confessions are available from **4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.**

"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son."

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Denise Migl
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bill Lopez, JoJo Machalec Rhonda Hansel, Debbie Caka
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Elorine Sitka, Blaise Dreitner Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Miguel Trujillo, Gabriel Espinosa, Jorge & Elsa Resendiz

Weekly Contributions

For precautionary reasons the collection baskets will not be passed during Mass. Baskets will be available at the front of church and at the mid-point of the pews for those who wish to leave their weekly contribution. Otherwise you may continue to drop your envelope off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door) or mailed to P. O. Box 734.

Ever Consider Online Giving?

Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, September 21st

Volleyball vs Sacred Heart – Here – 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 23rd

Mass – 8:15 A.M.

Football vs St. Michael in Weimar – 5 P.M.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph's. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Home-Based CCD Faith Formation

The materials for the home-based instruction are ordered. As soon as they arrive those registered will be able to pick them up. The program comes with an included internet/digital option for those who would like to utilize it. The program is not a book--it's a weekly lesson based on a scriptural connection to Sunday Mass. It comes bilingual--which will be helpful for those Spanish-speaking parents wanting to be involved and engaged in the weekly lesson. The packet covers a period of weeks. When the next packet arrives then the families pick them up and continue.

(Return) Help Wanted!

As we (hopefully!) are getting back to the "new" normal we are in need of those amongst our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers to let the office know when they are ready to be involved. We are so grateful for the "crew" who has been so helpful these past months...just need to know if others might be willing to take that next step to returning as well. Simply contact the parish office. As to Altar Servers...we are considering starting utilizing them (one or two at Mass) in October...so parents of servers are asked to notify the office as well about their availability.

"Meet Me at the Pole" Prayer Service

The Yoakum Minister's Alliance will have "Meet Me at the Pole" Prayer Service at noon on Wednesday, September 23rd at the flag pole located between the Police Station and Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend and pray for our nation.

Support the Police Rosary Rally

A Rosary Rally for police will be held Saturday, September 26th at 10 A.M. in front of the Yoakum Police Dept. Everyone is invited to attend.

Prayer for Our Bishop

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Brendan, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world.

*"The last will be first, and
the first will be last."*

Rosary Congress

Some may recall last year's diocesan rosary congress...which offered an opportunity to deepen faith and reconnect with the "basics." This year the entire diocese will again observe a week-long rosary congress--adapted with pandemic restrictions. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary--when possible in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be an opening Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 4th at 6 pm. The following week parishes throughout the diocese will offer opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration where adorers are asked to pray the rosary each hour. The four intentions of this year's rosary congress are: 1) for an end to the coronavirus pandemic; 2) for hope, care, and the safety of our families; 3) in reparation for the sin of indifference to the pain of others; and 4) in reparation for the sins of priests and bishops in the scandals of the Church. The closing weekend of the congress, October 10/11, the Masses will have special readings and prayers taken from the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary (lectors and musicians should plan accordingly and check with the parish office for the readings).

During these past months we have not had our regular monthly Adoration. The Rosary Congress offers us a chance to resume Eucharistic Adoration. Our plan is to have Exposition after the 6:30 am Mass on Thursday, October 8th and then conclude with devotions to the Blessed Mother and Benediction at 6:10 am on Friday, October 9th in Church. We need those who normally come to our 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration to verify with us if they will be open to resuming on this special occasion--allowing us to plan for finding replacements for those unsure or concerned. Please call or email the parish office by Monday, September 28th to inform. The Catholic Daughters are going to organize our attempt at return to Eucharistic Adoration. Adorers are asked to contact the office or the CDA regent, Georgia Kutach, if they are ready and/or willing to assist.

This year's Rosary Congress will also include the introduction of a Marian Consecration. There will be a virtual presentation through the diocesan website on Wednesday, October 7th, and the Marian Consecration preparation will begin Monday, October 19th, with the actual consecration on Sunday, November 21st.



September 24th

A Day of Prayer and Fasting

Bishop Brendan Cahill invites everyone in the Diocese of Victoria to join him and others across the nation for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, September 24th.

According to Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis for the USCCB, the initiative was inspired by the need for societal healing and springs partly from the fact that Abraham Lincoln, on three occasions called the nation to pray and fast for God's mercy on our land.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.actsxxix.org/national-day-prayer-fasting>



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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT
OCTOBER 2-4, 2020
REGISTER AT WWW.VICTORIADIOCESE.ORG/CHOOSINGTOLOVE

This unique retreat opportunity will be October 2-4 for all couples who want to take their marriage to the next level. Father Michael Rother from St. Philip the Apostle in El Campo will be leading it with a team from his parish at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Check out the information on the diocesan website (listed above) for more details and registration.

Thomas Aquinas' Prayer for Students

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

St. Therese's Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or
abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the
priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who've absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I've attended and who've
given me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who've taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way,
especially _____

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Novena for the Protection of Life

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony; Teach us to support all families with faith and truth. You know the love of a good spouse; Intercede for all newly married couples. You know the stirring of the child in your womb; Intercede for every unborn child. You know the miracle of giving birth; Pray for mothers tempted by abortion. Amen.

Night Prayer to Surround Your Home with Angelic Protection

Protect us, Lord, under the shadow of your wings. Keep us this night without sin. Visit, we ask you, O Lord, this home, and repel from it all the snares of the enemy. Let your holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may your blessing be upon us for ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Recovery of a Sick Person

Most merciful Jesus, who are the consolation and salvation of all who put their trust in you, we humbly beseech you, by your most bitter passion, **grant the recovery of health to your servant N.N.**, provided this be for his/her soul's welfare, that with us he/she may praise and magnify your holy name. Amen.