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# Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.**

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, “Don’t touch that! It’s hot,” and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn’t cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn’t stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don’t feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God’s power turned a “meaningless” crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what “offer it up” means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

Fr. Joe Nolen, CSSR  
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**Monday**  
February 13  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  
February 14  
**Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**  
February 15  
Weekday  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday**  
February 16  
Weekday  
Gn 9:1-13  
Mk 8:27-33

**Friday**  
February 17  
Weekday  
Gn 11:1-9  
Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday**  
February 18  
Weekday  
Heb 11:1-7  
Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday**  
February 19  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

# Good News!

February 12, 2017  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother’s grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

## For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week? How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Feb. 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULAR MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m., or by Appointment  
**Daily Masses:** Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. – Raymond Vanak (†) Ken & Doe Richter  
Wed. – David Hartman (†) Ken & Doe Richter  
Thurs. – Rose Yendrey (†) Dennis & Pamela Jurica  
Fri. – Eli Hartman (†) Ken & Doe Richter  
Sat. – Jean Zak (†) Jim & Donna Jones  
Sun. 7:30 a.m. – George John (†) Randy & Kathy Davis  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. Chris, Bradley & Paul Prukop (†) Kathy Prukop

Mass Intention Symbols

† - In honor of deceased  
♥ - Anniversary/Marriage  
♪ - Birthday/Thanksgiving  
SI - Special Intentions

Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or that is homebound for Father Barnabas to visit.  
Remember to write your prayer requests on the note cards in the corner of the Narthex and place them in the slot of the corner table.

Next Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Cheyann & Dylan Parks  
Sun. 7:30 Carlee Burow & Tanner Veselka  
Sun: 9:00 Ethan & KC Flores

CANTOR: B Warzecha

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. D Richter  
Sun. 7:30: L Groth  
Sun. 9:00: D & D Martin, James Baker

LECTORS

Sat. Volunteer  
Sun. 7:30: J Zacek  
Sun: Z Cedillo

USHERS

Sat. R Hairell, T Moorman, R Stuart  
Sun. 7:30: J. Koch, C. Horelka, D. Zacek, Volunteer  
Sun. 9:00: S Griffin, M & B Kolb, J Weitz

Church Giving Report

CCD Program	\$440.00
2017 Picnic Fund & sub accts	\$475.00
Scholarship Fund	\$0.00
Pledge - Building Fund	\$296.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$155.00
Weekly Offering	\$1,810.00
Weekly Loose	\$867.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,043.00</b>

**Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.** We encourage anyone that would like to donate to the church & would like have it recorded for tax purposes, to contact the office for envelopes. In addition, anyone that would like their 2016 giving statement may contact the office.

Message of the Week:

Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them. <https://www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in/>

Attention all youth 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & older – If you are an Altar Server or would like to be an Altar Server please pick up a yellow form from the Narthex or on Wednesday from your CCD teacher.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale This Weekend – After each Mass. Please support our Catholic Daughters.

Visitors, Welcome to St. Joseph! If you would like to join our St. Joseph family you may pick up a registration form in the Narthex. You may drop it in the giving basket, bring it by the office or email it.

**Please note new confession times: Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.**

**Feb 11-12 – CDA Bake Sale after each Mass**

**Feb 12 – KC Meeting after 9 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion**

**Feb 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Holy Communion Retreat**

**Feb 14 – Valentine Luncheon w/Door Prizes** for all 60 & over Single Members 11AM

**Feb 19 – CDA Meeting – 10:30 a.m. CCD Hall**

**Feb 19 – 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster & Catfish Dinner** – Emmanuel Lutheran Serving 11:00-2:00 at the Inez Community Center 2511 Garcitas Creek Rd, Inez TX , RAFFLE, LIVE AUCTION @ 1:00pm CAKE WALK, COUNTRY STORE, SILENT AUCTION, Large & Small Seafood/Chicken Strip plates include: German Potatoes, Green Bean, Homemade Dessert & Tea

**Feb 19 – Safe Environment Code of Pastoral Conduct class for Adults – 3:00 p.m. in the CCD Hall** If you plan to volunteer in the Diocese of Victoria and have not had the class please contact Martha Nichols 361-571-0337

Valentine’s Luncheon for All Single Members 60 & Over – Catholic Daughters are hosting a Valentine’s Day luncheon for ALL SINGLE over 60 members of St. Joseph Parish. It will be held Tues., February 14<sup>th</sup> in the CCD Hall. If you are over 60 & single & haven’t received your invitation, or for more info., call Donna DeBault 935-3890 or Karen Franz 550-5183.



Stephanie Gabrysch	Mark Kolb	Myles Malek	Milton & Kathy Carroll
Courtney Gabrysch	Aidan Baker	Shana Zacek	Ben & Elvira Garvel
Allan Pokluda	Caleb Leita		

♪ Happy Birthday & Anniversary ♥

**Divine Mercy Retreat** – hosted by: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, St. Theresa the Little Flower, Court #1350 of Edna - Sat., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Religious Education Center 202 W. Cedar, Edna, Registration starts @ 8:00 a.m. Retreat is 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. A free light lunch will follow. RSVP to Margaret Friedrich 361-782-2822 or Alice Figirova 361-550-6486 before Tues., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic School’s 2017-2018 New Student Registration for Pre-K3 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** will be held on **Wed., Feb. 15** for OLV Parishioners & **Thurs., Feb. 16** for All Other Students 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. both days. Visit [www.ourladyvictory.org](http://www.ourladyvictory.org) or call the school at 575-5391 for more information.

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