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Our Mission Statement - St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, rural, family oriented, growing Catholic faith community. Centered in Christ, this community strives to provide for the spiritual growth and faith development of all of its members within a warm and welcoming atmosphere. All parishioners are invited to actively participate by sharing their gifts and talents in selfless service for others, and by being respectful, forgiving and honest in their relationships. Parishioners strive to make everyone feel valued, especially newcomers, families, the elderly and the youth.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Founded in 1873



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Weekend
Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily
Tue. - Fri. 7:30 a.m.
Prayer Garden
available 24/7/365

Confessions
Saturday 5:00-5:45 p.m.
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Adoration
First Friday of every month
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
All are Welcome!

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Jesus is the Reason for the Season



Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inez, Texas

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Eucharist and participating in the activities of our parish. We want everyone to feel welcome to share in the Inez Catholic Community and to grow with us.



Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment. More info inside bulletin

Jan 5, 2020

Mass Intention Symbols

† - In honor of deceased ♥ - Anniversary/Marriage

🎵 - Birthday/Thanksgiving SI - Special Intentions

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. – 6:00 p.m. Ernest Stuart (†) Stuart Family

Sun. 7:30 a.m.– AP Gasch (†) Rosie Carroll

Sun. 9:00 a.m. – Dottie Caraway (†) Ben & Elvira Garvel

Tues. – Communion Service – Prayers - Father at nephew’s funeral

Wed. – Communion Service – Prayers - Father at nephew’s funeral

Thurs. – Communion Service – Prayers - Father at nephew’s funeral

Fri. – Communion Service – Prayers - Father at nephew’s funeral

Sat. – 6:00 p.m. Pauline Sturm (†) Donna & Kevin DeBault

Sun. 7:30 a.m.– Barbara Jones (†) Donald & Martha Jones

Sun. 9:00 a.m. – Rudy Jarzombek(†) Fred & Sandye Hammack Family



🎵 Happy Birthday & Anniversary ♥

Birthdays & Anniversaries are published for the current weekend & the upcoming weekdays.

Brian Hunt	Josie Martinez
Ryder Busselman	Leonard Otto
Ruby Sandoval	Claire Luksovsky
Kevin & Brandy Bowers	Ann Smith
Charles & Lorissa Grymes	Elida Zuck

Next Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

A. Server	Reed, Autumn & Lyla K
E. Minister	D Zuck, K Franz, A Easley
Lector	E Zuck
Ushers	Hairell, Moorman, Stuart, Volunteer

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

A. Server	Sarah K, Natalie & Jack K
E. Minister	L Groth, Volunteer, K Bednorz
Lector	B LeJune
Ushers	G Gabrysch, L Groth, Volunteers

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

A. Server	Saylah & Sajah S, Weldon B
Cantor	C Baker
E.Minister	J Baker, L Bowers, P Kovar
Lector	A Baker
Ushers	B Gonzales, D Bowers, Volunteers

Upcoming...

Jan 6 – Rightway Imaging Screening in St. Joseph CCD building

Jan 7 – Parish Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room

Jan 12 – Knights of Columbus Meeting – after 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion

Jan 19 – Catholic Daughters’ Meeting – 10:30 a.m. in CCD Hall

March 8, 2020 – Feast of St. Joseph Celebration – Mark your calendar...Everyone is invited.

Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Gift Shop can help with Advent & Christmas shopping @ 1101 NE Water Street, Victoria Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions on items for sale, contact the Gift Shop at 575-7111.

The book “Preparing Parents & Godparents for their Baby’s Baptism” written by Father Barnabas, is available in the Narthex of the Church. Please take one home to read during Advent Season. ‘Free Will’ donations are being accepted but not required. Any donations will go towards Father’s next book.

Please pick up your Christmas cards from the St. Joseph’s Christmas Card Box in the Narthex. Parishioners took time to write you Christmas greetings. Please take time to get them.



Want to make a New Year’s resolution that will stick?? How about Rekindle the Spark in Your Marriage? Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will be sponsoring a special weekend for married couples in the Victoria area in 2020. **Choosing to L.O.V.E.** is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence – their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage vows and desiring to strengthen the core of who they are as husband and wife. **The**

retreat will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, south of Victoria, on February 14-16, 2020. Space is limited, so register now! The cost for the retreat will be \$275 per couple, which includes lodging, food, and materials. Registration forms are available at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parish Office in Victoria or by emailing jvincent@olvcathedral.org. More information can be found on the website.

Dear Padre

January 5, 2020

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew’s Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it’s doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God’s presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn’t strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by “Christianizing” aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the “Sun of Justice,” thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ’s Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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Monday
JANUARY 6
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23–25

Tuesday
JANUARY 7
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday
JANUARY 8
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday
JANUARY 9
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22

Friday
JANUARY 10
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday
JANUARY 11
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday
JANUARY 12
Baptism of the
Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

Good News!

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

“Go back where you came from!” What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace... was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

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