Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/21	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Sun.	1/22	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia	
		11:00 a.m.	†Helly Benham By: Chuck & Yma Urban	
Mon.	1/23	8:30 a.m.	†Edwin P. Dziuk By: Roger & Corinne Sekula	
Tues.	1/24	NO MASS		
Wed.	1/25	8:30 a.m.	For: The Ahrs & MBC Partners By: Martha Wild	
Thurs.	1/26	8:30 a.m.	†Irene Pastrano By: Garza Family	
Fri.	1/27	8:30 a.m.	For: Chuck Urban (birthday blessings) By: Family	
Sat.	1/28	5:00 p.m.	†Luis & Maria Talamante By: Family	
Sun.	1/29	9:00 a.m.	For: The Ahrs & MBC Partners By: Martha Wild	
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Dear full-time or part-time parishioners:

The parish has an email network that informs participants of any changes to mass schedules, prayer requests, Catholic news, and notices from the parish office. If you would like to be included in this distribution (or would like to be removed), please email Bob Conces @ conces@suddenlink.net.

Envelope Sign-Up Sheet

If you have not been using envelopes & would like to start, there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link: https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896

PARISH HALL REPAIRS

We are in the process of getting the Parish Hall repaired with some help from FEMA. We are at the designing phase of the project to make the necessary and to upgrade the facilities with regard to the Kitchen and the Restrooms. The Building Fund will help us with the repairs. We would be needing more money than what we have currently and, therefore, further improve the Building Fund. Thank you for all your support in the past. I hope we can further improve the Building Fund with your continued and generous support.

Did you know about the Saints: On January 23, we celebrate the feast of Saint Marianne Cope (1838 - 1918). Marianne was born in Germany and then emigrated to the United States with her family. She joined the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis and began teaching in a Catholic school. In 1883, Marianne and six other sisters went to Hawaii to assist those with leprosy. Her efforts were tremendously successful. Marianne and her fellow sisters instilled pride, fun, and cleanliness into the life of all those they assisted. At Marianne's beautification it was stated that her life was a "wonderful work of divine grace" and that "she saw in them the suffering face of Jesus. Like the good Samaritan, she became their mother."

Please Pray For the Sick: Debbie Wallace, Bob Brown, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Douglas Bean, Travis Waddell, Patti Hyland, Cheryl Hole, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Rocco Logiodice, Jim Koenig, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Deodato Ruiz, Jr., Dave Clough, Raphael Del Moral, and all who are in need of prayer. Please Pray For the Deceased:

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions, sustains action. It gives us strength and serenity. When we are confused, it grounds the heart in

confidence and in a love that protects it from the attacks of the evil one

The 25th of January is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Saul convinced the high priest to allow him to go to Damascus and bring back any men who belonged to 'the Way'. Saul wanted to punish these disciples of Jesus and convince them to give up their newly found beliefs. While Saul was traveling, the sky around him suddenly flashed white and he heard a voice crying out, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul soon discovered that the voice belonged to Jesus "I am Jesus, who you are persecuting."

When Saul rose from the ground, he could not see. He was completely blind. He had to be lead to the city by the men he travelled with. A man who lived in the city, Ananias, was told by the Lord to go and see Saul. Ananias went to Saul and told him he had been sent by the Lord. He laid his hands on Saul and told him, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately, Saul's sight returned. Saul regained his sight, was baptized, and instantly began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues of Damascus.

Saul, who was now known as Paul, underwent a dramatic and profound change. Paul's experience lead him to convert disciples of the Lord instead of persecuting them. Paul preached the gospel to everyone he could reach. He preached orally and wrote letters. Paul worked tirelessly to extend Christianity beyond the Jewish world.

Paul's conversion was dramatic. He not only stopped persecuting Christians, but he changed his whole life to reflect the teachings of Jesus and made a career out of sharing those teachings with as many people as he could. Paul found grace, love and mercy so deep, that it reached even him; persecutor of Christians. When Paul received the grace of God, he was forgiven and became a new man.

Citywide Garage Sale February 11, 2023

Mark your calendar for the Citywide Garage Sale here at St. Joseph. All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. If you have something you would like to donate, you can bring it to the church parish hall Tuesdays & Saturdays between 1:00 & 3:30. All clothing must be clean & hung on a hanger, if appropriate. Please contact Leticia Grounds if you need additional information at Imcgrounds@gmail.com

The Ladies of St Joseph invite you to participate in our **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check

(payable to Corpus Christi Hope House) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.



Safe Environment Training

All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Teachers, Collection Counters, volunteers & staff must be compliant with Safe Environment Education and Training. This training will be held Sunday, February 5, after 11:00 a.m. Mass, in the Religious Education Building.

Bible Study

Are you looking for a Bible study? Join us in our study of the Sunday Gospel. We will meet Thursday mornings at 9 AM (following morning Mass) in the Education building. Enter via Lantana Street. The format is known as Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) and consists of 4 parts: reading, meditating, prayer, and contemplation. Coffee and snacks will be available. If you have any questions, contact Liz or Bob Conces at jmjconces@gmail.com

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE				
Sat.	1/21	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann	
Sun.	1/22	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza	
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews	
Sat.	1/28	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins	
Sun.	1/29	9 am	Andy Peterek/Javier Mendoza	
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Ken Chesshir	

Family Trivia Night

Please join us for Family Trivia Night on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Knights of Columbus Quo Vadis Council. All proceeds will go to Corpus Christi Hope House, a local charity that provides shelter and assistance for mothers and their children. Admission is your donation to Hope House and the grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Miss K Bistro & Catering. The Ladies of St. Joseph will serve coffee and dessert. The event will be held in the Religious Education Building. Please enter via the Lantana Street entrance.

Collection for January 15, 2023						
Loose Collection	\$ 2,934.05					
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,027.00					
Building Fund	\$ 175.00					
Online Giving	<u>\$ 445.00</u>					
Total	\$ 4,581.05					

The second collection this week-end is for the Church in Latin America.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library." The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."