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Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 19: For the people
 Mon., Feb 20: No Mass
 Tues., Feb 21: _____
 Wed., Feb 22: _____
 Thurs., Feb 23: For Connie Medhus
 by Lowell Medhus
 Fri., Feb 24: _____
 Sat., Feb 25: _____



Offertory Collections **Month of Dec., 2022**
 Sat., Feb 11: \$ 900.43 **Income: \$10,234.00**
 Sun., Feb 12: \$ 1,140.00 **Expenses: \$ 7,308.56**
 \$ 2,925.44

March 19th — Feast of St. Joseph,
 the Husband of Mary

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Feb 18	Chris Fuchs	Katie Fuchs
Sun., Feb 19	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Feb 25	Patty Kepp	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Feb 26	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Mar 4	Katie Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Mar 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Mar 11	Julie O'Dell	Larry Johnson
Sun., Mar 12	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin
 Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.
 Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday—Friday
St. Mary's Mission – Custer
 Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Cally
Contact Numbers:
Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Sun., Feb 19: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am, church basement
 Mon., Feb 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
 Wed., Feb 22: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
 Wed., Feb 22: Ash Wednesday Mass, 5:30 pm
 Fri., Feb 24: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm, led by the Parish Council
 Fri., Mar 3: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm, led by the Knights of Columbus, followed with Healing Mass

Scholarships:

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Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Feb 24	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 3	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus
Fri., Mar 10	5:30 pm	Catholic Daughters
Fri., Mar 17	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Fri., Mar 24	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 31	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 7	12:00 noon	CDA/JCDA
		Mary's Way of the Cross

Be Holy by loving and forgiving others even your enemies.

Holiness of life should be the aspiration of every Christian for that is the criterion for salvation. In the first reading (Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18) God tells us to be holy for he himself is holy. St. Paul in the second reading (1Corinthians 3:16-23) advises us to be holy for we are temples of God, and the spirit of God dwells in us. Jesus in the gospel (Matthew 5:38-48) enjoins us to be perfect/holy as our heavenly father is perfect/holy. One of the major ways to achieve holiness of life is through love and forgiveness. The opposite of love is hatred. God tells us in the first reading: do not bear hatred for your brothers or sisters; do not revenge. Rather love and forgive your neighbours. In the gospel Jesus tells us "When someone strikes you on the right cheek turn the other one as well." Striking on the right cheek has to do with insult, public humiliation (cf. Job 16:10; Lam 3:30) and turning the other cheek has to do with forgiveness. In other words, if somebody insults you; if somebody offends you, you are encouraged to forgive especially when the person apologizes. We should not revenge for revenge belongs to God. This is how to be perfect. Jesus also commanded us to love and forgive even our enemies. This is a more difficult commandment. Our natural tendency is to love those who love us and to hate those who hate us. How can I love someone who hates me and may even harm me or kill me if given the opportunity? How can I love someone who slanders me and tarnishes my image and personality? It may be difficult, but it is possible. Jesus himself loved those who killed him, and he forgave them. God himself loves us even when we continued to sin against him. Our sins make us enemies of God. Yet God does not hate us rather he hates our sins. He loves us and forgives us and he does good to us. Today's psalmist (Ps 103) said: The Lord is kind and merciful. So, we can still love our enemies. But loving our enemies does not mean playing into their hands or allowing them to harm us. We need to protect ourselves from our known enemies and be very careful in dealing with them. We need to resist their unjust aggression against us and never give them the chance to hurt us. Loving our enemies means not harbouring hatred, anger against them. It means not doing them harm. It means doing good to them if we have the opportunity. It means praying for them. So, Jesus encourages us to love and forgive even our enemies and to be generous. This is what makes us his true followers and what differentiates us from others. We should imitate him. We however need the grace of God to love as he loves and to forgive as he forgives.



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