

St. Joseph Catholic Church Community



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<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u>		<u>Weekday Mass Schedule</u>		<u>Holy Days Mass Schedule</u>		<u>Reconciliation Schedule</u>	
Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm	Monday (Communion Service)	6:00 pm	Vigil	6:00 pm	Saturday	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Holy Days	8:30 am	& any time by appointment	
	11:00 am	Wednesday	6:00 pm		6:00 pm		
	6:00 pm	Thursday	6:00 pm				
		Friday	8:30 am				

*Homebound, Shut-ins and Nursing Home Visitations:
 Please contact the Parish Office ASAP so that Father can make a visit.*

February 4th & 5th, 2012 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Hours

Monday : Closed
 Tuesday, Wednesday &
 Thursday :
 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Friday :
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Closed all Holy Days

Parish Staff

Rev. Richard E. Gonzales, Pastor
 Deacon Russell Duggins
 Deacon Paul Matula
 Deacon Rolando Salazar
 Deacon Luis Trevino
 Joyce Matula
 Virgie Moreno
 Ruth White

Faith Formation Directors
 Elementary - Debra Olivares
 Youth & Adult - Santos Jones

Youth & Adult Ministries
 Confirmation - Santos Jones
 Life Teen - Kevin Alstrom
 Young Adult - Kayla D. Jones
 RCIA - Santos Jones
 Bible Studies - Margaret Matocha

Parish Organizations

St. Joseph Altar Society
 Carrie Castilla, President
Knights of Columbus
 John Veselka, President
St. Peregrine Society
 Elizabeth Galloway,
 Contact Person
Divine Mercy Society
 Ralph Olivares, President
Confraternity of Mary
 Marilyn Guresky

For more information please
 contact the Parish Office.



Parish Financial Stewardship

Sunday Regular Collection

Fiscal Year - 7/1/11- 6/30/12	
Through 02/05/12	Fiscal Year Week 31
Sunday Net Collection	\$10,983.13
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$252,301.99
Year-To-Date-Budget	\$278,250.00
YTD Difference	-\$25,948.01

Capital Improvements Campaign

Amount	Collected
01/23/12 to 01/30/12	\$0.00

Weekly Online Contributions

\$600.00

St. Vincent dePaul

\$0.00

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Members

Rev. Richard E. Gonzales - Pastor
 Joyce Matula - President
 Kayla D. Jones - Vice President
 Darlene Schneider - Secretary
 Robert Dougherty III
 Rosie Gonzales
 Debra Olivares
 Shirley O'Neil
 Roxanne Porter
 Yesenia Ysaguirre

St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee Members

Rev. Richard E. Gonzales - Pastor
 Gino Chincarini
 Larry Dziuk
 Sammy Farias
 John Galloway
 Virgie Moreno
 Libby Spires
 Deacon Luis Trevino
 Bobby Uzzell
 Bill Whitworth

Bulletin Boards

No information (posters, flyers, etc.) may be placed on the church bulletin boards without prior approval from the office or Pastor. Thank You.

Bake Sale

The Altar Society will be having a Valentine Bake Sale on February 11th and 12th at all Masses.



Knights of Columbus Meetings

The K of C Centennial Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in All Saints Hall and the Knights of Columbus will have their regular council meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 pm in All Saints Hall.

- Saturday** February 04, 2012
 6:00 pm +In Memory of Marvin Havelka
 By: Bobby & Patsy Uzzell
- Sunday** February 05, 2012
 8:30 am For Living & Deceased
 Altar Society Members
 By: Altar Society
- 11:00 am +In Memory of Jesse Puentes Jr.
 16th Anniversary of Death
 By: Jesus & Augustina Puentes
- 6:00 pm For the People
- Monday** February 06, 2012
 6:00 pm Communion Service
- Tuesday** February 07, 2012
 6:00 pm +In Memory of H. W. Hall Jr.
 Anniversary of Death
 By: Louise Hall
- Wednesday** February 08, 2012
 6:00 pm +In Memory of Willie & Mary Bergara
 and Willie Bergara Jr.
 By: Theresa Bergara McPherson
- Thursday** February 09, 2012
 6:00 pm +In Memory of Amado Ramirez
 By: Frank & Esther Cuevas
- Friday** February 10, 2012
 8:30 am +In Memory of Mark Goyet
 By: Doug & Pattie Murray
- Saturday** February 11, 2012
 6:00 pm +In Memory of Domingo Perez
 Birthday
 By: Jacinto & Lupe Aguirre
- Sunday** February 12, 2012
 8:30 am +In Memory of Esther Peters
 and Trey McCameron
 Anniversary of Death
 By: Chuck & Joyce McCameron
- 11:00 am +In Memory of Wayne Hardman
 By: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Benavidez
- 6:00 pm For the People



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Each week a candle is lit next to the Tabernacle in the main Church, and next to the Monstrance in the Adoration Chapel for the intentions of the donor.

If you are interested in having these special candles burn "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" of a family member or for a special intention, please contact the parish office. Intentions can be taken for these candles up to one year in advance

Church & Chapel Candles



For the Gift of Life



Flower Intentions

In Memory of:

Mauro R. Pena Sr.

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry R. Fira Sr.

In Memory of:

Eliseo Saenz Jr.

By: Elsa Saenz Del Bosque

In Memory of:

Genevieve Franklin

By: Donna Lifland, Paula Pappas

Scott Alexander
Sgt. Stephen Barriga
SFC Gilbert Barriga Jr.
Leonel Berrera Jr.
Randy Bishop
PFC Joshua Israel Cantu
PV2 Amy E. Contreras
Cpl. Joshua Cordy
Stephen Daughters
Joshua Manuel Farias
John Michael Flores
Sgt. Michael Folsom USMC
Ryan Garza
Spc. Diana Gonzales

Capt. Rebecca Grgurich
Aaron Gutierrez
Abram Herrera
Jake Herrera
Msgt. William Hilton
Maj. Jason Hunt
Matthew Johnson
Michael Kemple
Staff Sgt. Robert P. Luna
Jacob Anthony Martinez
Stf Sgt Meagen Matthews
Sgt. Leonard C. McElwain
Maj. Samuel Middleton USMC
Matthew Moreno



Stephanie Moreno
Xavier Manuel Morin
Jacob Paul Morin
Matthew C. Murphy
Lt. Col. Matthew Nicholson
SFC Allan O'Neil
Robert Pike
Aries Rebugio
Adrian Salazar
SSgt. Robert Sallee
Brandon Shepherd
Dorothy Silva
1st Lt. Erica K. Sinnott
O. J. Valdez

Val Valdez II
Capt. Bradley Vance
Otilio Vasquez Jr.
Joseph Venton
Capt. Scott Wade
Steven Walker
Joseph Patrick White
Christopher Wilson
Trey Wilson

Let us direct our prayers to those members of our parish family whose loved ones are involved in the war in the Middle East



If you know of a name on the prayer list for the sick that may be removed, please call the parish office with an update.



Pray for our Sick (members of our community and extended family)

Dr. John Alexander
David Alvarado
Ernesto Alvarado
Linda Alvarado
Sally Amthor
Khloe Avalos
Dora Baltazar
Jared Bates
Judy Benavides
Nora Benavides
Sue Benderman
Samuel Benik
Greg Billman
Donna Brown
Sylvia Brown
Paul Buckley
Maedel Bunker
Crystal Cantu
Lois Cantu
Richard Cantu
Gilberto Carabajal
Elsie Cartwright
Otis Cartwright
Mary Casals
Eric Castaneda
Ray Castilla
Sylvia Castillo
Veronica Castillo
Veronica Castro
Petra Cavazos
Daniel Contreras
Pedro Contreras
Anita Coronado
Scott Cornett
Johnathan DeAses
Hope DelaGarza

Mary DeLeon
Trinidad Diaz
Margie Dieringer
Susan Donnell
Bob Dougherty
Tyra Dove
Carol Downey
Patricia Dunno
Maria Duran
Daniel Elizalde
Elvira Elizalde
Emilio & Viola Espinosa
Rafael & Melba Espinosa
Diana M. Flores
June Flores
Marisa Folsom
Joann Franco
Mary Freeman
Julia Garcia
Oscar Garcia
Patti Garcia
Sandra Garcia
Connie F. Garza
Fidelia Garza
Fidencio Garza
Jim Glick
Elizabeth Gold
Antonia Gonzales
Marcus Govella
Gene Greene
Margaret Greene
Lupe Guerrero
Jim Hackman
Jean Harney
Genevieve "Beva" Hernandez
Benny Hernandez



Robert Hernandez
Rolando Hernandez Sr.
Kassie Hickey
Kay & Charles Hickey
Diane Holloway
Alicia Jaurez
Karlyn K. King
James Knight
Velma Kossa
Leona Kruegar
Guss & Betty Kunze
Gabriel Kurczyn
Abigail Ladesma
Emma Leyendecker
Shelly & John Lindblom
Linda Lines
Aurora Longoria
Olivia Lopez
Patricia Lopez
John Richard Loya
Mary Claire Luce
Joe Lyvers
John Macomber
Robert Macuba
Leroy Magillon
Jesusa Martinez
Rosie Martinez
Amy Matocha
John Matocha
Mac McCauley
Mac McGrew
Margaret McKennon
Peter & Lupita Minjares
Frank Montez
Dennis Moore
Charlie Mormon



Joe Adrian Moya
Gabriel Moron
Rose Moya
Cesario Moya Jr.
Rudy Mueller
Matthew Nelson
Paula Nelson
Skylar Nelson
Virginia Nelson
Rosamary Ochs
Gilbert G. Olivarez
Kathleen O'Neill
Thomas Allen O'Neill
Susanna Nance Orr
Katie Olivarrez
Rosa Pena
Adrienne Olivares Perez
Dolores Perez
Roxanne Perez
Nancy Poehl
Jesus Puente
Jennifer Qyesada
Enriquez Ramirez
Valentina Reaves
Elisa Rincon
Lupia Rios
Erasmus Rodriguez
Minnie Rodriguez
Ramiro Rodriguez
L.C. Justin Rokhol
Pat Ruebush
Ramon Ruiz
Sandra Sabiza
Eliseo Saenz Jr.
Adan Salazar
Eva Salazar

Tony Salazar
Candelaria Saldivar
Yrene Sanchez
Minnie Sandoval
Fr. Tom Showalter
Teresa Silva
Matthew Anthony Silvas II
Mick Skelton
Dale Stephensen
Nicki Stephensen
Lisa Stewart
Mary Harney Stewart
Grace Sullivan
David Suniga
Lazaro Tagal
Lucy Tijerina
Viola Saenz-Todd
Julia V. Torres
Jade Trevino
Londa Trial
David Ulola
Nelda Ulrich
Pauline Valencia
Julian Vasquez Sr.
Laurel Vettres
Ronald Villarreal
Martha Walker
Brian Webb
Benita Wolfgang
Gail Wood
John Yzaguirre
Barbie Zamora
Eveangelynn Zamora
AND ALL THE SICK

Parish and Community News

New Computers

Thanks to all who have donated toward the purchase of new computers. We still need additional donations. If you would be interested in donating toward the purchase of the new computers, please call the office at 358-3239.



Vocations Awareness Contest

The Diocesan Office for Consecrated Life, Youth Ministry and Young Adult & Campus Ministry are sponsoring a Vocations Awareness Contest for girls and young women in our Diocese. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st place College Level - \$500,
- 1st place High School - \$500,
- 1st place Middle School level - \$300
- 1st place Elementary level - \$100.

Forms are available at the parish office.
Deadline is March 9, 2012

For questions please contact Sister Barbara Netek, IWBS at 361-688-2654 of sbnetek@iwbscc.org

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in St. Therese Hall at 7:00 pm.
Join us to pray the rosary at 6:45pm

Prayer Garden

The Knights of Columbus Council 1653 will be building a 100th Anniversary Prayer Garden dedicated to the memory and honor of all Catholics everywhere. You can help with this project with a donation as follows:

- FOUNTAIN - \$250 each-up to \$3500
- PATHWAY - \$100 each-up to \$2500
- 2-BOULDERS - \$100 each-up to \$2000
- PAVERS - \$50 each (8" X 8")
- PAVERS - \$25 each (4" x 8")

Deadline for contributions will be April 1, 2012.
Contact any Knight or the Parish Office

Retrouvaille

Are you Lonely? Are you Hurting?
Is your Marriage suffering?
Rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship! Retrouvaille is a program designed to help you rediscover the strengths of your marriage and redefine your relationship. For confidential information or to register for the Feb 24th-26th program in Corpus Christi, call 800-470-2230, email 2047@retrouvaille.org, or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com

Parish Cookbook

St. Joseph Church is putting together a cookbook "Come to the Table" with your favorite dishes. We still need your recipes. You can email them to cookbook@stjosephbeeveville.org or drop them off at the parish office, or call 287-3586 for more information. Thanks in advance for helping to Make this a success.



Attention CBC students:

If you are looking for an organization on-campus that fosters spiritual, social, and academic growth through various events such as providing service to the local community, planning social activities and just having fun... then join the *CBC Catholic Student Organization*. For more information, please contact the Club Sponsor, Kayla D. Jones at (361) 354-2714.

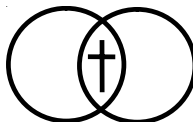
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

If you're married and want to enrich your relationship, consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!...taking place at OLCC Retreat Center on February 17-19, 2012 (begins 8pm Friday and ends 4:30pm on Sunday). Go to the newly established website - mecorpus.org for more information and to sign up. You can also call 361-851-8306 to get more information. Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 13th (but subject to availability of open slots).



Confraternity of Mary

Sundays at 3:00 pm
at the home of Marilyn Guresky
711 E. Corpus Christi



MONEY COUNTER SCHEDULE

February 12, 2012

Gary Besancon
Kathy Besancon
Kathy Young



Faith Formation News

Baptism Class Information

Please find brochures containing the complete guidelines for Baptism and Quinceanera celebrations at all entrances of the church or in the Parish Office.

Date	Location	Topic
By the last Friday of Month for Baptism in the following Month	Parish Office	Parent's Registration for Baptismal Classes
1 st Thursday of the Month	St. Therese Hall	Welcome and Application Selection of Godparents
2 nd Thursday of the Month	St. Therese Hall	Theology of Baptism Rite of Baptism
First Sunday following the 2 nd Baptism Class or as scheduled by family with the Parish Office	Parish Church	Celebration of Baptism

2011 - 2012 CCE School Year

FEBRUARY CLASSES & MEETINGS

February 05, 2012 - Session 11

February 19, 2012 - Session 12

Kinder - 8th Grades



Class Times:

9:00am - 10:45am

PARENTS MEETING

February 19, 2012

2nd Year First Communion

9:15 - 10:30 am

Parish Hall

*"Let the children come to me,
and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these."*



DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

For more information see page 9



Elementary and Middle School Level

Catechist are still Needed

Adults are still needed to help with our Religious Education Program.

Our program gathers twice a month on Sunday from September through the first Sunday in May. No experience is necessary – just a strong faith and a willingness to share and learn with their students.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 358-3239.



February 12, 2012

February 19, 2012

Life Teen Night

from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Parish Hall

St. Joseph's Confirmation Program



Confirmation Prep. (Year I)

February 01, 2012 - Day Chapel - 7:00 pm

February 15, 2012 - Day Chapel - 7:00 pm

February 29, 2012 - Day Chapel - 7:00 pm

Class from 7:30pm - 8:00pm @ Day Chapel

Confirmation Prep. (Year II)

February 08, 2012 - Day Chapel - 7:00 pm

February 22, 2012 - Day Chapel - 7:00 pm

Class from 7:30pm - 8:00pm @ Day Chapel

RCIA



February 07, 2012

February 14, 2012

February 28, 2012

Class from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm @ Office - Upstairs

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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LAS BUENAS NOTICIAS

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con unos versos del libro de Job. En primer lugar, Job se queja de que sus noches se alargan indefinidamente. Y luego, aún peor, "Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera y se consumen sin esperanza" (Job 7:6). No son precisamente alentadoras estas lamentaciones, no cuando se examinan por separado.

La mayoría de nosotros ha estado allí, sin embargo, y el antidoto es la "buena noticia" que Pablo encontró tan convincente que sentía que predicarla "era su obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio!" (1 Corintios 9:16). Pablo se sentía impulsado a anunciar el Evangelio a tantos como fuera posible, "para ganarlos a todos" (9:22).

Esta buena noticia era que el misterio de la vida, muerte y Resurrección de Jesucristo, que levantó a la suegra de Simón Pedro de su lecho de enferma con un simple toque de su mano. "Todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios" (Marcos 1:33-34). Nuestros males y demonios son tan reales como los de Job, y Jesús es nuestro salvador.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo — Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio — Después de sanar a muchos enfermos y de expulsar a los demonios, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:29-39).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: 1 Re 10:1-10; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves: 1 Re 11:4-13; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes: 1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado: 1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31);
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mc 1:40-45

Prayer for Rain

Almighty God,
we are in need of rain.
We realize now,
looking up into the clear, blue sky,
what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is.
To think that so much water can fall out of the sky,
which now is empty and clear!
We place our trust in You.
We are sure that You know our needs.
But You want us to ask You anyway,
to show You that we know we are dependent on You.
Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God,
and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain.
Then the land will rejoice,
and the rivers will sing Your praises,
and the hearts of men will be made glad.
Amen.

Oraclon por la lluvia

Dios todopoderoso,
Estamos necesitados de lluvia.
Ahora lo realizamos,
cuando levantamos la vista hacia el cielo claro y azul,
que maravillosa es hasta la última gota de lluvia,
Pensar que mucha agua puede caer del cielo,
el cual ahora esta vacio y claro!
Ponemos nuestra confianza en ti.
Estamos seguros que tú conoces nuestras
necesidades, pero de cualquier manera tu
quieres que te pidamos, para mostrarte que
sabemos que dependemos de ti.
Querido Dios, mira nuestras colinas y campos
secos, bendícelos con una lluvia.
Después la tierra se regocijara, y los ríos
cantaran tus alabanzas, y los corazones de
los hombres serán felices.
Amén.

HONOR OUR MILITARY



A Bulletin Board has been placed in the foyer of the church honoring our family Military men and women who are fighting for our freedom. Please feel free to place a photo (wallet size) of your Military loved ones on the bulletin board. Also please be sure to put the name on the back of the photo.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER LIST



If you would like to add prayer petitions to the Divine Mercy Prayer List you may write them in the Divine Mercy Book located in the Day Chapel or in front of the church. Petitions may be added by anyone.

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

UN LIBRO PARA LEER

Hay una gran diferencia entre la persona entusiasta que quiere leer un libro y la persona cansada que quiere un libro para leer.

—G. K. Chesterton

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 11 de febrero, 1858 la Virgen María se apareció a tres niños franceses del pueblito de Lourdes. Allí brotaron aguas milagrosas con el poder de sanar enfermos. Eventualmente se construyó en Lourdes un santuario en honor de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y millones de enfermos han recurrido a las aguas curativas. Muchos de los que visitan el santuario son latinos, porque a los latinos nos encantan los milagros y lo milagroso.

Pero ¿cuál es el afán de ver milagros? ¿Es que no podemos creer sin ellos? ¿Es que necesitamos demostraciones del poder divino antes de entregarnos a Dios? La Iglesia siempre ha canonizado santos y santas por cuya intercesión se han manifestado milagros, y ha buscado su poder de intercesión. Sin embargo, también ha insistido que es más importante una vida ejemplar, una vida dedicada al bien del prójimo que una vida prodigiosa. Hay que tener mucho cuidado, porque frecuentemente en nuestro afán por ver milagros estrepitosos en lugares lejanos, cerramos los ojos a ver los milagros de las personas que nos rodean, y que silenciosamente ayudan al necesitado.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glз, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



29 January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you may already be aware, the Federal government has taken a very serious action in recent days that will have an enormously negative impact upon the Catholic Church in the United States. While claiming to be a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people,” the present Administration is forcing upon us an order that will heavily weaken the life and work of the Church.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employee’s health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. Furthermore, almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as part of their policies. As Catholics, we cannot and will not provide such coverage in our health insurance policies or in our health care services. This mandate will affect all those whom we serve through such ministries as Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, our Catholic hospitals and health care services.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees. And by not offering our employees (priest and religious included) health coverage, we will suffer the penalties for not doing so. The Administration is giving our institutions one year to comply; however, our conscience leaves us no choice.

It is clear that we cannot and will not comply with this unreasonable law. The bishops of the United States will do all that is necessary to legally fight against this injustice to our religious freedom. As people of faith, we cannot be marginalized because of what we believe. This is an unprecedented action. Our government exist to protect our freedoms, not to challenge them through such unjust mandates.

We are not alone. People of all faiths have expressed their concern over the loss of religious liberty. Even people who do not share our strong convictions regarding life issues (including editorials in totally secular newspapers) have spoken out against the administration’s action as not only unjust, but illegal. This is a dangerous path for our government to follow, as it violates one of the core values upon which our country was founded. It will inevitably undermine the freedom of future generations to fully live their faith.

As your bishop, I am counting on you to stand with me, and all the Catholic bishops of the United States to protect our sacred rights and duties. I would ask three things of each of you. First, that we, as a community of faith, commit ourselves to prayer and fasting, specifically for this issue, so that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty be restored and protected. Jesus said, “Without me you can do nothing;” let us turn to Him and to the Father for whom nothing is impossible. Second, stay informed. Please go to the USCCB Web site www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty. Our diocesan Web site will also have information and links. There will be continual updates as the matter progresses over the next year. Finally, each one of us must be committed to contact our national legislators representing us in the U.S. Congress to express our support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision. Forms and outlines for a writing campaign are available on our Web site at www.diocesec.org.

May the Holy Spirit grant all of us the wisdom and strength to remain faithful to Christ Jesus and His Church: mav Marv. Mother of the Church, watch over our efforts.

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey
Bishop of Corpus Christi

St. Joseph Church Bible Study Program

DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS

Our parish will be running a fascinating 5-part series on the Mass, entitled, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*.

In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.



Dates/Times

Tuesday's from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Starting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Location

St. Joseph Church-Day Chapel

Registration

Registration ends Thursday, February 9, 2012

For More Information

Margaret Matocha at the Parish Office
(361) 358-3239

www.GuidetotheMass.com

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Registration Form

5-part study. Each session will be approximately 1hr

Price \$15.00

of People Total

X _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Make check payable to: St. Joseph Catholic Church
And mail to: 609 E. Gramman St, Beeville, TX

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City _____ State _____

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Parish & Community News

European Marian Pilgrimage

Please consider going on a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France with Fr. Francisco Lopez; a good friend of our pastor, Fr. Richard Gonzales. The date of the pilgrimage is November 5-15, 2012; and, the cost is \$2890.00 per person. The itinerary includes: Lisbon/ visit the site of the 13th century Eucharistic Miracle; Fatima/ visit the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima; evening Candlelight Procession; Avila/ visit the Carmelite Convent which is the resting place of St. Theresa of Avila; Guadalupe/ visit the shrine to Our Lady; Toledo/ visit the Church of Santo Tome; view El Greco's paintings at his house; Madrid/ visit the Monastery of Santa Maria de Huerta; Zaragoza/ visit the Basilica of Nuestra Senora de Pilar; Lourdes/ visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Miraculous Spring. For more information contact either the pilgrimage Spiritual Director, Fr. Francisco Lopez at 528-2626; or, the Tour Coordinator, Ms. Janie Banda at 543-6276.

Adoration Chapel Month of February

In Chapel Reflections for special feast days.

Feb. 2. Presentation of Our Lord ... by Pope Benedict



Feb.11. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes... "The wonders of Lourdes"

Feb.22. Ash Wednesday.... "Fortitude for Lent" by Ven .Louis of Granada

Also.... "The Grace of Disaster by Fr. Peter John Cameron O P

Psalms 1, 34, 51, 90. Lenten Reflection

Papal Blessing

St. Joseph Church has implemented a new program called the Papal Blessing. We would like to acknowledge couples who have been married 50 years or more by presenting them with a Papal Blessing certificate. It takes three to six months for completion of the application. We need the date and place you were married in the Church. If you are interested or would like more information call 358-3239 and ask for Ruth.

Thank You!

The Christus Spohn Beeville Ladies Night Out Committee would like to say "Thank You" to St. Joseph Church for the donation of it's Mardi Gras decorations. Your generous donation has made our task of making over the Coliseum into the Mardi Gras theme much easier for our fundraiser. Funds from our events benefit Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville, The Foundation Endowment, and Healthcare Student Scholarships. We are very thankful.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Fr. Richard will be on retreat from February 13th - 17th. No daily Masses will be said at St. Joseph Church that week. There will only be communion services. Mass intentions already scheduled that week will be satisfied at the daily Masses that will be celebrated during the retreat. No additional weekday Mass intentions will be scheduled that week.

Open House

Please join us at Incarnate Word Academy for our Word 101 Open House:
An Introduction to IWA and Its Programs.

Elementary Open House (Traditional and Montessori):
January 31st or February 2nd from 8:00 am to 10:00 am
(located at 450 Chamberlain)
High School Word 101 Information Night: February 7th - 6:00 pm
(located at MS/HS Cafeteria)
Middle Level Word 101 Information Night: February 9th - 6:00 pm) located at MS/HS Cafeteria.

For more information call 361-883-0857

Diocese History

Below is information about the history of the Diocese which will celebrate it's 100th anniversary this year.



The Spanish Connection

Bishop Peter Verdaguer wrote a priest who indicated his desire to serve in the Vicariate and warned him that the mission area was so poor that even in the best parish in Laredo, the priests did not have a regular monthly salary and in the best month received only \$10. Nevertheless, by the end of his administration he had 16 secular and 16 religious order priests. As Bishop Jean Marie Odin had returned to his native France to seek vocations, Bishop Verdaguer also returned to his native Spain for help. Among those he recruited were Luis Plana, Ramon Monclus, Benito Donada and Miguel Puig. Plana was ordained the day after the bishop's reception and installation in Corpus Christi. On May 31, 1891, Bishop Verdaguer ordained the young deacon who had accompanied him from Spain. Father Plana served as a pastor in Encinal, Laredo and Goliad, as well as a consultant to Bishop Ledvina until his death in 1939. Father B. J. Donada built the present Our Lady of Refuge Church, dedicated by Bishop Verdaguer on April 24, 1901. At that time, it was the largest frame church in South Texas.



Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 February 5, 2012
 [The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.
 — Psalm 147:4

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
 5 de febrero de 2012
 El Señor puede contar el número de estrellas y llama a cada una por su nombre.
 — Salmo 147(146):4

SUNDAY	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
05	9:00 am	CCE PK – 8 th Grade Session 11	*SMACS
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #3	Day Chapel
MONDAY			
06		<u>Office Closed</u>	
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #4	Day Chapel
TUESDAY			
07	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #5	Day Chapel
	6:30 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion	Day Chapel
	7:00 pm	RCIA Adult	Office Upstairs
	7:00 pm	K of C Centennial Meeting	*ASH
	7:00 pm	Altar Society Meeting	*STH
WEDNESDAY			
08	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #6	Day Chapel
	6:30 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion	Day Chapel
	7:00 pm	Confirmation II	Day Chapel
THURSDAY			
09	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #7	Day Chapel
	6:30 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion	Day Chapel
	7:00 pm	Baptism Class	*STH
	7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	*ASH
FRIDAY			
10	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #8	Day Chapel
SATURDAY			
11	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Novena #9	Day Chapel
	At Mass	Altar Society Bake Sale	Church Foyer
	6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Society Group Mass	Church
SUNDAY			
12	At All Masses	Altar Society Bake Sale	Church Foyer
	11:00 am	Knights of Columbus Group Mass	Church
	7:00 pm	Life Teen Night	Parish Hall

*ASH - All Saints Hall *STH - St. Therese Hall *SMACS - St. Marys Charter School