

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be a special collection for the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope (FMH) on September 21st and 22nd.

Birthdays this Week

Emily Johnson	9/16
Christina Tucker	9/16
Mary Johnston	9/18

Mass Intentions

9/14/24	Martha & Bryan Sieben
9/15/24	Carolyn Clintron & Parish
9/18/24	Martha & Bryan Sieben
9/20/24	Katherine Rinando

LIFE CHAIN
 ~ Sponsored by Right To Life of Southeast Texas ~
 'Third Sunday in October'
 October 20, 2024

Abortion...
 One heart stops
 Another heart
 breaks

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 'SANCTITY OF LIFE'
 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (arrive by 2:15 p.m.)

Location:
 Sour Lake – Hwy 105 & Mitchell St
 Grassy area at Our Lady Victory Sign.
 Contact: Taylor Fogo @ (409)673-8994

Please join all those who care about LIFE in this ecumenical community event...
 "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link." Your commitment would be for one (1) hour. We will be a visible presence by standing/sitting together, holding our Pro-Life signs (furnished), to pray silently for the 'Sanctity Of Life', an end to abortion, euthanasia & assisted suicide.

*** Bring your friends & family, lawn chairs, umbrellas & bottled water - please come!! ***


Help our CYM!

Our CYM will be hosting a truck at Trunk or Treat and are in need of bags of candy. A box will be placed in the back of the church. Please help our youth help make the kids of Sour Lake have a safe and fun Halloween.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead?

Jesus said, "... Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come" (Matthew 12:31). And 2 Maccabees 12:46 reads, "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin."

When we die in God's friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise.



Ongoing Catechism
"Behold the Lamb of God"

While the Eucharistic Bread is being broken, we all sing (or say) the Lamb of God, echoing the words of John the Baptist as he met Jesus at the Jordan River, "**Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the World**" (John 1:29). And we continue with the words, "*Have mercy on us*". We are reminded that we are sinners and in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. We should always approach the Lord with humility, even though we may have been blessed with many gifts and asking God for mercy helps us to remain humble. Pride is one of the biggest obstacles to overcome, in order to receive God's Saving Grace, because with pride comes a sense of self-accomplishment. This can lead us to forget that we are in need of our Savior to free us from sin and help us to get to heaven!

How fitting it is that we recite the Lamb of God at this precise moment in the Mass! While the priest breaks the host, the people join John the Baptist in recognizing Jesus as the Servant-Lamb of Isaiah who offers His life as a sacrifice for sin. Jesus is the Lamb that was led to the slaughter. Jesus is the One Whose sacrifice made many righteous. We thus call Jesus "*Lamb of God*" and say to Him that through His death, "*you take away the sins of the world.*"

And then the priest elevates the Host and the Chalice and holds them close together as he declares, "**Behold the Lamb of God...**". This is the 2nd time we've seen these two elevated – First, when the priest gives the Doxology, "*Through Him, with Him, and in Him...*"; and then at this moment while declaring, "**Behold the Lamb of God**". During the first Elevation at the Doxology, the priest usually holds the Chalice and the Host separately (spreading his arms wide to signify the separation of the Two), or if a deacon or co-celebrant priest is present, the priest will give them the Chalice to elevate separate from the Host. However, during this last Elevation, the priest ALWAYS holds both the Chalice and the Host... and they are held close together.

As I often have mentioned in these handouts, EVERYTHING in the Mass has meaning. So, of course, there is a meaning behind the pattern of the elevation (1 - *Through Him, with Him...* being held far apart or by 2 people, and 2 – "**Behold the Lamb of God...**" being held ONLY by the priest and the two Species are held close together). Does anyone care to guess what are the differences? We'll cover that next week!

If you enjoy these insert, you might also like the Adult Bible Study class on Sundays at 9:45am

PRAYER Requests

Alice Loftin, John Nolte, Matthew Watson, Kelly Garner, Daisy and Baby Cantu, Fred Blanchette, Woodrow Guidry, Lula Bell White, Joshua Baker, Daniel Begnaud, Nancy Perry, Barbara Allen, Janet Swearingen, J.W. Allen, Michael Celano, Barbara Fesco Latau, Donald Mull, Joe Rizzato, Milissa McCown, Cathy Giardina, Brad McGowan, Patricia Daleo, Rose Mary Guidry, Debbie Schuster, Paul Rodgers

To add or remove names to the Prayer List please call the Parish Office