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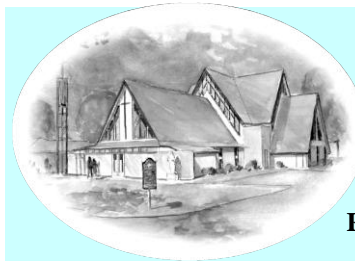
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Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Is it ever OK to use "God" and "damn" together?

When we pray "hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to "take the name of the Lord...in vain" (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, "we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so..." (James 3:9-10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what's the harm?

"A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use," wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God's name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18: 21).

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Monday
February 20
Weekday
Sir 1:1-10
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday
February 21
Weekday
Sir 2:1-11
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday
February 22
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Thursday
February 23
St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sir 5:1-8
Mk 9:41-50

Friday
February 24
Weekday
Sir 6:5-17
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday
February 25
Weekday
Sir 17:1-15
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday
February 26
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15
1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34

Good News!

February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18. 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down your heart? How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Feb. 19, 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULAR MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m., or by Appointment
Daily Masses: Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Tues. – Hattie Leita (†) Buddy & Karen Franz
- Wed. – Justine Vesely (SI)
- Thurs. – Mike McDonough (†) Ken & Doe Richter
- Fri. – Bruno Leita (†) Buddy & Karen Franz
- Sat. – Rose Yendrey (†) Dennis & Pamela Jurica
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. – Milton Carroll (SI)
- Sun. 9:00 a.m. Barbara Moreland (♫) Carlyne Ballard

Mass Intention Symbols
† - In honor of deceased
♥ - Anniversary/Marriage
♫ - Birthday/Thanksgiving
SI - Special Intentions

Ash Wednesday March 1 Mass Times:
7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or that is homebound for Father Barnabas to visit.
Remember to write your prayer requests on the note cards in the corner of the Narthex and place them in the slot of the corner table.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat. Eli Richter & Zachery Kuchler
- Sun. 7:30 Natalie Koehl, Maddie Nunez
- Sun. 9:00 Carson Kolb & Tanner Weitz

CANTOR: C Baker

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. K Richter
- Sun. 7:30: K Davis
- Sun. 9:00: M Kolb, D Witte, Volunteer

LECTORS

- Sat. Volunteer
- Sun. 7:30: Kolodziejczyk
- Sun: L Witte

USHERS

- Sat. P Miori, T & F Maraggia
- Sun. 7:30: J. Koch, C. Horelka, D. Zacek, Volunteer
- Sun. 9:00: R Cedillo, BJ Ellison, Volunteers

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CCD Program	\$40.00
2017 Picnic Fund & sub accts	\$75.00
Scholarship Fund	\$30.00
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Total	\$3,598.85

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Second Collection Today – Is for St. Joseph's obligation towards the Diocesan Service Appeal

Attention ALL Eucharistic Ministers – There will be a required Eucharistic Minister Training Sunday March 5th immediately after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Attention all youth 3rd grade & older – If you are an Altar Server or would like to be an Altar Server please pick up a yellow form from the Narthex or on Wednesday from your CCD teacher.

You are cordially invited to help celebrate our patron saint on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th
Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church **What Time:** 9:00 a.m. Mass followed with a 'Feast' in the CCD Hall.

Please note new confession times: Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Feb 19 – CDA Meeting – 10:30 a.m. CCD Hall
Feb 19 – 65th Annual Oyster & Catfish Dinner – Emmanuel Lutheran Serving 11:00-2:00 at the Inez Community Center
Feb 19 – Safe Environment Code of Pastoral Conduct class for Adults – 3:00 p.m. in the CCD Hall If you plan to volunteer in the Diocese of Victoria and have not had the class please contact Martha Nichols 361-571-0337
March 2 – April 13 Disciples on the Journey small group each Thursday of Lent @ 9:30 a.m.
March 5 - St. Joseph CDA Games Party – 1-5pm in St Joseph's CCD Hall See below for details.
March 19th Feast of St. Joseph
March 19 – after 9:00 a.m. Mass Feast of St. Joseph Brunch for all Parishioners & Shut-ins.

No CCD Ash Wed
March 1
or
Spring Break
March 15

Brandon Janis	Frank Vacante	Benjamin Janke	Bryce North
Micky Maraggia	Matthew Janis	Jeff Perry	Bessie Charbula

♫ Happy Birthday ♫

St. Joseph CDA Games Party - Sunday March 5th from 1-5pm in St Joseph's CCD Hall Donation \$8.00 per person, Bring your players & games, **Door Prizes, Raffle & Bucket Game** Dinner provided. Sponsored by: Inez Catholic Daughters Court of St. Joseph, **Reservations Required** - Please Contact: Kathy Prukop 361-575-3559 Donna DeBault 361-935-3890, or Karen Franz 361-550-5183

We are in need of individuals or families to lead the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 6pm.
We also will need 3 altar servers each week. Volunteers, please call/text Anne Marek at 361-649-3760, to be scheduled. Thanks in advance for your help!

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Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day 2017: The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, on April 4, 2017 at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join with thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. If you are interested in participating, call Father Gary Janak, Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, at 361-573-0828, email: chancellor@victoriadiocese.org or visit our website at: <https://victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day> for more information.

Visitors, Welcome to St. Joseph! If you would like to join our St. Joseph family you may pick up a registration form in the Narthex. You may drop it in the giving basket, bring it by the office or email it.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service is a meditative Christian experience of prayer: includes sung & chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence, reflection & liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria Please park in the back. Feb. 21, 7-8:00 p.m.

