



Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

Office of Communications

PASTORAL UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Planning a parish event? To choose the best date, visit our **DIOCESAN CALENDAR** (under **Calendar at top of page**) at www.catholiclubbock.org.

Many events -- including retreats and jamaicas -- are listed.

Call us at 806-792-3943 Ext. 218 or e-mail pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org with news about any parish event of interest to the diocese by *noon on Tuesday*.

Sign up for weekly updates: Please send your request to catholiclubbock@gmail.com to receive this *Pastoral Update* by email.

TOP NEWS - MOST RECENT

JAMAICA THIS WEEKEND: **September 23**—Seminole Saint James Fall Festival, *Keeping the Faith*, Gaines County Civic Bldg, 405 NW 5th

YOUTH RETREAT, **Saturday September 23, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.**, Saint Anthony Parish Hall, 1902 Levelland Hwy, Brownfield. For teens 8th grade through 12th. \$15/person includes lunch and supper. Contact church: 806-637-2344.

HOPE & HEALING PRAYER – **Friday, September 29**, 7 p.m., at Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. Tentative schedule includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection by a priest or deacon, prayer for healing followed by Benediction. For more information: Deacon Max Perez, 806-239-9899 (call or text) or maxperea@sbcglobal.net.

RUMMAGE SALE – **September 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 52nd & L, Lubbock. Donations accepted at church, or you can rent a booth space for \$20. Contact Robert Narvaiz – 806-781-6277 or Pedro Luna- 806-778-8589.

WHITE MASS – The annual White Mass for medical professionals will be celebrated **Wednesday, October 18 @7 p.m.**, Christ the King Cathedral. All those involved in any aspect of health care are invited, along with all people of the diocese.

CATECHETICAL & MINISTRIES CONFERENCE – **Saturday, October 14**, from 8:00 a.m. (door registration) to 3:15 p.m., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Pre-registration is \$25, deadline **October 12**. Cost at the door: \$40. Fee includes a hot lunch, registration packet, coffee, water and snacks. Theme is “Becoming People of the Word for Missionary Discipleship.” Keynote speaker is Stephen J. Binz, a biblical scholar and author. Make checks payable to the Diocese of Lubbock, and mail to Alicia Alvarez, PO Box 98700, Lubbock, TX 79499. Find breakout session choices at <http://www.catholiclubbock.org/Evangelization&Catechesis.html>. Scan or email your choices for both sessions to aalvarez@catholiclubbock.org

ROSARY IN THE PLAZA – **Saturday, October 14, 11 a.m.**, on the public square on Main Street in Petersburg. Join Father Jacob and Sacred Heart parishioners in prayer. For questions, call Cindy -806-928-9321.

HELP NEEDED- The Office for Vocations and Seminarian Education will host an event on November 11th at Christ the King Cathedral to help raise funds for their vocation outreach events and for education of seminarians. We are in need of auction items for our live and silent auctions. All donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Sister Olivia Rico, OSF at 806-792-3943 ext. 227, orico@catholiclubbock.org, PO Box 98700 Lubbock, TX 79499-8700

SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS – The Diocese of Lubbock Catholic Charities is collecting Hygiene Items to deliver to CC Galveston-Houston at the end of the month in response to an immediate need. Contact Jennifer Lopez at Catholic Charities for any questions, 806-765-8475.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT - The annual appeal for Adopt-a-Student Program has begun for the 2017-2018 school year at Christ the King Cathedral School. The students and faculty remember donors and those memorialized with gifts in our prayers throughout the school year. Approximately *one-third* of CTKC School students request some level of financial support in order to attend the school. With your help, we can make every effort to aid these students and their families so that as many as possible can receive their education in CTKC School's faith-filled environment. If you are interested in supporting the Adopt-a-Student Program, please visit the "School Donations" page of the school website, www.ctkcathedralschool.org, and click on the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page. If you would like to receive more information or ask questions, please contact the School Development Office at (806)795-8283 or via email at cduran@ctkcathedralschool.org. The students, faculty and staff appreciate your prayerful consideration!

SAVE THE DATE for the Raider Promise Banquet on Saturday, **October 28, 2017**

Parishes and Around the Diocese

HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER RAFFLE - Through **Sept 30**, Lubbock Our Lady of Grace parishioners are selling raffle tickets for a 2016 Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle. Tickets are 10.00 each. Proceeds benefit the church. Call 806-763-4156 for ticket information.

LUBBOCK LIFE CHAIN – Sunday, October 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Indiana and 66th Street, Lubbock. A peaceful, prayerful, gathering. Signs will be provided. Please park north of the Nurturing Center, 3303 66th Street or at Melonie Park Church, 3302 Indiana. Join pro-life people across the country who will make a visual statement of solidarity to end abortion and pray for the 58 million children lost to abortion. Questions: Sandy Cisneros – 806-473-7592.

RED MASS – October 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Kent Hance Chapel, 17th & University, followed by cocktails at 7 p.m. and seated dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Merket Alumni Center, 2521 17th Street. Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman will speak. Admission is \$20 for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Students price is \$10. **Must RSVP by September 20**. Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock, the Red Mass is open to people of all faith traditions who have a concern for peace and justice. Dress is business attire with red accents for both men and women. For more information: www.catholicfoundationlubbock.org/redmass or (806)792-3943, ext. 207.

BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE - Resthaven Cemetery - Section G, Lot 340, Space 1, (Catholic Section), \$3500 (Or \$5000 including Marker Contract). Contact Deacon Clarke and Anne Cochran - 806-795-9745.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY SPECIAL MASS- in addition to the regular Filipino Mass on the first Sunday of each month, the Filipino Catholics of the diocese will celebrate a special Mass in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz and companions on Sunday, **September 24**, at 5:00 p.m., at Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 2301 Main, Lubbock. There will be a pot luck dinner at Hanly Hall after Mass. All are welcome.

SISTERS APPRECIATION DINNER - The Serra Club of Lubbock will sponsor our annual Sisters Appreciation Dinner **October 6**. A limited number of tickets are available for non-members at \$50 each, which covers admission, dinner, and the opportunity to meet and interact with the women religious of the diocese. Proceeds support the Serra Club mission to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life. For more information, contact Deacon Ed or Janeth Sears 806-319-1794 or 806-224-3964, Gary McDonald -806-781-7566, Angie McDonald 806-786-2346, or any Serra Club member. Thank you for your prayerful support of all religious vocations in the Diocese of Lubbock.

CALL TO CONVENTION - **October 7**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saint William Church, Denver City. Sign-in- 8-9 a.m. Registration fee: \$10 will cover lunch and snacks. ****Please bring items for Country Store and item(s) worth \$25 for silent auction**** Register by **October 3**: St. William Church, 401 Mustang Ave, Denver City, TX 79323 (Send list of attendees and fee.) Contact Susan-806-239-0807 or 1st.ruffles@gmail.com. All Ladies Welcome—get your car pool together!

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling worldwide since 1947, is on an historic two-year journey across America to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, visiting more than 100 dioceses in 50 states. The Diocese of Lubbock is participating in the tour and the Statue of Our Lady will be visiting **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1120 52nd St., Lubbock, TX on Friday, October 27, 2017**. More information and the schedule of the celebration will be published later.

EN-COUN-TER CATHOLICISM: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. in Kasteel Hall, Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. A different topic and presenter each week.

September 20 -Evangelization series *Rediscover Catholicism*, Session 2. Based on the book and study guide of Matthew Kelly, this session is entitled “We Become What We Celebrate.” (pages 27-66) Deacon Gary Simmons, our guest speaker, will introduce the chapter's insights and practical applications to our lived faith experience. Discussion questions at this session will include: When you consider where we are today as a society, do you think the world needs Christianity more or less than a 100 years ago? How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? Where do you see opportunities for this relationship to grow? How does embracing Catholicism as a way of life make you a better version of yourself? It’s not too late to join!

September 27 -Fr. Jacob will be our guest to take your questions on a variety of subjects important to Catholics today. If there are questions that have been bothering you or have proven difficult to find a straight answer regarding Catholic doctrines, Philosophy, saints, devotions, apologetics..., then this Encounter is for you. This should prove to be a lively and informative time.

Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Catechists working with teens? The following websites might be helpful to you:

Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this 24-lesson program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them lifelong disciples of Christ. <https://ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/chosen/teen-faith-formation?utm>

SPIRIT Online brings the Sunday Gospel to teens in a highly interactive manner. You will be amazed at how readily teens respond to scripture when they reflect on it within their own life experience.

<https://goodgroundpress.com/spirit-online/publication/>

Search Institute: si@search-institute.org - The Institute does research and offers findings & insights which enable adults to work with & build positive relationships for young folks that will last. In the five key elements that Search Institute has identified as vital in a developmental relationship--expressing care, challenging growth, providing support, sharing power and expanding possibilities--it is often the adult who takes the lead in these actions and expresses them most strongly, intentionally, and consistently. Questions? contact Rose Martin rmartin@catholiclubbock.org or 792-2234 ext. 224

Office for Marriage & Family Life

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS – October 1, @ 3 p.m., Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. Join the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration. Bishop Coerver will celebrate a special Mass with a renewal of the Marriage Commitment for couples celebrating 25, 50, or more years of marriage. All are invited to attend this special occasion. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will follow Mass at the Family Activity Center. Couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of Matrimony will be recognized with a special certificate. To receive this certificate, please provide the names of husband and wife to the Marriage & Family Life Office at 806.792.3943, ext.201 or at familylife@catholiclubbock.org no later than **September 29.**

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – October 6 @8 p.m. through Sunday, October 8 @ 4 p.m. The wedding is for a day but the marriage is for a LIFETIME. Engaged couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church within the next 6 months are invited to attend this weekend retreat focused on spending quality time together as a couple, as well as preparing for married life. The location is Mercy Retreat Center, 605 19th, Slaton. Cost is \$225 per couple if registered by **September 22**; cost goes up to \$285 if registered after September 22. Registration form available at <http://catholiclubbock.org/Engaged.pdf> For more information, contact Engaged Encounter Retreat couple Roy and Ellie Contreras at 806.773.9803.

25th & 50th JUBILEE WEDDING PHOTOS: Send a copy of your wedding picture, along with a recent photo, your names, wedding date and parish, and we will feature you in a special *South Plains Catholic* edition to commemorate your jubilee. Send names and pictures no later than **September 29**, to *South Plains Catholic*, Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499-8700 or catholiclubbock@gmail.com If mailed, please send a stamped return envelope so that we can return your photos. **NOTE:** Marriage Jubilee Mass is **October 1 @ 3 p.m.**

Office for Vocations

++Let's support vocations in each parish by prayer, recognition and invitation.

Vocation Blurb - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 24, 2017- "Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact Father John Ohlig at the Vocation Office at 806-792-3943 ext 226 or email johlig@catholiclubbock.org

School News

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED - Christ the King School is taking applications for substitute teachers. A teaching certificate is not required; however, experience with and love of children are helpful! They must pass a background check as well as participate in the Diocese of Lubbock's Safe Environment Program training prior to substituting; dates and times for training will be provided by the school. An application form can be found on the school website –ctkcathedralschool.org – under the "Contact Us" section. For more information: call 795-8283.

Office of Stewardship and Development

Learn how your parish can **participate in Giving Tuesday** this year through #IGiveCatholic. Visit www.igivecatholic.org to register and participate for free*. Stay tuned for training webinars hosted by the Office of Stewardship and Development. *Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Appeal.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23/24** - From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

Intercession: That we realize that there are consequences for our choices and a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings will result in many blessings, we pray to the Lord.

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Fin de Semana del 23/24 de Septiembre de 2017 Desde la época antigua, nosotros tendemos a distorsionar el concepto de “justicia:” “Yo soy bueno. Yo merezco cosas buenas. Yo no estoy recibiendo cosas buenas. Algo debe estar mal. ¿Quién lo va a arreglar?” También conocemos la antigua expresión, “¿quién dijo que la vida es justa?” Jesús conocía esta expresión cuando presentó su parábola en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. Los corresponsables cristianos reconocen, con humildad, que ellos reciben cosas buenas del Señor en abundancia; aun si estos dones no son los que ellos piensan que necesitan. Considere usted con cuál servidor se identifica más en la lectura del Evangelio, con aquellos que demandan “justicia,” o aquel último servidor, quien aparentemente merecía menos.

Intercesión- Que entendamos y vivimos nuestras vidas mostrando que somos responsables de cuidar a los demás, roguemos al Señor.

To access the **entire month of readings, Stewardship e-bulletin:** <http://catholiclubbock.org/Stewardship.html>

Retreats/ Spiritual Development

Posting these Rachel’s Corner quotes in the bulletin every week does a tremendous job of gently reminding those who need healing after abortion that confidential help is available. Sometimes it takes months or longer of seeing these quotes in the weekly bulletin for someone to get the courage to call for help

RACHEL’S VINEYARD - Abortion promises to relieve the burdens, pain, and anxiety of facing a child before a man is ready to be a father. Abortion keeps that promise, only to leave the man with a whole new set of burdens. You are not alone. We can help you find peace and restoration from your pain. Join us on our next retreat, **October 27-29**, for healing after abortion and see how much God loves you! Confidential contact: Kathy.krile@gmail.com and 806-577-5912.

RINCON DE RAQUEL *El aborto promete aliviar las cargas, el dolor, la ansiedad de enfrentar a un niño antes que el hombre esté listo a ser Padre. El aborto sostiene esa promesa, pero solo para dejar al hombre con un nuevo conjunto de cargas. Tú no estás solo. Te podemos ayudar a que encuentres paz y la recuperación a tu dolor. Retiro próximo es **octubre 27-29**. Contacto confidencial: Kathy.krile@gmail.com and 806-577-5912.*

Recurring (Weekly) Activities

THE UPPER ROOM YOUNG ADULT FAITH GROUP–
First & Third Mondays @ 8 p.m., Lubbock Saint Elizabeth Pallotti Building. Contact Shelby Williams at sewilliams91@yahoo.com

MASS ON TEXAS TECH CAMPUS: - Wednesdays at 12:10 P.M., Kent Hance Chapel Visit
www.raidercatholic.org

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION-Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, 7 p.m., **Thursdays.**

HOLY HOUR for Vocations- Christ the King Cathedral, 7 p.m., every **second Thursday**. Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe- **Thursdays @6:30 p.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY Rosary (6:30 a.m.) & Mass (6:55 a.m.) for Vocations, Christ the King, 4011 54th.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS @5:30 p.m. to end abortion and euthanasia, Saint John Neumann, 24th & Frankford. Every **First Friday** of the year.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS- 5 p.m. (English), Adoration after Mass til midnight-Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET- 3 p.m. **First Saturdays** at Christ the King, 4011 54th Street.

CATHOLIC MOMS OF LUBBOCK – Fridays @ 10 a.m.. Contact: Vicki.divine@gmail.com or 607-226-6398 for locations.

AA GROUP- Family Activity Center Room 3, @noon, **Fridays**. Christ the King, Family Activity Center Room 3, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. Contact Elaine 806-928-9673 for more information.

COUNSELING: Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. For appointment, call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY RADIO: Visit 102.9 FM website at <http://www.olvradio.com> to hear live streaming of EWTN. For program schedule, please see <http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp>.

TWITTER: *Bishop Coerver is now on Twitter. You can follow him @BishopLubbock.*
<https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock>

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SEND South Plains Catholic story ideas, stories, and photos (including names and explanations) to: PO Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499-8700, or lflores@catholiclubbock.org. The next deadlines are:

EDITION DATE: October 2017

DEADLINE: September 29

SAVE THE DATE: 2017

October 3, 6:30, Red Mass, Kent Hance Chapel

October 6-8 - Catholic Engaged Encounter

October 14- Catechetical & Ministries Conference, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center+

October 26 – NurtureLife Banquet, TTU Market

October 28 - Raider Promise Banquet, Doors open 6pm, dinner 7 pm (\$95 per person)

November 11 – Vocation Brunch fundraiser

JAMAICAS 2017

October 7 - Lockney San Jose

October 21 – Oktoberfest, Slaton Saint Joseph, 4-11 p.m.

October 21 - Saint Ann Stamford, Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-7p.m.

October 22 -Sausage Fest Dinner, Auctions, Slaton Saint Joseph, 11-4

October 27 –Fall Festival, Auctions, Lubbock Christ the King, 5:30 pm-9 pm