



Father Joseph Vrana

December 21, 1939 - October 10, 2016

Father Joseph Louis Vrana, III, 76, passed away October 10, 2016. He was born in Houston, TX on December 21, 1939 to Joseph L. Vrana, Jr. and Helen Cyva Vrana.

He attended the first through eighth grades in Sheldon, TX and transferred to Crosby High School in Crosby, TX for grades ninth through twelfth. It was during this period of time that he began to seriously consider the priesthood. After graduation from high school, he answered his calling to the priesthood and entered St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, TX. He was among eight seminarians ordained by Bishop John L. Morkovsky on May 29, 1965, at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Following his ordination, Fr. Joe was very happy to impart his priestly blessing to his parents, as their only child.

Father Joe's first assignment was as temporary assistant at St. Mary's Co-Cathedral in Galveston. In January 1975, he was assigned as associate pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Bay City. He served the parish for four years; serving as director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Youth Organization. He served on the Western Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Archdiocesan Galveston-Houston Marriage Policy Committee. He was appointed administrator of Holy Cross Parish in East Bernard in July 1975 and was appointed pastor on January 1, 1977, serving the parish for 10 1/2 years. On

June 8, 1988, he was assigned as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Wharton and St. Joseph Mission in Boling. In 2006, he was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Nada, and also, until 2009, as parochial administrator for St. John Nepomucene Parish in New Taiton. At St. Mary's Parish, he served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Confraternity of Christian Mother's Society, Nada K.J.T., K.J.Z.T. Society #17, Catholic Life Insurance and the Catholic Daughters of America Court #1595. Father Joe enjoyed deer and bird hunting, as well as fishing and gardening. On May 29, 2015, he celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Father Joe was preceded in death by his parents and aunt, Jane Cyva.

Visitation will be from 12-4 p.m. on Thursday, October 13 at Triska Funeral Home and from 5-6 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. A Vigil will begin at 6 p.m. at the church. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Father Joseph Vrana Seminary Burse.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Vigil

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dorothy Baros lit a candle in memory of Father Joseph Vrana



Dorothy Baros - October 14, 2016 at 07:16 AM

MA

“ Will miss you cousin. We had great times at the farm.



Margaret - October 13, 2016 at 03:37 PM

AD

“ Annie, Helen & Billy Dolezal lit a candle in memory of Father Joseph Vrana



Annie, Helen & Billy Dolezal - October 12, 2016 at 04:21 PM

MI

“ I knew Father Joe when he was at Wharton and East Bernard/ Used to come to Freddie's in Wharton to each lunch and we also briefly talked/ He was a great priest and will be missed
Michael Konvicka, Hungerford

Mike - October 12, 2016 at 02:26 PM

Nancy
Hartley

“ Nancy Hartley lit a candle in memory of
Father Joseph Vrana



Nancy Hartley - October 12, 2016 at 02:18 PM

LB

“ Father Joe was very special to our family. He
some how always had words of wisdom in
good times and in hard times. We will never
forget his sense of humor and the times he
shared with our families. He will be truly
missed!



Lonnie & Cynthia Beseda - October 12, 2016 at 07:15 AM

PT

“ Pam And Bruce Turner lit a candle in memory
of Father Joseph Vrana



Pam and Bruce Turner - October 12, 2016 at 06:50 AM

DH

“ Diana And Phil Huvar lit a candle in memory
of Father Joseph Vrana



Diana and Phil Huvar - October 11, 2016 at 10:08 PM

KH

“ Karen & Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of Father Joseph Vrana



karen & Sheldon Holub - October 11, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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karen & Sheldon Holub - October 11, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Fr. Joe was an outstanding priest and parish administrator. He also had a sense of humor. I served as an alter boy for 9 years under his mass guidance. He served his respective parishes well. He will be missed. Rest in Peace. Scott Smaistrla

Scott Smaistrla - October 11, 2016 at 07:14 PM

MK

“ In 1983 when my handicapped daughter was born, his words were so comforting to me and gave me hope. He baptized her and the way he conducted everything was just beautiful. I will never forget that.

MKWilliams - October 11, 2016 at 03:38 PM

SP

Will miss talking to Fr. Joe at the annual Test of the Best cook-off. He always stopped by to visit with us and wish us good luck!
Bahama Mahamas Cook-off Team

Shirley Popp - October 13, 2016 at 11:46 AM