

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/17	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2/18	9:00 a.m.	† Mitzi Foley † Robert Quijano By: Elvia & Rosie
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	2/19	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	2/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/21	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	2/22	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	2/23	8:30 a.m.	† Faye Shaw By: Helen & Donald Skrovan
Sat.	2/24	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2/25	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

Catholic Charities Lenten Appeal
Please donate healthy canned goods, dry goods, non-perishables or monetary donations.
February 14—March 31

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>



LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	2/17	5 pm	Dave Schinker/Carol Schinker, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	2/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena
Sat.	2/24	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Roger Schill, Yvonne Schill, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	2/25	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Dave Schinker, Carol Schinker, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On February 22, we celebrate the feast of the Chair or Cathedra of Saint Peter. The Cathedra is a symbol of the Bishop's authority as successor to the Apostles and is located in the Cathedral of a diocese. As documented in Mathew's Gospel, Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Today's feast clearly recognizes the Lord's manifestation in the world and his desire to shepherd us. Saint Augustine wrote, "the institution of today's solemnity took the name 'Chair' from our predecessors due to the fact that it is said that the first apostle, Peter, occupied this Episcopal Cathedra. It is right, therefore, that the Church venerates the origins of this See, which the Apostle Peter accepted for the good of the Church." Thank you, Lord, for all those who shepherd us on the path to salvation and on in this day especially our Pope.

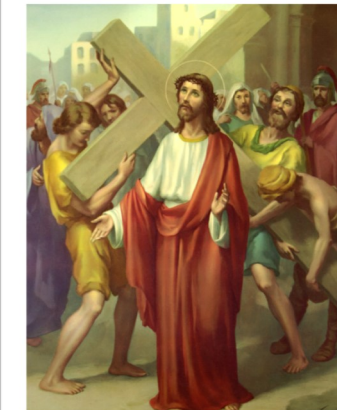
Please Pray For the Sick: Sandy Reed, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Rosie Aguirre, Josh Gueldner, Diane Bean, Helen Skrovan, Brian & Robin Hempstead, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Patti Hyland, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Jim Koenig, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased:
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: Lent is an occasion for conversion and internal renewal through listening to the Word of God, caring for brothers and sisters who need our help, and prayer, especially to obtain the grace of peace in the world.



Pastor's Note: Coming back to a loving God....As we enter the sacred Season of Lent, we are reminded of the tremendous love of our God. This reminder also serves as an invitation, invitation to return to him with hope and be reunited with this God of love. This invitation to return was emphasized in the readings for Ash Wednesday, when we heard Prophet Joel passionately urging us to return to the Lord. Returning to the Lord also means an acknowledgement that we had moved away from him. Now is the time to come home and once again be united with the Lord. On this First Sunday of Lent, the readings focus on the promise of God to be forgiving and merciful. The Responsorial Psalm underscores this compassion of the Lord, when we proclaim, "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant." A covenant is an agreement made between two unequal partners. We can never measure up to the magnanimity of God and his grandeur, as the one who created us and redeemed us. The agreement he made with us shows his compassionate heart, which can make him forget our failures and to take us back, once again, as his beloved children. It is not God who forgets the covenant, but we human beings, who because of our erratic ways, fail to keep our commitment to God and his ways. Even in our failure God is not going to abandon us, but is calling us to come get back to him and to experience his merciful love. The first reading, from the Book of Genesis, presents the covenant God made with Noah, a promise that he will never again destroy the world. Even in the midst of destruction caused by our failures, God will remember and act with his merciful love. In order for us to be committed to the Lord, we have to be faithful to the Lord, as Jesus was, all through his life. There were constant temptations that came to Jesus, to stray away from the mission, his Father had sent him to fulfill. Because of his rootedness in the love of his Father, he was able to overcome all the temptations. He is presented as the model for us to imitate, as someone who was willing enough to sacrifice his life for us, so that we would be made clean. Our call this week is to bathe in this love and to be washed clean and to live as true children of God.



Stations of the Cross
Will be held on
Fridays after Mass
During Lent



The Ladies of St Joseph invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (payable to **Corpus Christi Hope House**) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.

The second collection this week-end is for Black and Indian Missions.

Collection for February 11, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,898.76
Envelope Collection	\$ 640.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00
Online Giving	\$ 410.00
Total	\$ 4,093.76

HAVE A LAUGH: Mrs. Fleshman goes to the butcher shop to buy a chicken for the Sunday meal. The butcher has only one scrawny chicken left. He puts it on the scale.
"Three pounds," he says.
"That's too scrawny; don't you have something bigger?" Mrs. Fleshman asks.
He pretends to rummage around, and then puts the same chicken back on the scale, while pressing with his thumb.
"Three and a half pounds," he says.
"That looks better," says Mrs. Fleshman. "I'll take them both."