

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/24	5:00 p.m.	For: Tom Clough (healing) By: Cyndie & Carl Cory
Sun.	2/25	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	2/26	8:30 a.m.	† Dolores Hillock By: Antos Doherty
Tues.	2/27	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/28	8:30 a.m.	† Deceased Members of Walter Bartoszek Family By: Antos Doherty
Thurs.	2/29	8:30 a.m.	† Harold Chenier By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek
Fri.	3/1	8:30 a.m.	For: Cherie & Frank Dubard (healing) By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek
Sat.	3/2	5:00 p.m.	† Dolores Hillock By: Antos Doherty
Sun.	3/3	9:00 a.m.	† Leo Deringer By: Debra & Larry Heller
		11:00 a.m.	† Chris Ferguson By: Rick McMurray

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.	2/24	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
Sat.	3/2	5 pm	Carol Schinker/Dave Schinker, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	3/3	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On February 27, we celebrate the feast of Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (1838 – 1862). From a young age, Gabriel felt that his vocation was that of religious life. He entered the Passionists at the age of 17. Gabriel had a great cheerful spirit. This long with his commitment to the Passionist Rule and love for the poor made him appealing to all those he encountered. After only four years of religious life he was diagnosed with tuberculosis and died at the age of 24. Saint Gabriel was canonized in 1920 and is the patron of Clergy, students, and young people.

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: War is always a defeat. Wherever fighting occurs, people are exhausted. Let us pray together tirelessly, because prayer is effective. May we ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts dedicated to Peace.



Pastor's Note: Listening to the beloved Son of God.... Lent is, in many ways, a representation of our personal lives. Our lives are beset with moments of triumphs, times of perfect clarity and times of doubt and defeat. Lent enables us to navigate through the experiences the life presents before us, both good and bad, with real strength and conviction. It is our experience, every year, that we begin the season of lent with great earnestness and enthusiasm and begin to falter midway through and forget our resolutions by the time Holy Week comes around. Life also has similar trajectory, when it comes to experiencing moments of faithfulness, both to God and to others in our lives. Lent presents with us the opportunity to have that inner strength to withstand the temptations that try to take us away from our commitments in life. Today, the readings affirm the fact that this inner strength comes from our personal encounter with God. Last Sunday, as we began the Season of Lent, we were urged to withstand the temptations that come our way, by being faithful to our God, who is loving and compassionate. On this Second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the power of God, that can enable us to withstand the temptations. In the first reading, from the Book of Genesis, we see Abraham, on his way to sacrifice his son, in order to show his faithfulness to God. God shows him, through this episode, that he will provide what is needed for us to please him and that he will not expect us to do anything that causes harm to another. We only have to rely on him, and he will come to strengthen us in moments of trials and doubt. That we are strengthened by the power of God, who will come to our aid, is what we affirm in our Responsorial Psalm, when we proclaim, "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living." We believe, even when we are afflicted, because we have a God, who loves us, and comes to our aid, even with a love that is deep enough to give his Son for our sakes. In the Gospel, with the experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus, the Apostles are strengthened to face the challenges that would come their way. The death we experience in life is going to be defeated by the power of the Resurrection. We only have to listen to the beloved Son of God and walk in his ways.



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



The Ladies of St Joseph are wrapping up our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the **Hope House of Corpus Christi**. This is the last week to 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**). All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. The campaign ends this week-end, but you can turn in your bottle after any of the Masses to one of the ladies of St. Joseph or drop off at the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Collection for February 18, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 3,424.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 870.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 894.05
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1,091.00
Online Giving	\$ 670.00
Total	\$ 6,949.05

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: Fish 'n' Chips

It is February 23, the second Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."
"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"
Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."
The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."
"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."