

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/16	5:00 p.m.	†Dolores Hillock By: Antos Doherty
Sun.	3/17	9:00 a.m.	For: A Safe Spring Break By: Mary Ann Hajek
		11:00 a.m.	†Chris Ferguson By: Rick McMurray
Mon.	3/18	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Mon.	3/18	5:00 p.m.	For: A safe Spring Break By: Mary Ann Hajek
Tues.	3/19	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed.	3/20	8:30 a.m.	†Ann Catherine Lamson By: Barbara Lamson
Thurs.	3/21	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Walter Bartosz Family By: Antos Doherty
Fri.	3/22	8:30 a.m.	†Majella McBride By: Barbara Lamson For: Rodney Warriner (healing) By: John & Kae
Sat.	3/23	5:00 p.m.	For: Gail & Jan Phifer (anniversary blessings) By: John & Kae
Sun.	3/24	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	†Joseph Alexander, Jr. By: Barbara Lamson

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.	3/16	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	3/17	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	3/23	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann, Heather Collins
Sun.	3/24	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Dave Schinker, Carol Schinker, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On March 19th, we celebrate **Saint Joseph**, the patron of the Universal Church and our parish. He is also the patron Saint of families, expectant mothers, fathers, and travelers. Saint Joseph fulfilled the Lord's instructions to care for and protect Mary and Jesus. Just as he guarded the Holy Family, Joseph also watches over the Holy Catholic Church. There is a legend that Joseph was chosen from other men to be Mary's husband when his staff blossomed like a Lilly. This is one reason why he is often depicted in art with a white Lilly. Tradition also holds that he had a peaceful death as both Mary and Jesus were at his side. Catholics throughout the world will celebrate on this day to commemorate the feast day of this "just man." Ave Ioseph, custos Iesu salvatoris (Hail Joseph, protector of Jesus the Savior).

Please Pray For the Sick: Michelle Wilkerson, Christina Watson, 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: Some people cannot overcome the embarrassment of going to confession. Feeling ashamed means you are not happy about what you have done. This is a good sign, but never allow shame to imprison you, because God is not ashamed of you. He always loves you.



Pastor's Note: Bringing out the best

inside us.... Lent is a time for us to renew ourselves from within. All the Lenten disciplines that we undertake are geared towards deepening our commitment to God and to one another, as true disciples of Jesus. On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, as we are just a week away from Holy Week, we are reminded of the need to be deeply rooted in commitment to Jesus. The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us of the painful and, yet, willing sacrifice of Jesus. The reading emphasizes the depth of the suffering endured by Jesus on the cross. The suffering of Jesus was so intense that he cried out to his Father for help and, yet, obediently endured that suffering for the sake of love. It was not just a physical death that he endured on the cross, but also a dying to his personal desires. This Jesus is presented as our model. Such commitment can only come from a clean heart that does not focus on selfish desires or interests. It was a total selfless act where God, his Father, was acting through him. Our prayer during the Responsorial Psalm this week is to create this clean heart, where we will be free of all selfish interests. This clean heart is what Jesus expects us to have, as true disciples of Jesus. The Gospel focusses on this new attitude of commitment to God's will. Jesus reminds us that the death that we undergo is one that will lead us to experiencing fullness of life. The seed is hiding within it, its ability to become the tree that it is created to be. The seed has to die, in order for the tree to be exposed. Jesus talks about this death, that will bring out the life inside of us. This transformation was manifested in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus does not deny that his crucifixion is going to be a painful experience. However, he is aware that when he is lifted up on the cross, he will be able to attract everyone to himself. What attracts people to Jesus, while hanging on a cross, is the depth of his love for us that enabled him to endure the cross. For Jesus, his practice of religion was not a show, but was a true expression of his love for God. This he achieved through deepening his awareness of God's love for him. We are called to have that deep love for God, which will enable us to do his will, even during hardships.



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

Entering the Desert through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

**Lenten Mission offered by
Father Charles Silvas**

St. Joseph Church, Port Aransas
Tuesday & Wednesday
March 19-20 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Father George will be away

Father George will be away on vacation travelling to India after Easter. If you need to discuss anything, please do so in the coming days. Please keep him in your prayers.

Holy Week Schedule

3/20	Thurs.	6 pm	Lenten Confessions
3/28	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
3/29	Fri.	3 pm	Good Friday Service
3/30	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
3/31	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

Collection for March 10, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,676.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 776.00
Building Fund	\$ 245.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 786.20
Online Giving	\$ 890.00
Total	\$ 5,373.20

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH:

364 days of the year: Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground. Easter: Go and search in the dirt for candy a strange giant bunny left for you, kids!