

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/21	5:00 p.m.	For: Lindsay Schaffer (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
			† Barbara Scholze By: Joyce Fox
Sun.	2/22	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia † Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	2/23	8:30 a.m.	For: The Health of all Unborn Children By: Ginger & Leon Matula
Tues.	2/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/25	8:30 a.m.	† Jo Lang By: Pat Byers † Gerry Gage By: Harold Gage
Thurs.	2/26	8:30 a.m.	For: Heather Mason (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer † Harold & Patsy Malain By: Cathy & Harold Malain
Fri.	2/27	8:30 a.m.	For: The Ladies of St. Joseph (blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	2/28	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	3/1	9:00 a.m.	† Julio and Yolanda Mendoza By: Javier & Stacey Mendoza † Lenore Glanz By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek † Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	† Angel V. Rodriguez By: Rosie & Elvia

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	2/21	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Heather Collins
Sun.	2/22	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	2/28	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Tim Lamie
Sun.	3/1	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Roger Schill, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Carly Carlough/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 along 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. Like Saint Therese of Lisieux, Gabriel reminded all of those he encountered to focus on the small details of life and to be considerate of all God's children. He also focused on small acts of kindness. Saint Gabriel was canonized in 1920 and is the patron of clergy, students, and young people. Saint Gabriel, pray for us.

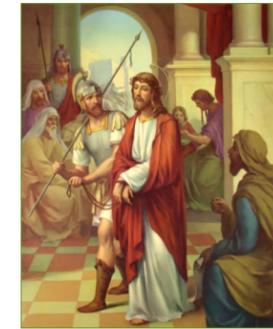
Please Pray For the Sick: Charles Zahn, Joan Dieker, Ed Fedak, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, and all who are in need of prayer.

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

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

Pope Leo XIV said: As we begin our journey through Lent, let us ask the Lord to grant us the gift of true conversion of heart, so that we may better respond to His love for us and share that love with those around us.

Pastor's Note: Faithful to God.... As we journey through the season of Lent, we are constantly reminded of the possibility of our wandering away from the Lord and the need to trust in the merciful love of God. It is this trust on the Lord that will draw us back to him, every time we wander away from him. On this First Sunday of Lent, as we do every year, we contemplate on the temptations of Jesus Christ and try to learn from his faithfulness to God. Jesus was fully human, even as he was fully divine, and, therefore, it is quite natural that he was being pulled in all directions, as he lived his life as a faithful Son. On this First Sunday of Lent, we get to take a personal look at Jesus as he navigates his life through the temptations to put his interest first and the desire on his part to remain faithful to God. The first reading, taken from the Book of Genesis, presents the story of the failure of Adam and Eve to remain faithful to God. They were created with love and were given all that was best, but failed to enjoy that forever, because they tried to do things according to their selfish interest, rather than according to the desire of God for them. It is this failure on their part, which brought upon them death, all because they said no to God, that is highlighted in the second reading, taken from the Letter to the Romans. It goes on to contrast their actions with that of Jesus who, with his obedience, led us to the path of life. Faithfulness to God's ways is the key here. The Gospel presents us the way Jesus was able to say no to the devil, as opposed to Adam and Eve, who said no to God. Jesus based his life on his love for the Father and he nurtured that love through his prayer and his penchant for the Scriptures. When the devil tries to entice him with attractive promises, Jesus was able to counter them with his knowledge of God and the desire on his part to remain faithful to God. It is our time to introspect.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays after Mass During Lent

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive February 18—April 5: Benefitting food pantries of Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi (including Holy Family Catholic Church) and Mother Teresa Shelter. Collection bins are in the church foyer.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who supported and participated in the Barbecue last Sunday!

Looking Ahead:
Lenten Penitential Service will be March 19 at 6 p.m.
First Holy Communion will be May 3 during 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Collection for February 15, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 4,396.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 955.00
Repair and Renovation	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,045.00
Total	\$ 6,496.00

HAVE A LAUGH: A preacher is hiking through the forest when he comes across a bear. Startled, the preacher begins to run and the bear gives chase. The bear catches up to the preacher who drops to his knees and prays "Please god, make this bear a Christian." Just as the bear gets to the preacher it stops. It puts its paws together, looks to the sky, and says "Thank you lord, for this meal I am about to receive."