

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

1st Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11/29	5:00 p.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family For: <b>Jenny &amp; Tony Alvarado</b> (blessings) By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Sun.	11/30	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	†Jimmy Santiago Herrera By: Fidencio Perez & Family
Mon.	12/1	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family
Tues.	12/2	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/3	8:30 a.m.	†Michael David Rubalcaba II By: Carol Clark
Thurs.	12/4	8:30 a.m.	†Tootie Barnes By: The Family †Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Fri.	12/5	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Barbara Lamson †Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Sat.	12/6	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Andrew Coshal</b> (birthday blessings) By: Rose Petersen †Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family
Sun.	12/7	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	†Milton & Geraldine Davidson By: The Sprunk Family

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.	11/29	5 pm	Nick Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	11/30	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	12/6	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/7	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** On November 30, we celebrate the feast of Saint Andrew. Andrew is the brother of Saint Peter, the First Apostle, and the “great introducer.” In John’s Gospel it is reported that Andrew and another disciple heard John the Baptist proclaim Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” They were so moved to action that they followed Jesus immediately. For this reason, Andrew is referred to as the Protokletos or “First-Called” apostle. Throughout the Gospels Andrew introduced and brought others to Jesus on various occasions. These included Peter his brother, the boy who held the fish and loaves at the multiplication of the loaves in Galilee, and the Greeks who sought to meet Jesus. Andrew was crucified on an X shaped cross at Patras in Greece around the year 60. Saint Andrew, pray for us!

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Joseph Vallamattam, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Debbie Wallace, Dr. Al Whitty, 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:**  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** Serving God in the wounds of those who suffer leads us to encounter Him. Living according to the Gospel entails a passion for God and humanity, which teaches us to love heaven and earth with the same intensity.

**Pastor’s Note: Put on the armor of light....** It is a new season, and it is time for hope, because we have the promise of a new life that will take away all the afflictions from our midst. The new Liturgical Season begins with the season of Advent, this Sunday. The Season of Advent is a time to fill our hearts with hope which will eventually turn into joy, when we celebrate Christmas, at the end of the Season. The Season of Advent equips us to ready our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who fills our lives with joy and peace. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord, is our Responsorial Psalm this Sunday. Yes, this Advent is a journey we undertake to be united with the Lord and allow him to transform our lives. The first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, presents us with the prospect of a newness that the world is going to experience, as the Lord comes to be with us. It is a message of hope that reminds us that the presence of the Lord will change our outlook and attitudes. War and destruction give way to peace and construction. We will be instructed to walk in his ways, which will fill us with the light of love. In the second reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, we hear Paul inviting the listeners to put on the armor of light. We might be experiencing night and darkness now, but we will be filled with the light of Christ, because the day of the Lord is near at hand. The need to be vigilant and to have an attitudinal change and be observant is the theme of the Gospel, taken from the Gospel according to Matthew. It urges us to be vigilant and watchful, because the day of the Lord is near at hand. We cannot be living casual lives, but have to be involved and responsive to the instructions of the Lord. There has to be a hope filled desire to welcome the Lord. Yes, it is time to put on the armor of light, and be hopeful.



Christmas Schedule

Wednesday	Dec. 24	4:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Wednesday	Dec. 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Mass

Ladies of St. Joseph Christmas Sale

The Ladies of SJ will have a Christmas sale the week-ends of December 6 & 7 and December 13 & 14 in the Parish Hall after all the Masses. The proceeds will go toward various ministries. Thank you for your support.

Advent Penetential Service

On Monday, December 15, there will be other priests to hear confessions at 5:30 p.m.

Collection for November 23, 2025

Loose Collection	\$1,813.00
Envelope Collection	\$1,135.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 380.00</u>
Total	\$3,328.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

**HAVE A LAUGH:** A woman awoke excitedly on her birthday and announced enthusiastically to her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for my birthday! What do you think it means?"  
With certainty in his voice, the man said "You'll know tonight."  
That evening the man came home with a small package and handed it to his wife.  
With anxious anticipation, the woman quickly opened the package to find a book entitled, "The Meaning of Dreams."