

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13, 2025

Mass Intentions			
Sat.	7/12	5:00 p.m.	† Danny Gonzales By: Zamora Family
Sun.	7/13	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
			For: Clarence & Joanne Selucky (wedding anniversary) By: Selucky Family
Mon.	7/14	8:30 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Tues.	7/15	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/16	8:30 a.m.	† Larry Heller By: Ralph & Susan Staffier
Thurs.	7/17	8:30 a.m.	† Danny Gonzalez By: Zamora Family
Fri.	7/18	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	7/19	5:00 p.m.	For: David Blum (birthday blessings) By: The Family For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sun.	7/20	9:00 a.m.	† Chester & Elaine Pawelek † Mike & Emily Broll By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek † Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson

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.	7/12	5 pm	Liz Conces/Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	7/13	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/ Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	7/19	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	7/20	9 am	Marvin Murray/Marvin Murray, Gail Burger, _____
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On July 15, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Bonaventure** (1221 – 1274). Bonaventure is said to have had many serious illnesses as a young boy which were healed through the intercession of Saint Francis. At the age of 22, he became a Franciscan and was eventually elected General Minister. As General Minister, Bonaventure led the Franciscans through his teaching and writings which related the practicality of living life with church Doctrine. He is regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the Middle Ages and is a Doctor of the Church. His body was found to be incorrupt in 1434 when it was relocated to a church in Lyon. In 1562, the Huguenots captured the city and burned his body in the public square. Relics, however, were saved and placed in an urn. The church containing the urn was then burnt to the ground during the dechristianization efforts of the French Revolution. Bonaventure was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. Saint Bonaventure, Pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Charles Russek, Ellen Gray, Dr. Al Whitty, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Susan Staffier, Trian Pagurar, Colleen Wishall, Liam Edwards, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, Aubrey Harper, Jerry Gage, Lee MacFarland, James Atkinson, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Josh Gueldner, 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 Leo XIV said: I would like to express sincere condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones, in particular their daughters, who were at the summer camp, in the disaster caused by flooding of the Guadalupe River in Texas in the United States. We pray for them.

Pastor’s Note: Listening to the Heart....
God showed his love for the people in numerous ways. Time and again, he came to their rescue, and he held them as the most prized possession, leading them to safety and prosperity, through various people. The love of God for his people was such, that he would want them to reflect the same kind of love in their dealings with one another. It was with this intention that he gave them the Law. The Commandments and ordinances that he enjoined on them were all meant to help them to concretely express their love for God and for one another. When there is true love, what we choose to do will always reflect the law of love, which is actually inscribed in our hearts. The first reading sheds a light on this desire of God to see his people living a life worthy of him, and he assisted them in doing this, by giving them the law. This law, as the reading taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, is not something far away from us, because we hold the law of love in our hearts. Love always seeks to do good to others. Love seeks the wellbeing of everyone and, if it is true love that we hold in our hearts, we cannot withhold it from others. This is concretely made manifested in and through the sacrifice of Jesus, when he decided to give his life for our sakes. Thus, Jesus is the expression of the fullness of love, says St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians, which we hear from, in the second reading. It is to live by this law of love that Jesus is inviting everyone, as we see in the Gospel passage. True love can never be limited to only a certain section of the people, as the religious leaders of his time were doing and teaching others to do. Jesus challenges them, then and us, today, when he shows that anyone who is able to follow the heart and do good to others, especially the vulnerable, is actually following the law. Love knows no boundaries or restrictions. By listening to our hearts, in which is written the law of love, we will reflect the love God has poured into it.

Let us Pray for the Flood Victims
Lord, in our sorrow we turn to you, as we stand with the victims of the flooding of the Guadalupe River. Oh, comforter of the afflicted, come to the aid of those grieving the loss of their loved ones, receive into your heavenly abode, those that have lost their lives, strengthen the hearts that are still searching for the lost, empower the ones that are helping with the search and rescue mission. May we stand united in supporting and consoling those who are in anguish. Hear us, Oh God of love.

The second collection this week-end is to help those affected by the devastating flood. Your generosity will help in securing the much-needed resources for this relief effort. Please make your check out to **St. Joseph Catholic Church & write Flood Victims on the memo line.**

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their annual summer raffle after the masses from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day Sunday. There are several prize packages, with the total value in excess of \$3,500. A recent addition to the prizes is an airplane ride for two over Port Aransas! All proceeds benefit charities, including parish support, scholarships, the Food Pantry, Hope House, disaster relief, local schools, and financial relief to families with emergency needs. Please consider participating in the raffle. A poster board is in the church foyer displaying the different packages.

Collection for July 6, 2025	
Loose Collection	\$ 4,386.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 2,340.00
Repair & Renovation	\$ 2,107.87
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,220.00</u>
Total	\$10,053.87
Thank you for your generosity.	

HAVE A LAUGH: At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, ‘Johnny, what is the matter, young boy?’ Little Johnny responded, “I have a pain in my side. I think I’m going to have a wife.”