

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/10	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	1/11	9:00 a.m.	For: The Cory Family (In thanksgiving for blessings) By: Cyndie & Carl Cory
			†Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
			†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	†Debbie Wallace By: The Ladies of St. Joseph
Mon.	1/12	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/14	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/15	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	1/16	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Theresa & Vinton James
			†Larry Heller By: Ralph & Susan Staffier
Sat.	1/17	5:00 p.m.	†Dr. Al Whitty By: Knights of Columbus
Sun.	1/18	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding a Fundraiser Barbeque on Sunday, February 15, 12:00 Noon at the Parish Hall. Tickets go on sale this week-end after each Mass. \$20 per person. Prizes to be raffled.

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

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Pope Leo XIV said: In order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/10	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Karen Lamie, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	1/11	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	1/17	5 pm	Tim Lamie/Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	1/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Roger Schill, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On January 13, we celebrate the feast of Saint Hilary of Poitiers (315-368). Hilary was the Bishop of Poitiers, France during the time of the Arian heresy when many were questioning and even denying the divinity of Christ. It has been stated by his biographers that Hilary fought against error with both his pen and his words. At this time, Athanasius was a great defender of the faith in the East and therefore Hilary was often referred to as the "Athanasius of the West". Pope Pius IX declared Hilary to be a Doctor of the Church particularly because of his written theology regarding the Holy Trinity. In one of his writings Hilary wrote, "There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas, dwelling in all things and enveloping all. Thus, he embraces, and is embraced by the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all." Saint Hilary, Pray for us!

Please Pray For the Sick: 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: Debbie Wallace, Dr. Al Whitty
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time begins after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the closing of the Christmas season. The first few weeks of Ordinary Time occur during the winter, until it is interrupted by Lent and the Easter season. After the Easter season closes with Pentecost, Ordinary Time resumes and carries on through late spring until early winter with the beginning of Advent.

Not only does Ordinary Time represent a quieter period between the Church's major solemnities and more "intense" seasons, but the proper liturgy for a particular day in Ordinary Time is often replaced by various other feasts and commemorations.

Still, just because Ordinary Time might be "ordinary" in more ways than one, this does not mean that we should see it as boring or unimportant. Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time calls us to reflect on particular mysteries of the faith in a more focused way than we would in other seasons. As the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes: "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversions. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ."

During the brief period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, we can remember the hidden years of Jesus with his family in Nazareth prior to the beginning of his public ministry—a ministry that began with his forty days of testing in the desert, which we recall during the season of Lent that immediately follows.

Pentecost calls to mind the birth of the Church and the commission of the Apostles to go out to the whole world to spread the Gospel; and the subsequent return to Ordinary Time reminds us to "get to work" in the normal, daily task of evangelizing in the course of our everyday lives. The green vestments used in Ordinary Time further remind us of life and fruitfulness during the long summer growing season.

During the autumn, when the days grow shorter, the reading of Ordinary Time takes on a more apocalyptic tone, reminding us of Christ's second coming at the end of all time. Ordinary Time thereby appropriately culminates in the feast of Christ the King. Then the Church's reflection on Christ's second coming as Judge flows seamlessly into a sense of joy at his first coming as a humble infant during the Advent season. And so the whole cycle begins again.



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Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation and retreat from December 31 to January 22. Let us keep him in our prayers. Fr. Anil OFM Cap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH monthly meeting will be Tuesday, January 13 at 5 p.m. at our Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome! Join us!

Collection for January 4, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 2,607.05
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,350.00
Repair & Renovation	\$ 953.83
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,030.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,940.88

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HAVE A LAUGH: The Same In My Business
A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."