

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/3	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Hanna Jo Collins</b> (birthday blessings) By: Heather, Harry, and Henry Collins
Sun.	1/4	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>George &amp; Jean Atkinson</b> By: The Sprunk Family For: <b>Brendan Schaffer</b> (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Mon.	1/5	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/7	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/8	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Cassandra Clark</b> By: Theresa & Vinton James
			† <b>Jerome R. McCurdy</b> By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Fri.	1/9	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	1/10	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	1/11	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Cory Family</b> (In thanksgiving for blessings) By: Cyndie & Carl Cory
			† <b>Marlene Thomas</b> By: Greg Thomas
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

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.	1/3/26	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Tim Lamie
Sun.	1/4/26	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Roger Schill, Andy Peterek, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
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

**Did you know about the Saints:** On January 3, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name.” The devotion to the Holy Name grew in the seventeenth century because of the teaching of the Franciscans, Dominicans, and Jesuits. In 1721 Pope Innocent XIII declared the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus to be celebrated throughout the entire Church. Saint Bernardine of Siena (feast day May 20) relied on the most Holy name of Jesus in his preaching to break down the worldly separations of man. He wrote the following prayer: *Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, Love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.*

**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, 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.

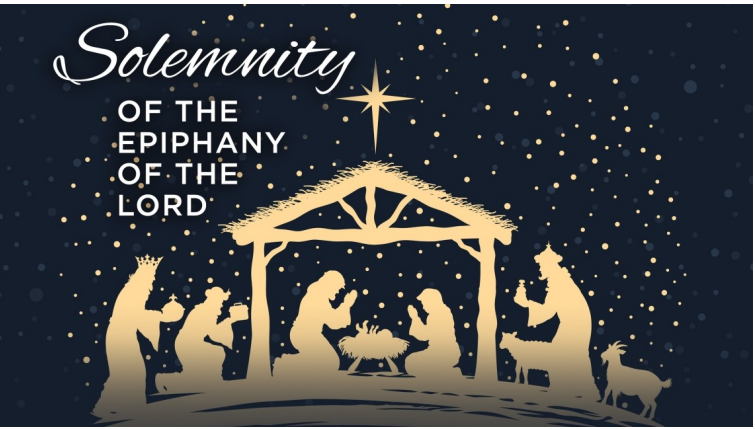
**Please Pray For the Deceased:**  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** It is beautiful to view the coming year as an open journey to be discovered. Indeed, through grace, we can venture forth on this journey with confidence – free and bearers of freedom, forgiven and bringers of forgiveness, trusting in the closeness and goodness of the Lord who accompanies us always.

**Pastor’s Note:** Light of the Nations....

Epiphany is the day many of the Eastern Churches celebrate the birth of Christ. This is a remembrance of the revealing of the Messiah to the Gentile world.

Even though Jesus was born as the promised savior of the Jewish people, his presence brought light and salvation to all the world. This is represented by the visit of the Magi, who were Gentiles, but came in search of this new born king. All the readings talk about the impact of the light that shines beyond the Jewish world. In the first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear of the light that has shone upon Jerusalem. This light dispels the darkness that envelopes the world. It goes on to say that nations shall walk by this light and kings by its shining radiance, which is a refence to the world beyond Jewish religion. The promise that the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, gets fulfilled when the Magi visit Baby Jesus and present him with expensive gifts. This Gospel passage presents the story of the Magi, who were wise men from the East, which is a clear reference to the Gentile world. They come in search of the newborn king, and they worship him and present him with expensive gifts. Thus, Jesus is being revealed as the Messiah, even of the Gentiles. This is reiterated in the Responsorial Psalm, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” In the second reading, St. Paul affirms this reality of Gentiles experiencing the salvation brought about by Jesus. We are called to not only walk by the light of Christ, but also to shine his light upon others so that they, too, may experience the love of God.



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 second collection this week-end is for the Repair and Renovation Fund.

Collection for December 28, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,076.53
Envelope Collection	\$ 680.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 4,110.27
Online Giving	<u>\$ 3,310.00</u>
Total	\$10,176.80

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HAVE A LAUGH:

What did the three wise men say after presenting gifts of gold and frankincense to Mary and Joseph?

But wait, there’s myrrh!