

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/14	5:00 p.m.	For: Brian Rossi (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer †Sherlow Swilling By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Sun.	3/15	9:00 a.m.	†Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas †Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	3/16	8:30 a.m.	For: Kiersten, Caleb, Rob & Joe (blessings) By: Family For: A Safe Spring Break By: Mary Ann Hajek
Tues.	3/17	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/18	8:30 a.m.	For: Rain & Favorable Weather By: Ginger & Leon Matula For: A Safe Spring Break By: Mary Ann Hajek
Thurs.	3/19	8:30 a.m.	†Lawrence Smith By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Fri.	3/20	8:30 a.m.	For: Calvin Schaffer (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer †Ann Catherine Lamson By: Barbara Lamson
Sat.	3/21	5:00 p.m.	†Sherlow Swilling By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Sun.	3/22	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

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.	3/14	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Tim Lamie, Carol Schinker, Dave Schinker
Sun.	3/15	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Roger Schill
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	3/21	5 pm	Dave Schinker/Carol Schinker, Nick Winkelmann, _____
Sun.	3/22	9 am	Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On March 19th, we celebrate **Saint Joseph**, the patron of the Universal Church and our parish. He is also the patron Saint of families, expectant mothers, fathers, and travelers. Saint Joseph fulfilled the Lord's instructions to care for and protect Mary and Jesus. Just as he guarded the Holy Family, Joseph also watches over the Holy Catholic Church. There is a legend that Joseph was chosen from other men to be Mary's husband when his staff blossomed like a Lilly. This is one reason why he is often depicted in art with a white Lilly. Tradition also holds that he had a peaceful death as both Mary and Jesus were at his side. Catholics throughout the world will celebrate on this day to commemorate the feast day of this "just man." Ave Ioseph, custos Iesu salvatoris (Hail Joseph, protector of Jesus the Savior).

Please Pray For the Sick: Lori Mangrum, 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, 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: Let us continue to pray for peace in Iran and throughout the Middle East, especially for the many civilian victims, including many innocent children. May our prayer offer comfort to those who suffer and a seed of hope for the future.

Pastor's Note: A new vision possible....

We have reached a milestone in our Lenten journey, as we observe Laetare Sunday on this Fourth Sunday of Lent. We have passed the halfway stage of Lent and today the readings invite us to have a new vision, opting to see like and rejoice with the Lord. The reason for our rejoicing, even in the midst of Lent, is that the Lord does not leave us in the dark, but cares for us enough to transform our lives for the better. In the first reading, taken from the Book of Samuel, we listen to the anointing of David as the future king of Israel. Little David, being the youngest of the sons of Jesse, did not look like 'king material' to Samuel, who was looking for someone strong and of lofty stature. The Lord conveys the difference in attitude between that of people and that of the Lord. The Lord looks into the heart, not to external appearances and, thus, David is anointed. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us of the care and concern of the Lord for those who put their trust in him. He cares for them like a shepherd who cares for the sheep. The second reading is a reminder that our God has delivered us from a life in the dark through the loving intervention of Jesus, who invites us to live as children of light. When we live as children of light, we will be able to produce every kind of goodness. The Gospel narrates the story of Jesus healing a blind man, confirming the fact that he is the light of the world. When the blind man washed the clay off the eyes, in the Pool of Siloam, he was able to see. While there is joy experienced by the man who was blind, due to the intervention of Jesus, the Pharisees were not able to see things from the perspective of the Lord or from that of the man who was blind. They blame Jesus as someone who does not honor the sabbath. Jesus invites us to have a new vision that will enable us to see through the eyes of love.



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

Lenten Mission

St. Joseph Church, Port Aransas
Tuesday and Wednesday
March 17 & 18 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Penitential Service March 19 at 6 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

4/2	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/3	Friday	3 pm	Good Friday Service
4/4	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
4/5	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

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.

Collection for March 8, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 3,233.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 2,051.00
Repair and Renovation	\$ 645.00
Online Giving	\$ 670.00
Total	\$ 6,599.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Three worms were placed into three separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. It immediately died. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. It also immediately died. The third worm was put into a container of good clean soil. Obviously, it lived. The Minister then asked, "What can you learn from this demonstration?" A little girl immediately shouted, "If you don't drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes, you're going to have worms!"