

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/6	5:00 p.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (birthday blessings) By: Rose Petersen † Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family † Geraldine Washington † Percy Narcisse † Mazel Sam † Gregory Sam By: Janice Washington
Sun.	12/7	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	† Milton & Geraldine Davidson By: The Sprunk Family
Mon.	12/8	8:30 a.m.	For: Bob Conces (birthday blessings) By: Liz Conces For: David J. McCurdy (healing) By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Tues.	12/9	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/10	8:30 a.m.	† Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family
Thurs.	12/11	8:30 a.m.	† Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Fri.	12/12	8:30 a.m.	Viva Our Lady of Guadalupe By: The Rodriguez Family † Edgar A. Williamson By: Shawna & Jody Williamson
Sat.	12/13	5:00 p.m.	† Cassandra Clark By: The Clark Family
Sun.	12/14	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: Drake Makus (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces † Richie Marty † Janie Marty By: Wayne Marty

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.	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
Sat.	12/13	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/14	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On December 6, we celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas (270-343). Nicholas was Archbishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was ordained as Bishop at an early age because of his piety, zeal, charity, and relationship with the Lord. Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea in the year 325 where he staunchly defended our faith even to the point of striking Arius who was leading a heresy that was questioning the divinity of Jesus. Because of the inspiration of Nicholas, French Nuns in the Middle Ages would deliver anonymous gifts to the poor on the eve of Saint Nicholas Day. This along with the many miracles, stories of profound generosity, and what was a twist of the tongue have led to who we now refer to as Santa Claus. On this feast day let us also remember Nicholas as a great Bishop and Saint. Saint Nicholas pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Mallory Chesshir, 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: I would like us to remember the Lord’s words: “Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). It is truly so! If we concretely love those who are hungry and thirsty, those without clothing, those who are sick, strangers, or prisoners, then we are loving the Lord.

Pastor’s Note: Welcoming the God of Justice.... As we enter the Second week of Advent, we are called to reflect on the compassion of our God of Justice for the whole world, and the way in which he establishes his peace upon the earth. Jesus Christ comes to establish peace upon the earth, and he does this by bringing people together and upholding the dignity of every person. His faithfulness to God is expressed in his fidelity to God’s ways, which is geared towards the establishment of a community rooted in love and justice. The Responsorial Psalm wonderfully expresses the result of God’s action in the world, through his Son Jesus. “Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.” It describes the result of a decisive action taken by the Lord, when ‘justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more’. This peace will be the result of God transforming the hearts of everyone to come together and live as one family of God. This is beautifully expressed in the first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The one who comes in the name of the Lord will be filled with the Spirit of the Lord. He will be able to transform the hearts of everyone and bring together those who are at loggerheads with each other and make them dwell in peace. In the Gospel passage we listen to the powerful and challenging voice of John the Baptist, as he goes around inviting people to repent and to ready their hearts for the Lord. When we do that, we will be found worthy of him, who will judge us with the wisdom of God and reward us for our faithfulness. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Jesus Christ wants everyone to be saved and, thus, urges the listeners to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us. It is a call to be faithful and be united in Christ, so that we will continue the work of establishing his justice and peace on earth.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Let us gather to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Thursday, December 11 at 5 PM** at our prayer garden. There will be scripture reading, prayers, hymns and offering of flowers at the feet of Mother Mary. Rev. James Derkins, from the Episcopalean Church will join us with his community memebrs.

Our New Bishop

Pope Leo XIV has appointed **Bishop Mario Alberto Aviles, C.O.**, as our next Bishop of Corpus Christi. He is currently the auxiliary Bishop of Brownsville Diocese. He will be installed on Jan. 28.



Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass at 8:30 AM

Offering envelopes are in the church foyer. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

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.

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

Collection for November 30, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 1,240.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 430.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,510.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,180.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

HAVE A LAUGH: Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."
"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"
"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night. “