

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5/17	5:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sun.	5/18	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on the <b>Rodriguez Family</b> By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
			† <b>Lola Rizzo</b> By: Deanna & Danny Collier
		11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Mon.	5/19	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tues.	5/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/21	8:30 a.m.	<b>For: Liz Conces</b> (birthday blessings) By: Bob Conces
Thurs.	5/22	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Fri.	5/23	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sat.	5/24	5:00 p.m.	<b>For: Father George</b> (blessings) By: Mary Horman
Sun.	5/25	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>John Meyer</b> By: Jenna Meyer Family

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.	5/17	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	5/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	5/24	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	5/25	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. The council was convened during the pontificate of Pope Sylvester I in 325 in Nicaea which is now the present-day Turkish city of Iznik. This first ecumenical council was the largest gathering of bishops at the time. During the council, the bishops defended the divinity of Jesus and decided upon the date on which Christians celebrate Easter. To mark the anniversary and to highlight the importance of the council, the International Theological Council at the Vatican has issued a document entitled, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior: the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.” The document explores four key areas: the theological meaning of the Creed, its reception in Christian liturgy and catechesis, its role in shaping the Church’s structure and mission, and the call to keep it accessible to all the faithful, especially the most vulnerable. The document can be read and downloaded at the Vatican website at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

**Please Pray For the Sick:** 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, Elvia Tamayo, Carl Cory, Bertha Rodriguez, Ralph Staffier, James Atkinson, Ted Martin, Rege Thornton, Steve Mehr, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Rosie Aguirre, Josh Gueldner, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Vince Frangello, Julianna Cook, Marrilee Ahern, and all who are in need of prayer.  
**Please Pray For the Deceased:** Heather Miller  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** “Peace be with you all! This is the first greeting spoken by the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, and among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world.”

**Pastor’s Note: Life abounding....**Fifth Sunday of Easter is a reminder to be rooted in Christ, so that we will experience life in its fullness through him. The Psalm reminds us to praise God, who truly transforms our lives. We are reminded to make known to the people, the glorious splendor of the Kingdom of God, which will last forever. This goodness of the Lord is manifested in the way he showed compassion for the people and poured out his mercy on them, as he is gracious and merciful. In the first reading, we see the transformation God brings about in and through the ministry of the Apostles. Here we see Paul continuing to inspire people to come to experience the life they receive in Christ Jesus, as he goes about preaching the goodness of the Lord. This passage, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the desire of Paul and his companions to help more and more people to receive the life they themselves received through their faith in Jesus. They want to share with everyone what they themselves had received, life in Christ, even though they had to endure hardships in order to do that. That is how they show their love for Jesus and for others. In the second reading we find God creating a new world order, where there will be no more suffering and death, but in this new universe, there will only be life abounding, through the instrumentality of Jesus. Through Jesus, God makes all things new. In the Gospel we are reminded, by Jesus, the way in which we can receive life in its fullness. He reminds them of the commandment to love one another. This commandment to love others, the way he loved, is the means by which we will bear witness to the love of Jesus and our discipleship in him. Because Jesus loved us, he was willing enough to give himself completely for us. If we love others, we will also be willing to give ourselves to others is total service. When that happens, there will be life abounding in us, and through us, because we will have Jesus dwelling in us.

WELCOME BACK  
FATHER GEORGE!



**St. Rita of Cascia:**  
**Patron Saint of the Impossible**  
May 22 is the feast day of St. Rita, an Augustinian nun from 14th century Cascia, Italy. She is the patroness of impossible causes and hopeless circumstances because of her difficult and disappointing life. Through her trials God used her in remarkable ways. Now she assists from heaven those who plead for her intercession for their own seemingly impossible and hopeless circumstance.  
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Collection for May 11, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 3,010.95
Envelope Collection	\$ 705.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 1,189.58
Repair & Renovation	\$ 70.00
Online Giving	\$ 675.00
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**HAVE A LAUGH:** An old Irishman came into a bar every Saturday and ordered three pints of Guinness. One day, the bartender asked, “Why do you always order three at once?” “Oh, one is for me, one is for my brother in Chicago, and one is for my brother in Sydney.” The bartender said, “What a lovely way to have drinks together, even though you’re apart!” One day the man came into the bar and asked for two pints. “I’m very sorry for the loss of your brother,” said the bartender solemnly. “Oh, my brothers are fine,” said the man. “But I gave up drinking for Lent.”