

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5/16	5:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sun.	5/17	9:00 a.m.	†John B. Meyer By: Jenna Meyer †Bennie Frenzel By: Ronnie & Mary Beth Wheelless †Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson For: Julianna Cooke, Brad Bochat, and Rudy Valladares (healing & perseverance) By: The Perotti Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Mon.	5/18	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tues.	5/19	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/20	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Thurs.	5/21	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Fri.	5/22	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sat.	5/23	5:00 p.m.	†Marcel Kalina By: Michael & Sharon Wanoreck
Sun.	5/24	9:00 a.m.	For: Timothy Schaffer (blessings) For: Nicole Zatorsky (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer †Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia †Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	†Joshua R. Whittle By: The Sprunk Family For: Jazmin Chacon (birthday blessings) By: The Collins Family

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	5/16	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	5/17	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Javier Mendoza, _____
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Heather Collins, Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith
Sat.	5/23	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	5/24	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, _____
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On May 21, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Cristobal Magallanes and Companions. Cristobal and his 24 companion martyrs lived under what was anti-Catholic government in Mexico. The government at the time had the goal of weakening the Catholic faith specifically by targeting churches, school and seminaries. Cristobal established a clandestine seminary and secretly ministered to Catholics. They were canonized in the year 2000 by Saint Pope John Paul II the great. During the Canonization homily of these great Saints, Saint Pope John Paul II the Great stated that "they did not stop courageously exercising their ministry when religious persecution intensified in the beloved land of Mexico, unleashing hatred of the Catholic religion. They all freely and calmly accepted martyrdom as a witness to their faith, explicitly forgiving their persecutors." Saint Cristobal and Companions, pray for us!

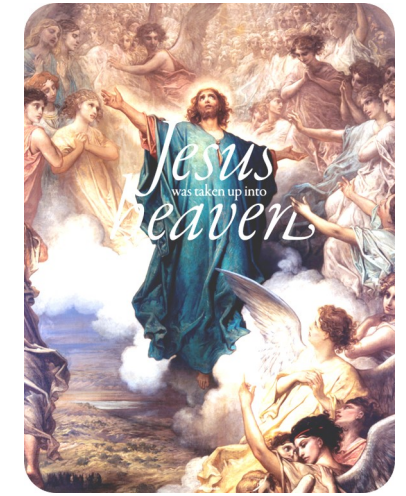
Please Pray For the Sick: Nancy Francisco, Ani Enriquez, Olivia Adams, Joan Finn, Joshua Gueldner, Joan Dieker, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, 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: Mary is the Mother of the whole Church. Everyone can turn to her with filial confidence, certain of being heard, protected, and loved.

Pastor's Note: Our Lord in Heaven....

The Ascension of the Lord is a Feast that celebrates the assurance of our glory that awaits in heaven, once we decide to follow Jesus and walk in his ways. The Ascension of Jesus fills us with hope and courage. After the Resurrection of Jesus, he did not journey straightaway to heaven, but spent time on earth, appearing to the Apostles and strengthening them to continue the work began by Jesus. This strengthening by Jesus himself was necessary to eradicate the fear that had gripped the Apostles, after Jesus was arrested and crucified. He wanted to assure them, by his presence and his words of encouragement, that death is not something they should fear, but a means of life eternal. This phase of Jesus' presence was used by Jesus to promise them that he was not going to leave them orphans, but would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen them and to guide them in their ministry. All the readings for this Sunday present the events connected with the Ascension. The first reading, which is from the introductory passage to the Acts of the Apostles, describes the actual event of the Ascension. Jesus gathers his disciples and instructs them to continue to bear witness to him, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This instruction to be witnesses to his life and message shows the confidence of Jesus in them, and then he is taken up to heaven. The Responsorial Psalm proclaims the reality of the Ascension. In the second reading, taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, gives a summary of the life of Jesus and the glory that was bestowed on him by God when he was lifted into heaven and was seated at the right hand of God. We are encouraged to hope and trust in this glory which will be ours too. The Gospel passage does not speak of the Ascension but the proclamation of Jesus that he is given all authority in heaven and on earth, and he commissions the Apostles to be his witnesses on earth, in order to reach the glory of heaven. Where Jesus is, we also can be sure of going.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It is with immense joy that I announce that the **Corpus Christi Cathedral will open once again on June 4, 2026**, which is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

This new beginning will mark the reception of Bishop Mario Aviles into the cathedral. This will also include the Consecration of the Altar with Mass to be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. A Eucharistic procession will follow the Mass, offering all in attendance the opportunity to publicly witness and celebrate our faith. I look forward to celebrating with you united as the Body of Christ.

The second collection this week-end is for the Catholic Communications Campaign Fund.

Collection for May 10, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 2,454.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 365.00
Repair & Renovation Fund	\$ 1,160.00
Online Giving	\$ 835.00
Total	\$ 4,814.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: 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."

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