

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025

Mass Intentions			
Sat.	7/19	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>David Blum</b> (birthday blessings) By: The Family  For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sun.	7/20	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Chester &amp; Elaine Pawelek</b> † <b>Mike &amp; Emily Broll</b> By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek † <b>Edgar A. Williamson</b> By: Shawna & Jody Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	7/21	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> By: T. & M. Stanton
Tues.	7/22	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/23	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Danny Gonzalez</b> By: Zamora Family
Thurs.	7/24	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	7/25	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sat.	7/26	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Allison Makus</b> (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces
Sun.	7/27	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Francis Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia For: Thanksgiving for the Annual <b>Schott</b> family coast trip By: The Family † <b>Edgar A. Williamson</b> By: Shawna & Jody Williamson
		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.	7/19	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	7/20	9 am	Marvin Murray/Marvin Murray, Gail Burger, _____
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	7/26	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	7/27	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

**Did you know about the Saints:** On July 23, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Bridget of Sweden** (1303 – 1373) Starting at the age of 7, Bridget had visions of Jesus crucified. She was married to the King of Sweden, Magnus II, and they had 8 children together. Saint Catherine of Sweden (feast day March 22) was the second oldest of her children. Bridget influenced the King to provide buildings and land to begin monasteries throughout Sweden. This was just one example of how Bridget’s life emphasized charity as she served all those she encountered. She was canonized by Pope Boniface IX in 1391. Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross are the co-patronesses of Europe. Saint Bridget, pray for us!

**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, James Atkinson, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Josh Gueldner, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.  
**Please Pray For the Deceased:** Bernd Fernes (Brother of Jutta Hellnik)  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together.

**Pastor’s Note: Enjoying the Lord’s presence....**As we continue to journey with Jesus during this Ordinary time of the year, we see him going around, bringing the message of love and comfort to people around him. During his lifetime, a lot of people flocked to him at the same time a section of the people despised him, especially the religious leaders. There were also some people who were intimately connected to Jesus, his friends, who would invite Jesus to their homes, just to listen to him and to make him feel at home, providing a good meal often. Today we have one such visit by Jesus to the home of his friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. All the readings for this weekend present the encounter of people with others and how they were able to find, through those encounters, the presence of the Lord, which leads them to be generous towards others. Our ability to feel the presence of the Lord while we care for others is something that will lead us to experience God’s blessings. In the first reading, taken from the Book of Genesis, we meet Abraham, a generous host. Having been a wanderer in the desert, Abraham is aware of the perils of traversing the treacherous terrains of a parched land, during a hot day. As he meets three men before him, he runs to them and invites them to take rest and furnishes a good meal for them. He sees this sharing of his goods as a sign of gratitude for the blessings from the Lord, and he treats them as he would, the Lord. He receives blessing for this. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about his encounter with Jesus, through whom the riches of God were poured on him and on all those who encounter him. The Gospel presents the hospitality of Martha and Mary and how they find joy in serving Jesus. Jesus invites them to be single-minded in our encounter with people and serve with genuine devotion and love, because when we do that, we will actually be experiencing the presence of the Lord. We are called to enjoy this presence of the Lord.

**Let us Continue to Pray for the Flood Victims**  
Lord, in our sorrow we turn to you, as we stand with the victims of the flooding of the Guadalupe River . Oh, comforter of the afflicted, come to the aid of those grieving the loss of their loved ones, receive into your heavenly abode, those that have lost their lives, strengthen the hearts that are still searching for the lost, empower the ones that are helping with the search and rescue mission. May we stand united in supporting and consoling those who are in anguish. Hear us, Oh God of love.

**The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their annual summer raffle after the masses from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day Sunday.** There are several prize packages, with the total value in excess of \$3,500. A recent addition to the prizes is an airplane ride for two over Port Aransas! All proceeds benefit charities, including parish support, scholarships, the Food Pantry, Hope House, disaster relief, local schools, and financial relief to families with emergency needs. Please consider participating in the raffle. A poster board is in the church foyer displaying the different packages.

The second collection this week-end is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Collection for July 13, 2025	
Loose Collection	\$ 2,984.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 675.00
Special Collection for Flood Victims	\$ 4,993.81
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,055.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,707.81
Thank you for your generosity.	

**HAVE A LAUGH:** Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergyman father if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was yet some months away. “Okay.” said his father, “I tell you what I’ll do. If you can get your ‘C’ level grades up to ‘A’s and ‘B’s, study your Bible and get your hair cut, I’ll consider the matter very seriously.” A month later Danny went back to his father who said “I’m really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your Bible Studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I’m very disappointed that you haven’t had your hair cut yet.”  
Danny was smart and never lost for an answer. “Look dad. In the course of my Bible studies I’ve noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair.”  
“Yes. I’m aware of that...” replied his father “... but did you also notice they walked wherever they went?”