

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/22	5:00 p.m.	† Ruth Ann Binz By: Bob & Billie Binz
Sun.	3/23	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia † Dolores Hillock By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	3/24	8:30 a.m.	For: Marrilee Ahern (healing) By: Barbara Smith
Tues.	3/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/26	8:30 a.m.	For: John Heinan Family (Special Intention) By: John Heinan
Thurs.	3/27	8:30 a.m.	For: Sandy Davies (healing) By: Bob & Kathleen Dunn
Fri.	3/28	8:30 a.m.	† Rose Marie Heinan By: John Heinan
Sat.	3/29	5:00 p.m.	† Elizabeth Zych By: Jim Zych
Sun.	3/30	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez For: Mary Thornsberry (healing) By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek For: Dolores Czech (blessings) By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek
		11:00 a.m.	† Bill and Carol Cline By: Joshua Rombs † Pier Georgio Scorcelletti By: Dunia Scorcelletti

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	3/22	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	3/23	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	3/29	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	3/30	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

A Lenten Prayer: Lord, Let everything I do this day and in this season of Lent come from you, be inspired by you. I long to be closer to you. Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies you in some way. It's so easy to get caught up in the day to day of my life and keep saying, "Tomorrow, I will spend more time in prayer," but now my longing meets your love and I want to do it now. Help me to rely on you for help. The prayer asks you that I reach perfection. Please, Lord, remind me that "perfection" isn't the crazy, "successful" way I try to live my life, but a perfection of my most authentic, real self. My "perfection" might be holding my many flaws in my open hands, asking you to help me accept them. Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life. Let me reach out in this darkness and feel your hand and love there to guide me.

Please Pray For the Sick: Sandy Davies, Susan Staffier, Trian Pagurar, Colleen Wishall, Jo Lang, 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, Star Locke, 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, Barb Ferretti, Vince Frangello, Julianna Cook, Marrilee Ahern, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased:
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list,

Pope Francis says: I would like to invite you, today, to join me in praising the Lord, who never abandons us and who, in times of sorrow, places people beside us who reflect a ray of His love. I thank you all for your prayers, and I thank those who assist me with such dedication.



Pastor's Note: Using second chances....It is indeed beautiful to go home, after having been away. Lent is that time of the year, when we come home to experience the mercy of our loving Father. The distance one has traveled does not matter when it comes to feeling the joy of being reunited with the Father, he treats everyone with love and compassion. This Sunday the readings remind us that the Lord always gives us second chances, because he believes in our ability to change for the better. The Responsorial Psalm sets the tone by reminding us that, "The Lord is kind and merciful." It goes on to say that the Lord pardons all our iniquities, because he is 'slow to anger and rich in kindness.' The first reading, from the Book of Exodus, describes the way the Lord cared for the people of Israel, who were persecuted and were kept as slaves by the Egyptians, putting them through severe exploitation. Their cry for help was heard by the Lord and, in the reading that we hear, he chooses Moses to represent him to go to Pharaoh and ask for the release of the people. It is his merciful heart that we find here. Because he is the one who created those people, he is not going to abandon them when they are in peril. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we have to learn from the experience of the people of Israel, when they forgot about the goodness of the Lord and turned against him during their desert journey. Our Lord is faithful in his love and mercy, and we also have to remain faithful in our commitment to him. We have to be vigilant against the way we are led astray. In the Gospel passage, we see Jesus calling us to learn from others and turn back to God, every time we fail to walk in God's ways. He is merciful and kind, and he will give us a second chance when we fail. That should not be a license to misuse his mercy, and do what we like, but should be a motivating factor in our desire to live good lives, rooted in the love of God and producing good fruits. It does not matter where we are, we can always return to him with confidence, because the Lord is kind and merciful.



Stations
of the Cross
Will be prayed on
Fridays after Mass
During Lent

LENTEEN STUDY SERIES WITH BISHOP MULVEY: Everyone is invited to join Bishop Michael Mulvey for a Lenten/Jubilee course titled "Rekindling Our Faith: A Study Series for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope." Bishop Mulvey will discuss key documents from the Second Vatican Council. The first two videos are now available for you to view. You are encouraged to utilize this study series as an opportunity for prayer and reflection throughout the season of Lent. diocesecc.org

Lenten Mission

St. Joseph Church, Port Aransas
Thursday and Friday
April 3-4 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Penitential Service will be April 4 at 7 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

4/17	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/18	Friday	3 pm	Good Friday Service
4/19	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
4/20	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

Collection for March 16, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 3,247.02
Envelope Collection	\$ 805.00
Online Giving	\$ 800.00
Total	\$ 4,852.02

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HAVE A LAUGH: A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"