

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/21	5:00 p.m.	†George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Sun.	12/22	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia †Milton & Geraldine Davidson By: The Sprunk Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	12/23	8:30 a.m.	†George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace †Joseph & Loretta Sprunk By: The Sprunk Family
Tues.	12/24	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Wed.	12/25	9:00 a.m.	†Sylvia Skrel By: The Sprunk Family
Thurs.	12/26	NO MASS	
Fri.	12/27	8:30 a.m.	†George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Sat.	12/28	5:00 p.m.	For: Anna & Mark Everett (anniversary blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	12/29	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman (heavenly birthday) By: Rosie & Elvia †Jean & George Atkinson By: The Sprunk Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/21	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/22	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Javier Mendoza, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	12/28	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/29	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray,
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews

Did you know about the Saints: On December 23, we celebrate the feast of Saint John of Kanty, Poland (1390-1473). John was a priest teaching theology at the University of Krakow when he was removed from this position and re-assigned to a small parish as an apprentice pastor. He was very nervous in his new assignment as it was much different than that of a professor. As a humble man, John exhibited genuine interest and concern for his parishioners and for this he won their hearts. The Saint frequently told his parishioners to "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and Love as harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." Saint John of Kanty is often represented in artwork wearing a professor's gown, with his arm around the shoulder of a young student whose gaze he directs toward heaven. Saint John of Kanty, pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: 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, 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 Francis says: Advent invites us to prepare for Christmas in order to welcome Jesus without reservation. He is our hope. Let us pray together, full of trust: "Come, Lord!"



Pastor's Note: A God who acts with love.... On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we focus on the love of God that truly transformed our lives. The first and second readings focus on the promise of the Lord to send someone who will be faithful to God and to the people. The Gospel presents the trust of Mary in the faithfulness of the Lord who makes promises. As we approach Christmas, the focus definitely is on the love of God that did the unthinkable, by giving us his love in the form of his very own Son. The first reading sets the stage, where we hear from the Book of the Prophet Micah, in which God is making a promise to the people of Israel, that he will send a ruler who will put an end to all their struggles. That God does things beyond the expectation of people is the focus here, because the one who is to redeem the people, will be from the tribe of Judah, who was not considered very powerful. God does the impossible. The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer asking the Lord to act in our lives, so that we would turn to him and experience his saving work in us. The second reading taken from the letter to the Hebrews focusses on Jesus, who came into the world and did the most unexpected thing of sacrificing his life for us. The only Mission of Jesus was to fulfill the will of his Father, who desired to redeem and make us once again his people. This is a manifestation of the love of Jesus, both for his Father and for us. The Gospel focusses on the encounter of Elizabeth with Mary, who was chosen to be the mother of the Savior. Mary was an ordinary village girl, who found favor with God and was then able to be the vessel of God's love incarnate. It required great faith from the part of Mary, to respond with courage in saying yes to this great task of giving birth to the expected Messiah. The love of God is what transformed her life and, through her, our own lives. We celebrate this saving love of God.

*We wish you all a Merry Christmas!
May the Peace and Joy of the
New Born Baby fill your hearts and homes!*



Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24	4:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Mass

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from January 4 to January 24. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Fr. Santhosh A, OFmCap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

Collection for December 15, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,030.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,196.00
Online Giving	\$ 665.00
Total	\$ 2,891.00

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HAVE A LAUGH: A Sign of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped "Didn't you get my email?"