

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles  
June 29, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	6/28	5:00 p.m.	†John Biddle By: Julie Cooper
Sun.	6/29	9:00 a.m.	For: All Souls in Purgatory By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Mon.	6/30	8:30 a.m.	†Henrietta Escobedo By: Graciela Escobedo Bell
Tues.	7/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/2	8:30 a.m.	†Paul Jansky By: Olinda Lindsey
Thurs.	7/3	8:30 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Fri.	7/4	8:30 a.m.	†Frank Schaefer By: Olinda Lindsey
Sat.	7/5	5:00 p.m.	For: Kahlan Makus (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces
Sun.	7/6	9:00 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: The Stantons
		11:00 a.m.	†Betty Vacek By: The Ladies of St. Joseph

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.	6/28	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
	6/29	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	7/5	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	7/6	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray, Javier Mendoza, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** On July 4, we celebrate the feast of Blessed **Pier Giorgio Frassati** (1901 - 1925). Pier was born into an agnostic and wealthy family in Turin, Italy. He was able to attend a Jesuit school and quickly learned to share the Catholic faith with his many friends including the sick and the poor. Pier Giorgio’s sister, Luciana, wrote in his biography that “he represented the finest in Christian youth; pure, happy, enthusiastic about everything that is true and beautiful.” His charity was truly unconditional as evidenced by the fact that he contracted polio while working with the sick and died at the age of 24. In 1981, his remains were found to be incorrupt, and his body was transferred to the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin. Saint John Paul II the Great beautified Pier in 1990 and during his homily referred to him as the “Man of the Eight Beatitudes.” Popel Leo XIV has announced that both Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis will be canonized on September 7, 2025. Saint Frassati, pray for us. **Verso L’Alto!** (to the heights!)

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Sara Stoner, 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:**  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** Every time we perform an act of faith addressed to Jesus, we grow in our connection with Him, and His grace is bestowed immediately. At times we are unaware of it, but in a secret and real way, His grace reaches us and gradually transforms our life from within.

**Pastor’s Note: Pillars of the Church....**  
We have yet another Solemnity celebrated this Sunday, The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The Church honors these two saints because they have toiled and given their life for the spread of the Church and have played significant leadership roles during their lifetime. The Gospel presents the scene of Peter appointing Peter as the person to whom the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven is given. When Jesus asks the Apostles, who do they think he was, it was Simon who answers and proclaims Jesus as the Messiah. That is when Jesus calls him Peter, and describes him as the rock on which the Church will be built. Peter was, from then on, considered the leader of the lot, who often responds instantly to the questions of Jesus. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the special protection of Peter by the angels, in order for him to carry out his mission of preaching the Gospel to the Jewish people. When Peter’s life is in danger, God frees him through the intervention of his messengers. Like Peter, Paul also was called to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. Like Peter, he did not go through a name change, but experienced a total conversion. Saul was a very devout Jew who took it upon himself to punish the Jewish converts to Christianity, until he encountered Jesus. Once converted to Jesus, he never looked back. He preached the Gospel to the Gentiles and is called the Apostle to the Gentiles. The second reading is taken from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. Earliest writing in the New Testament comes from Paul. He had this habit of preaching to the Gentiles, converting them to Christ and moving on to a new town. However, he kept in touch with them and encouraged them through his epistles. In this Sunday’s passage, we hear of the commitment of Paul, in spite of his hardships and the torture he had to endure at the hands of his opponents. The celebration of the Feast definitely gives an invitation to us, to spread the Good News.

St. Peter: “Your adornment should not be an external one, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God.” 1 Peter 3:3-4  
  
St. Paul: “I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me. Philippians 4:13



Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

**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. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Collection for June 22, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 4,238.26
Envelope Collection	\$ 530.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 470.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,238.26
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**HAVE A LAUGH:** A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, ‘Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late! Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late!’  
While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!  
As she ran she once again began to pray, ‘Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late...But please don’t shove me either!’