

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat.	4/26	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Mark Farrell</b> (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer	
Sun.	4/27	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia	
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>Edgar Williamson</b> By: Jody & Shawna Williamson Family	
Mon.	4/28	NO MASS		
Tues.	4/29	NO MASS		
Wed.	4/30	NO MASS		
Thurs.	5/1	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Ashley Dodds</b> (healing) By: Frank & Barbara Culp	
Fri.	5/2	8:30 a.m.	† <b>John Schenk</b> By: Barbara Lamson	
Sat.	5/3	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Ladies of St. Joseph</b> (blessings) By: Mary Horman	
Sun.	5/4	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>Dennis Makus</b> (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces † <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia	
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>	


Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet (Novenas) envelopes are located in the church foyer. Please return in the collection basket or to the church office by Wednesday, May 7.

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.	4/26	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann	
Sun.	4/27	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Andy Peterek, Marvin Murray, _____	
		11 am	Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir	
Sat.	5/3	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann	
Sun.	5/4	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek	
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Mary Jo Matthews	

**Did you know about the Saints:** This Sunday April 27, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. Through a humble Polish nun, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski (Feast Day Oct. 5), Jesus instructed the world about the Lord’s Divine Mercy, “My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls.” In the year 2000, Saint John Paul II the Great confirmed that the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated each year on the second Sunday of Easter. Regarding our Father’s mercy, Pope Francis stated, “Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father.” This message of mercy and the evangelical call to mercy permeated the entire pontificate of Pope Francis. Let us all thank the Lord for our Holy Father and pray for the repose of his soul.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Dr. Al Whitty, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, 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, Carl Cory, Bertha Rodriguez, Ralph Staffier, James Atkinson, 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, Vince Frangelo, Julianna Cook, Marrilee Ahern, Angel & Maggie Rodriguez, 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.

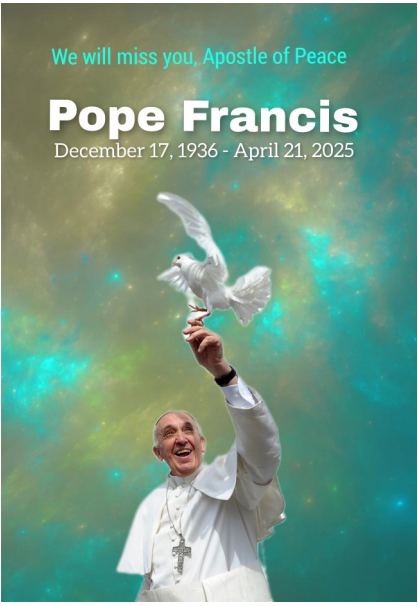
**Pope Francis said:** Christ is risen! These words capture the entire meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life.



**Pastor’s Note: Life and love unlimited....**  
Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, because the merciful love of Jesus is what redeemed us. The readings for this weekend present the transformation we experience, by being in Jesus. When one encounters the Risen Christ, life changes for the better. This transformation will have its bearing on the lives of those around them, and they in turn become channels of Lord’s mercy. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the life of the early disciples and converts to Christianity, after the Resurrection of Christ. The reading describes the healings that take place through the instrumentality of the Apostles, who were preaching the Resurrection of Jesus and inviting others to experience the power of Jesus. The Apostles continue the merciful work of Jesus. In his lifetime, Jesus was showing his mercy on people who needed healing and transformation. Having encountered the Risen Christ, the apostles are now able to continue the works of mercy, being there at the service of those in need. The Psalm urges us to give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his love is everlasting. The Psalm goes on to describe the many ways in which the Lord showed his kindness to people, by intervening in their lives to make it meaningful. The second reading is a description of the impact of the Risen Christ on the lives of people, who is presented as the one who gives life and one who has defeated death. Jesus is thus presented, in an apocalyptic language, as the one who gives life to everyone. In the Gospel we see the transformation of the Apostle Thomas, who encounters the Risen Christ for the first time and proclaims his faith in the Lord. This encounter was made possible, because the Risen Christ wanted to invite Thomas to the fold of transformed disciples. Instead of leaving him out as one who is doubting, Jesus wanted to show his mercy upon him and change his attitude. This makes him a proclaimer of life in and through Christ.

We will miss you, Apostle of Peace

**Pope Francis**  
December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025



O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Father George will be away**  
Father George will be away on vacation travelling to India April 30-May 16. If you need to discuss anything, please do so in the coming days. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for college scholarships for high school seniors and those currently attending college. The requirements are that the individual be a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church or a child or grandchild of a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Aransas, Texas. The deadline for submitting the application is May 15, 2025. Requests for applications can be made by contacting Bob Conces by email at: rgconces@gmail.com.

The second collection this week-end is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Collection for April 20, 2025	
Loose Collection	\$ 6,423.01
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,130.00
Holy Land Good Friday	\$ 814.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$ 185.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,695.00
Total	\$10,247.01
Thank you for your generosity.	

**HAVE A LAUGH:** A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"