

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/21	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	9/22	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia † <b>George Snell</b> By: John Meyer
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>Chester &amp; Elaine Pawelek</b> By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek
Mon.	9/23	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Carl Cory</b> (healing) By: Bob & Liz Conces
	9/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/25	8:30 a.m.	† <b>David Trunnelle</b> By: Liz & Bob Conces For: <b>Alice Binning</b> (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer For: <b>Lillian Binning</b> (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Thurs.	9/26	8:30 a.m.	† <b>George Snell</b> By: John Meyer † <b>Mike &amp; Emily Broll</b> By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek
Fri.	9/27	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Vincent Everett</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	9/28	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Carlos Avila</b> (blessings) By: Family
Sun.	9/29	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>Richard Ruff</b> By: Sandy Clark † <b>George Snell</b> By: John Meyer

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

**Did you know about the Saints:** On September 27, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Vincent de Paul** (1580 - 1660). Vincent was born in Pouy, France, was taught by Franciscans at an early age, and studied at the University of Toulouse. After excelling at his studies, he was ordained a priest in 1600. In 1605 while traveling from Marseilles to Narbonne, he was captured by pirates and taken to Tunis. After two years, Vincent was said to have converted his master and was freed. Upon his return to France, Vincent ministered to both the rich and the poor through his teaching of charity, mercy, and service. Upon his canonization by Pope Clement XII in 1737, Vincent was named the patron of charitable causes. Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, an admirer of the saint, was the one who founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1833. Saint Vincent de Paul pray for us.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** 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, Diane Bean, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.

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

**Pope Francis says:** Everyone—every man and every woman—is invited by God to partake in His grace, which transforms and saves. We simply need to say “yes” to His free divine gift, welcoming it and allowing ourselves to be transformed by it.



**Pastor’s Note...From selfishness to selflessness....**The Apostles who left everything and followed him did not get transformed into the image and likeness of Jesus overnight. That it took a while for them to develop and deepen their commitment, is a fact that gets clearer as we journey through their lives. Last Sunday we listened to Jesus as he predicted his passion and impending death and how Peter objected to that, because he had a different idea of what it means to be a Messiah. While Jesus drew his strength to endure the suffering that came his way from his deep trust in the Lord, the Apostles looked at suffering as something to be avoided. This weekend’s reading focus on the contrast between those who act with selfish desires and true selfless service. Jesus always looked at and approached his mission from the perspective of speaking the truth and bringing the love, mercy and compassion of God to the people he came to serve. This kind of lifestyle brings about opposition and hatred towards him from the people who were guided by their selfish motives. It is this opposition to and the plotting to do away with the just one, who challenges the powerful, selfish people, that we see in the first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom. The just one trusts in the Lord to deliver him as is expressed in the Responsorial Psalm. “The Lord upholds my life.” The Psalm goes on to narrate how the selfish have risen against the just one and how the Lord will come to the aid of the one abused by selfish people. St. James, in the second reading, tells his followers that it is jealousy and selfishness that causes all the problems we face in life. He asks them to behave with selflessness. Jesus again predicts his willingness to give his life in service and, in contrast, the Apostles worry about their desire for power. Jesus invites them to deepen their trust in the Lord and to use their lives in service towards others. Jesus stresses the fact that the followers of Jesus should be willing to humble themselves and serve others. It is an invitation to journey from selfishness to selflessness.

### Bible Classes

I will resume the Bible Study on Thursday, September 26. The topic we will cover is “**The Pentateuch, Part 2**”. This will be a six week study. Classes will be held every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Each class will last for one hour and fifteen minutes. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. Thank you. -Fr. George

**Religious Education Classes Have Started!** Religious Education Classes are held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. **Classes started September 11.** Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Director of Religious Education, (361)332-9273 for more information.

### Collection for September 15, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,056.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 550.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$ 528.00
Online Giving	\$ 775.00
Total	\$ 3,909.00

Thank you for your generosity.

### HAVE A LAUGH: A Letter Home

Dear Dad, School is really great. I am making lots of friends and studying very hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you would like, you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your Son.

The Reply:

Dear Son, I know that astronomy, economics, and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study enough.

Love, Dad