

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11/2	5:00 p.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Sun.	11/3	9:00 a.m.	For: Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces † Carlos Cardenas By: Carmen Cardenas
		11:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Mon.	11/4	8:30 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Tues.	11/5	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/6	8:30 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Thurs.	11/7	8:30 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Fri.	11/8	8:30 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Sat.	11/9	5:00 p.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Sun.	11/10	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

John Meyer passed away Thursday, October 31. His funeral arrangements are pending. He will be dearly missed. May his soul rest in peace.

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.	11/2	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Liz Conces
Sun.	11/3	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	11/9	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Heather Collins
Sun.	11/10	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On November 5, we celebrate the feast of Saint Peter Chrysologus (406 – 450). Peter was born in Imola, Italy and later became bishop of Ravenna. As Bishop he battled paganism with his principal weapon, the short sermon. Peter's sermons were sound in doctrine and full of moral applications. For this he gained the name Chrysologus which means golden-worded. 1,279 years after his death Pope Benedict XIII declared Peter a Doctor of the Church. Peter would state in his sermons that "anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil, cannot rejoice with Christ." Peter is also known as the Doctor of Homilies. Saint Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us.

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

Pope Francis says: We invoke Jesus, the Father, and the Virgin Mary, but we seldom speak to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Yet, it is the Holy Spirit who changes our hearts, anoints us with His presence, and helps us truly understand the reality of the Church and the mystery of God.



Pastor's Note...Loving God and others.... Trying to trap Jesus, by asking some tricky questions, was a ploy many of his adversaries deployed, only for them to be silenced by the genuine answers of Jesus. Most of the people who came to Jesus, trying to ask him a question, did not have the genuine desire of knowing the truth, but were motivated by some selfish motives. Something similar is happening in the Gospel passage, we are called to reflect on, this week. The scribes were scholars of the law, very well versed in the study of scripture. We see in the Gospel a scribe approaching Jesus, as though to ask him an innocent question. He clearly knew that the first three commandments centered around loving and honoring God. Being the first of the commandments given to them by God, through Moses, he clearly knew that loving God had its primacy. Moreover, in the Book of Deuteronomy, which we listen to in the first reading of today, we find Moses clearly stating that one has to love God with one's whole being. Since the religious leaders in general found Jesus to be quite erratic in his practice of the law of Moses, they always thought that he was not being rooted in his love for God. Jesus was often seen to be breaking the sabbath whenever he attempted to heal people, whose lives were adversely impacted by their illness. Because Jesus always reached out to people and gave priority to the well being of the needy, the religious leaders had assumed that he loved people more than God. Jesus gives an answer to the question by directly quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy, regarding the love for God. Jesus tells them that loving God is the first commandment, and then he adds to that by quoting another passage about loving others. Jesus wants to stress the importance of loving God and to express that love by loving others. It is this love for people as a result of Jesus loving God, that is described in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus invites us to love like him, by loving others, because we love God above all things.

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed starting November 2. If you want your loved ones to be included, please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer.

The **STATE OF THE DIOCESE** will be held on Wednesday, **November 6**. Doors open at 6 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown. Bishop Michael Mulvey will deliver the keynote address. This is a great evening for Catholics to meet other Catholics from around our diocese. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children twelve and under. Dinner will be provided with the purchase of a ticket. Register at diocesec.org/state of

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 3-9, 2024

Let us pray for many more priestly and religious vocations. Let us pray that many more young men and women would respond to God's call to give their life in the service of others.

The second collection this week-end is for the Repair and Renovation Fund.

Collection for October 27, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,218.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 800.00
Hurricanes Helene and Milton	\$ 1,632.00
Online Giving	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 4,965.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH:

Receptionist: "The doctor is so funny; he'll have you in stitches."

Patient: "I hope not—I only came in for a checkup."