

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/22	5:00 p.m.	†Burt Jones By: Carol Jones †Diane Moy By: Dr. Molly Lubbock
		9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia †Olivia Grace Zidek †Julian Moczygemba By: Carol Zidek †Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	†Marilyn Etter By: Barbara Lamson
Mon.	8/24	NO MASS	
Tues.	8/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	8/26	NO MASS	
Thurs.	8/27	8:30 a.m.	For: Special Intention By: Mary Ann Hajek For: Randy & Garrett Jurgajtis (healing) By: Ginger & Leon Matula For: Stephen Dennis Schaffer (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer †Mary Figueroa By: Denise Figueroa
Fri.	8/28	8:30 a.m.	
Sat.	8/29	5:00 p.m.	For: Thomas Schaffer (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer †Diane Moy By: LeRoy & Cheryl Camber
Sun.	8/30	9:00 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Frank & Barbara Culp For: Shay Burger (birthday blessings) By: The Burger Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	8/22	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann,
Sun.	8/23	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray,
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/ Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	8/29	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann,
Sun.	8/30	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray,
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On August 27th, we celebrate the Feast of **Saint Monica** (330 - 387) and on August 28th we celebrate the Feast of her son, **Saint Augustine** (354 – 430). Monica’s faith was unwavering throughout all her life. She worked tirelessly to ensure that her three children joined her in faithfulness to the Lord. Monica also led a group of devout women in Milan, Italy. Monica’s prayers and fervent trust in God led her son, Augustine, to the Lord. After years of living a sinful life, Augustine was baptized on Easter Sunday 387 and was ordained a Priest in 391. He founded a monastery on one of his former estates which became the beginning of the Augustinian Order. Saint Augustine is a doctor of the church and is considered to be a great champion against heresy. His influential writings, which include “Confessions” and “The City of God” are beneficial to all Christians as we strive to become closer to the Lord. Saints Monica and Augustine, Pray for us!

Please Pray For the Sick: Javier Mendoza, Karen Gotto, Darlene Seich, Kayla Sheffield, Charlie Hutchins, Donald Skrovan, Dale Christensen, Dalinda Olivares, Nancy Francisco, Ani Enriquez, Olivia Adams, Joan Finn, Joshua Gueldner, Joan Dieker, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Sean Jackson, 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: The world does not need an artificial intelligence that diminishes humanity; rather, it needs human intelligence enlightened by wisdom, political authority guided by conscience and technological innovation directed by charity. Only then will artificial intelligence become not a rival to humanity but a servant of the common good.

Pastor’s Note: Chosen to lead.... The experience of the Apostles accompanying Jesus enabled them to view him as a man of God. With the expectation of a Messiah, who would come to liberate them from Roman rule, they viewed Jesus as a person sent by God. The way Jesus taught the people, the way Jesus healed the sick, were all reasons for them to believe that Jesus has that power to bring about a transformation in the lives of the people. It is with this expectation that Peter confesses Jesus to be the ‘Christ, the Son of the living God’. Jesus wants him to be a leader, with commitment, not just a follower. To be a disciple of Jesus is to take up the responsibility of helping others to experience the goodness of God. All the readings today, point to this call and appointment of people to help others feel God’s care for them. In the first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we see how the Lord talks about removing the king, who failed to govern the people with justice. God appoints someone else in his place who, the Lord believes, will govern the people with fatherly concern. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that the love of the Lord is eternal, and he care for everyone with kindness. When God chooses people, he has an expectation of them and that is why he fills them with his spirit. The second reading reminds us that what we have is from the Lord, and it makes us responsible to bring glory to him with our lives. In the Gospel passage, taken from the Gospel according to Matthew, we have the profession of faith in Jesus, by Peter. He proclaims Jesus as the Christ. Jesus reminds him that it is important to trust in God, because it is God who enables him to speak and act on his behalf. Then Jesus appoints him as the leader of the lot, and he is reminded that he has to be solid in his faith and lead others to experience God’s merciful love.

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from August 19 to September 5. Let us keep him in our prayers. In his absence, there will be no Masses on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Welcome back night and registration is Wednesday, **September 16** in the Religious Education Building. Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

The **Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus** are holding their annual **summer raffle** after the Masses until Labor Day Sunday. There are several prize packages. 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 prize packages. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Collection for August 16, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 3,343.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 590.00
Online Giving	\$ 815.00
Total	\$ 4,748.00

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HAVE A LAUGH: Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."