

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/22	5:00 p.m.	For: Nicholas and Victoria Winkelmann (marriage blessings) By: Julie and Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	2/23	9:00 a.m.	For: Alejandro Jimenez (birthday blessings) By: Yvette Jimenez
			† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	† Tim Viau By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Mon.	2/24	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	2/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/26	NO MASS	
Thurs.	2/27	NO MASS	
Fri.	2/28	NO MASS	
Sat.	3/1	5:00 p.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (healing) For: Melissa Coshal (blessings) By: Rose Petersen
Sun.	3/2	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (healing) For: Melissa Coshal (blessings) By: Rose Petersen

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.	2/22	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Carol Schinker, David Schinker
Sun.	2/23	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Roger Schill, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	3/1	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	3/2	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Carol Schinker/Mary Jo Matthews, David Schinker, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On February 23, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Polycarp** (69 – 155). Polycarp was one of the early Church Fathers. He was a disciple of John the Apostle and friend to Ignatius of Antioch. Polycarp was very well respected and met with Pope Anicetus to participate in the discussion regarding the date of the Easter celebration in Rome. Polycarp was martyred in Smyrna where he was Bishop. He was to be burned alive, but the flames did not harm him. Eyewitnesses documented that the flames of the fire surrounded him like sails and he glowed like baking bread. Polycarp was quoted as saying, **“Hear me declare with boldness, I am a Christian.”** The frustrated persecutors proceeded to kill him with a dagger. Saint Polycarp pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Susan Staffier, Trian Pagurar, Colleen Wishall, Jo Lang, Liam Edwards, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, Aubrey Harper, 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:

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: When goodness is not reinvested, it is lost. The greatness of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear.



Pastor's Note: A new way to love....

Jesus began his ministry by focusing on a total reliance on God and inviting others to experience this life transforming love of God. Jesus was well aware that his love for God was built on the foundation of God's love for him, and this made him realize that God was accomplishing his purpose to redeem the world through him. This conviction is what he expressed in the Synagogue, after reading the Scripture. He also knew he had to help others to follow the same path, so that they would continue the work begun by him. It was with this dream in mind that he called the Apostles, who readily left everything and followed him. It was important for Jesus to educate his followers to a life of total reliance on God, even in the face of opposition and challenges. This Sunday we focus on the new attitude and values the followers of Jesus have to inculcate in their lives, in order to truly reflect the love of God. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live a life that will reflect the goodness of God, as Jesus himself did in his life. All the readings focus on forgiveness and treating others with love, compassion and generosity. As the second reading reminds us, by belonging to Jesus, we shall bear the image of the heavenly one, by a new way of being in the world. This transformation is made possible when we live by the standard Jesus lays out in the Gospel passage. By loving without demands, by forgiving without any conditions, by giving without measure, by accepting the conditions of the other and caring for them, we will be reflecting the love God has been showing us. This all-forgiving love of God is what redeems us, and Jesus is the person who brings that love to us. As the first reading demonstrates, the need to not take revenge on those who wish us harm, is a quality the Lord would appreciate, because, the Responsorial Psalm reminds us, the Lord is kind and merciful. Like David, we are also called to show mercy to those who harm us, and be true children of God.

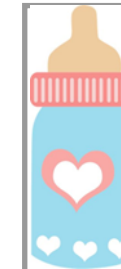
BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Each year we have come together in a united effort as a Diocesan family of faith to serve people above and beyond the ways one parish or organization could accomplish alone. In this way, we show ourselves to be the Body of Christ.

Father George will be at a Priests Retreat this week. Please say a prayer for all the priests of the Diocese attending.



From the First Responders' Dinner



We only have another week and a half of our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the Corpus Christi Hope House. If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, the Ladies of St Joseph encourage you to pick one up and fill it with loose change, currency or a check (payable to **Corpus Christi Hope House**). All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. *The campaign officially ends on Ash Wednesday, March 5th*, but you can return your bottle anytime by placing it in the bassinet or at the church office. Thank you!

Collection for February 16, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 3,765.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 705.00
Online Giving	\$ 685.00
Total	\$ 5,155.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"
"Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."
The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"