

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024**

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/28	5:00 p.m.	For: Carlos Avila (blessings) By: Family
Sun.	9/29	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	† Richard Ruff By: Sandy Clark † George Snell By: John Meyer
Mon.	9/30	8:30 a.m.	For: Tina Duvall (healing) By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Tues.	10/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/2	8:30 a.m.	For: Lee MacFarland (healing) By: Sandy Clark
Thurs.	10/3	8:30 a.m.	For: Rob Clark (healing) By: Sandy Clark
Fri.	10/4	8:30 a.m.	† Phillip Salinas By: Barbara Lamson † George Snell By: John Meyer
Sat.	10/5	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	10/6	9:00 a.m.	For: Robin Clark (healing) By: Sandy Clark
		11:00 a.m.	For: Ashley Dodds (healing) By: Barbara & Frank Culp

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.	9/28	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
Sat.	10/5	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	10/6	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews

Did you know about the Saints: On October 2, we celebrate our Guardian Angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their Angels in Heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." (Matthew 18:10) Jesus' statement as documented in Matthew's Gospel clearly confirms the existence of our Guardian Angels and their mission to protect all the faithful. Psalm 91 also states, "He has given his Angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways." Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (feast day August 20) in regard to this Psalm stated "These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence, respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the Angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great Love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need."

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, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Walter Chesshir, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased: Diane Bean (sister-in-law of Barbara Chesshir)
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: The world is made up of many different realities that are diverse precisely so that they can assist and complete each other. When they are harmonized, all generations, peoples, and differences can reveal the wonderful splendor of humanity and Creation.



Pastor's Note...Belonging to the Lord in Spirit.... Belonging to a group has its privileges and demands. There are various ways one shows to others that he/she belongs to a group. This Sunday we are called to reflect on the way we witness to the fact that we belong to Jesus. Jesus reminds us today that our lives' choices and actions should reflect that we belong to him. He challenges the disciples to go beyond conventional understanding of faithfulness to a person. There has always been a question on the way one demonstrates the way one belongs to a group. The Apostles were people who were specially called and chosen by Jesus to be sent forth as messengers of Jesus' teaching and values. For the last few Sundays, we have been hearing that the presence of Jesus constantly in their lives did not make them assimilate the outlook of Jesus automatically. Very often, their outlook stood directly in conflict with the outlook of Jesus. Like everyone else, they were also products of the culture in which they grew up. The Apostles believed that if someone were to perform the works of the Lord, that person has to be with Jesus, like they were. Jesus invites them to understand that the way to judge a person to see if that person belongs to Jesus or not, is by the actions one does. Something similar happened during the time of Moses, which we hear in the first reading, from the Book of Numbers. The seventy elders chosen by Moses receive the spirit and even the two who were not present with them also receive the spirit and were able to prophecy. When Joshua requests Moses to stop them, because they do not sufficiently belong to the other group, Moses reiterates the fact that the Lord chooses to bestow the spirit on people, and their work will prove it. It is important to make sure that the works we do are in conformity with the Spirit of Christ, because we belong to Christ. Nothing should come in our way of bearing witness to the love of Christ, and our commitment to God has to be manifested in the way we live our lives, not what we wear or where we live.

Funeral Arrangements for George Snell

A Funeral Mass will be held at Blue Skies of Texas Chapel, 5100 John D. Ryan Blvd., San Antonio, on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The Graveside Service will be at 1:15 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Bible Classes

The Bible Study continues. If you would like to join us, classes are held on Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. The next class is on October 3. The topic we will cover is "**The Pentateuch, Part 2**". This will be a six week study. Each class will last for one hour and fifteen minutes. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. Thank you. -Fr. George

Ladies of St Joseph's meeting is this Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 5 pm at our Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

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

Collection for September 22, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,287.69
Envelope Collection	\$ 530.00
Online Giving	\$ 615.00
Total	\$3,432.69

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HAVE A LAUGH:

Negotiations between union members and their employer were at an impasse. The union denied that their workers were flagrantly abusing their contract's sick-leave provisions.

One morning at the bargaining table, the company's chief negotiator held aloft the morning edition of the newspaper, "This man," he announced, "called in sick yesterday!"

There on the sports page, was a photo of the supposedly ill employee, who had just won a local golf tournament with an excellent score.

The silence in the room was broken by a union negotiator. "Wow," he said. "Just think of what kind of score he could have had if he hadn't been sick!"