

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11/30	5:00 p.m.	†John Meyer By: Knights of Columbus
Sun.	12/1	9:00 a.m.	For: Father George (blessings) By: Perotti Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	12/2	8:30 a.m.	For: Estrella Lamson (birthday blessings) By: Barbara Lamson
Tues.	12/3	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/4	8:30 a.m.	†John Meyer By: Knights of Columbus
Thurs.	12/5	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	12/6	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	12/7	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	12/8	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: Bob Conces (birthday blessings) By: Liz Conces

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.	11/30	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/1	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	12/7	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Heather Collins
Sun.	12/8	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On December 6, we celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas (270-343). Nicholas was Archbishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was ordained as Bishop at an early age because of his piety, zeal, charity, and relationship with the Lord. Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea in the year 325 where he staunchly defended our faith even to the point of striking Arius who was leading a heresy that was questioning the divinity of Jesus. Because of the inspiration of Nicholas, French Nuns in the Middle Ages would deliver anonymous gifts to the poor on the eve of Saint Nicholas Day. This along with the many miracles, stories of profound generosity, and what was a twist of the tongue have led to who we now refer to as Santa Claus. On this feast day let us also remember Nicholas as a great Bishop and Saint. Saint Nicholas pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: 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.

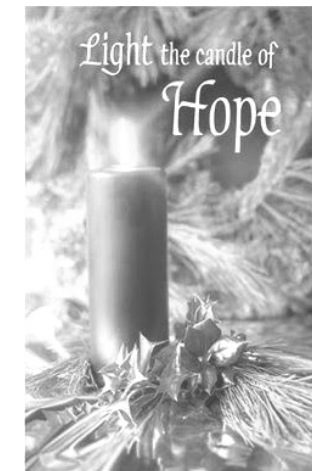
Pope Francis says: The word "Gospel" means glad tidings, and it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance. We must share the Gospel with the joy of those who have unearthed a hidden treasure and precious pearl.



Pastor's Note: Celebrating hope.... We are entering a new Liturgical Season. It is with the celebration of hope. Advent is the time to lift our spirits like the promise of Messiah lifted the spirits of the people who were living in sorrow. All the readings for this First Sunday of Advent remind us to be hopeful. All that might be happening around us may not be joyful or reassuring, but when we put our faith the Lord, we are indeed going to experience the joy that he promises. Advent is primarily a time to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. However, the first two Sundays the focus goes beyond the first coming of Jesus, and reminds us of the coming of Jesus in glory to transform the world and its people. Pain and suffering, whatever they might be, are a part and parcel of human existence. When we are downcast, we need someone to truly lift us up and give us the necessary strength to go on and to look ahead with expectation and hope. The Responsorial Psalm puts it in a very beautiful way, "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul." When we are down in the dumps, we can always look up to our God, because he is someone who will always reach out to us and give us new strength and vitality to continue on our journey. We know that the Lord will do that, because we have experienced the saving power of God, all through the history of humanity. The first reading is a reminder of this reality of God making the promise to the people of Israel that he will send someone who will ensure that their lives are secure and that they will live in safety. This became a reality in and through the person of Jesus. This Jesus, who loved us to the extent of sacrificing himself for us, reminds us that the sufferings of this world are only a passing phenomenon, and there is the reality of fullness of joy that awaits us. We are called to be hopeful and to celebrate it by living faithful lives, which is what the second reading is urging us to do. We trust, and that makes us hopeful, and this will enable us to celebrate with joy.

Advent Penitential Service

On Monday, December 16, there will be other priests to hear confessions at 5:30 p.m.



On the First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope, also known as the Prophecy Candle.

We wait in hope for the coming of Jesus and our Redemption in him.

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24	4:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Mass

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

Collection for November 24, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,524.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 515.00
Online Giving	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 2,354.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: A MIRACLE?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston on Christmas Eve when got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car at the church outreach event.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'