

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024**

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11/16	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	11/17	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Swanson By: Liz & Bob Conces
		11:00 a.m.	For: Ted Martin (healing) By: Perotti Family † Gregory J. Grounds By: Carmen Cardenas
Mon.	11/18	8:30 a.m.	† John Meyer By: Knights of Columbus
Tues.	11/19	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/20	8:30 a.m.	For: Special Intention By: Jim Zych
Thurs.	11/21	8:30 a.m.	† John Meyer By: Knights of Columbus
Fri.	11/22	8:30 a.m.	For: Christopher Grounds (birthday blessings) By: Carmen Cardenas
Sat.	11/23	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	11/24	9:00 a.m.	† Eloisa Vasquez (heavenly anniversary) † Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: Patsy Hewlet (healing) By: Perotti Family For: Perotti Grandchildren (blessings) By: Grandparents

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone,
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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	11/16	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	11/17	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	11/23	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	11/24	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones

Did you know about the Saints: On November 21, we celebrate the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The Eastern Church refers to this feast as The Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple. According to early tradition and referenced in the Protoevangelium of James, Anne and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This shows us that Mary's parents played a role in her consecration to the divine Love and service of God. The origins of the feast are traced to the eighth century but it was not until the sixteenth century that the feast day was introduced into the calendar of the Universal Church. Along with the Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, this feast shows the faithful that from the very beginning Mary was dedicated to the Lord. Blessed Mother, 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: When we learn to serve others, every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, and every act of mercy become a reflection of God's love.



Pastor's Note...The Lord who gathers us.... This being the last week in Ordinary time of the year, the reading focus is on the end times. First reading, from the Book of the Prophet Daniel, seems to present a scary time of destruction and desolation. However, as we read on, we see that it presents a hopeful time for those who live by God's precepts. "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament", we are reminded. The wise ones are those who lead many to justice, and they will indeed shine like the stars. The reading is a warning, as well as a promise, that what we chose is what we will inherit, with help from God. The Responsorial Psalm emphasizes the goodness of the Lord, who will fill us with his life. It is the Lord who provides us with all that we need and shows us the path to life. Jesus, in the Gospel, also uses Apocalyptic language describing the things associated with the end times. There would be terrible events happening around us, filling us with fear. Here again, the purpose of Jesus using this language is not to predict doom and gloom, but to lead people to deepen their trust in the Lord. In the midst of all the destruction happening, the faithful will find peace and joy in knowing that their commitment to God and their efforts to live faithful lives will bring them the joy, as the Lord will gather them to belong to him. The words of Jesus are everlasting, and his words should give us consolation, in knowing that his words will guide us in choosing the path that leads to life. Since Jesus asks us not to worry about the timing of the end times, he is asking us to trust him and to live by his words, since the intention of God is to gather his people to himself. There is a need for us to be prudent and vigilant, while trying to live a life of faithfulness. The second reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, reminds us that why Jesus sacrificed himself, was to take away our sins, so that we would stand blameless before God. He is the one who gathers us as God's children.

Prayer for All The Faithful Departed
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

All the men of St. Joseph parish are invited to meet for lunch at 12:30 pm, **Monday, November 18th**. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Bring a healthy appetite. Suggested donation is \$5-\$10.00 (the more that come, the cheaper). Menu: Hamburgers, chips and dessert.

It is a great opportunity to get to know the folks in your parish community, whether you are a full time, part-time, weekend resident, or visitor. Please contact Bob Conces @ 936-344-1257 or at rgconces@gmail.com to help our chef, Bob, plan for the correct number of guests!

The second collection this week-end is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection empowers those working on the margins to break the cycle of poverty.

Collection for November 10, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,924.40
Envelope Collection	\$ 705.00
Repair and Renovation Fund	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 515.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,344.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, "All right! All you dummies fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention.

The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow.

I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of dummies, huh sir?"