

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/11	5:00 p.m.	For: Special Intention By: Anita
Sun.	1/12	9:00 a.m.	† Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas † Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia For: Edgar & Eleanor Williamson (blessings) By: Jody Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	1/13	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/14	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/15	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/16	8:30 a.m.	† George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Fri.	1/17	8:30 a.m.	† Nikolas Moralez By: Alma DeWitt
Sat.	1/18	5:00 p.m.	† Nikolas Moralez By: Alma DeWitt
			† Jean Thierer By: Judy & Herb Crosby
			For: Kensington Crosby (confirmation blessings) By: Judy & Herb Crosby
Sun.	1/19	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	† Nikolas Moralez By: Alma DeWitt

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.	1/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	1/12	9 am	Laura Peterek/Roger Schill, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	1/18	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Liz Conces, Heather Collins
Sun.	1/19	9:am	Marvin Murray/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On January 21, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Agnes** (291 – 304). Along with Saint Lucy, Agnes is one of the five Virgin Martyrs that are mentioned in Eucharist Prayer 1. She lived in Rome during the third century and dedicated herself to the Lord as a young girl. Agnes was protected by the Lord from the many torments that were attempted by both the Roman government and her suitors. She was eventually beheaded under the direction of the Roman Governor in 304 AD. There are two churches in Rome which contain the relics of this great Saint. They are Saint Agnes in Agone and Saint Agnes Fuori Le Mura. Most of the information we have about Saint Agnes is taken from an account of her life that was written by Saint Ambrose in the 4th century. Saint Agnes, pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Larry Heller, 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:

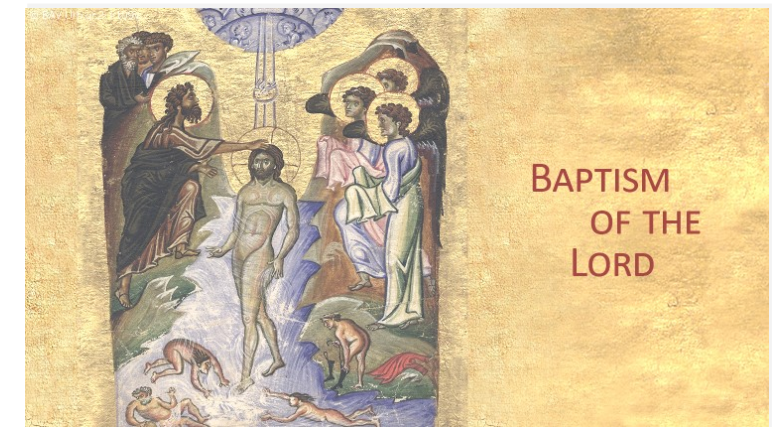
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: Unity is the fruit of Prayer, for prayer allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, open our hearts to hope, shorten distances, and hold us together in difficult times.



Pastor's Note: Anointed to be sent....

Before embarking on an important mission, we need an affirmation inside that will strengthen our resolve to complete the mission and to put our heart and soul into whatever we were going to do. What we recall and celebrate is the affirmation Jesus received before he commenced his Mission. Baptism, for everyone else who came to John the Baptist, was a way of repentance for their sins. John was preaching a baptism of repentance. For Jesus, however, it was a life transforming moment and a launching pad for his Mission. God the Father expresses his approval on his Son, as he proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There is also a coming together of the Holy Trinity, making this event a proclamation of their intent to transform the people to reclaim them once more as their own. In the First reading, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, God declares that he is going to put his spirit on his servant, who is his beloved. This prophecy is being fulfilled in the Gospel passage about the Baptism of Jesus. In the second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter affirming this fact, by proclaiming to the people that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. Then he goes on to say that Jesus went about doing good, as his way of fulfilling the Mission entrusted to him by his Father. We are also anointed with the Spirit on the day of our Baptism and we, like Jesus, have to remind ourselves that we are the beloved of God, and have to make every attempt to live as his beloved children, by striving to do God's will always. This Feast is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the Mission of Jesus and to do it with love and devotion.



Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from January 4 to January 24. Let us keep him in our prayers. Fr. Santhosh A, OFM Cap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

The LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

Collection for January 5, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,208.56
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,025.00
Repair & Renovation Fund	\$ 1,073.74
Holy Day of Obligation	\$ 291.00
Online Giving	\$ 915.00
Total	\$ 5,513.30

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HAVE A LAUGH: One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 11:00 service?"