

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/21	5:00 p.m.	† Sherlow Swilling By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Sun.	3/22	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia † Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	3/23	8:30 a.m.	For: Cindi & Steve Fischer (health) By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Tues.	3/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/25	8:30 a.m.	For: Rain & Favorable Weather By: Ginger & Leon Matula
Thurs.	3/26	8:30 a.m.	† Andrew Lange By: Mark & Twila Haechten
Fri.	3/27	8:30 a.m.	For: Martha Rossi (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer For: Theresa Lonnemann (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Sat.	3/28	5:00 p.m.	† Kevin Guenther By: Mary Guenther-Koeller & Brenda Glass
Sun.	3/29	9:00 a.m.	† Ken Shivers By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek † Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: Maggie Schaffer (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer

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.	3/21	5 pm	Carol Schinker/Dave Schinker, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	3/22	9 am	Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	3/28	5 pm	Tim Lamie/Charlie Hutchins, Dave Schinker, _____
Sun.	3/29	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: During the Middle Ages, the island of Sicily endured a devastating drought. The drought greatly affected the crops, animals, and the entire population as many people died. The people of Sicily prayed intently for **Saint Joseph** (feast day March 19) to intercede on their behalf. Our Lord did indeed provide sufficient rain to end the drought and rejuvenate the island. In thanksgiving the people of Sicily prepared a great feast to honor Saint Joseph and to feed the less fortunate. This celebration of thanksgiving was the origin of the Saint Joseph Altars that are prepared today in parishes throughout the world on his feast day. This weekend let us all pray to Saint Joseph to intercede on behalf of our region and to provide us with sufficient rain in our watershed St. Joseph, pray for us!

Please Pray For the Sick: Lori Mangrum, Joan Dieker, Ed Fedak, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Sean Jackson, 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 Leo XIV said: The Holy Spirit continues to grant us special graces to enrich and build up the body of Christ. We should recognize these manifold gifts and express our gratitude to God for allowing us to take part in His work of salvation.

Pastor's Note: Imperishable life.... Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, which we recall with deep gratitude on Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of Jesus was the most transformative event for the disciples of Jesus, and we know for sure that it is the most important and significant event for our own faith journey, as Christians. All the readings talk about a life beyond death, and this is the gift and work of God, which we received through the instrumentality of Jesus, our Savior. "With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption", proclaims the Responsorial Psalm and, thus, summarizes the gift of God in our lives. The first reading is an extract from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, which places before us the transformation he brings about in us, by bringing us back to life by putting his spirit inside us and letting us live. Such is the power of the spirit of God. In the Gospel passage we have the familiar story of the raising of Lazarus by Jesus. This is the story of friendship, faith, hope and the extraordinary power of God's love and compassion. The bringing back to life of Lazarus has many theological meanings, which calls on us to put our faith in Jesus and the power of God. While Martha and Mary are grieving the death of their brother, Jesus is able to change that grief into rejoicing, by his personal intervention. This act of Jesus goes beyond all they could imagine. Jesus is someone who is able to bring us life beyond our earthly existence. Death is no more the end of reality for us. As we listen to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we have the privilege of living, in spite of the death we brought on ourselves, through our sins, when we have the spirit of Christ dwelling in us. God enables us to have life eternal by giving us the spirit of Christ, whom he brought back to life.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent, after Mass

Holy Week Schedule

4/2	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/3	Friday	3 pm	Good Friday Service
4/4	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
4/5	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH will meet March 24 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive February 18-April 5: Benefitting food pantries of Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi (including Holy Family Catholic Church) and Mother Teresa Shelter. Collection bins are in the church foyer.

Collection for March 15, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 2,217.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 940.00
Repair and Renovation	\$ 1,100.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 951.00
Online Giving	\$ 731.00
Total	\$ 5,939.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."