

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

## Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/7	5:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Washington By: The Family
Sun.	12/8	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>Bob Conces</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz Conces †Elliott Hight By: Maria Krauskopf
Mon.	12/9	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	12/10	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/11	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	12/12	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	12/13	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Bailey Schaffer</b> (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Sat.	12/14	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Drake Makus</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	12/15	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>Sisters of St. Mary of Schoenstatt</b> (blessings) By: Perotti Family

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

All the men of St. Joseph Parish are invited to meet for lunch at 12:30, December 9 in the Parish Hall. Please contact Bob Conces (936)344-1257 or at rgconces@gmail.com to help our chef, Bob, plan for the correct number of guests!

### Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:



### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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
Sat.	12/14	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	12/15	9 am	Marvin Murray/ Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

**Did you know about the Saints:** On December 12, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531 at the hill Tepeyac about three miles from Mexico City, our Mother Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego (feast day December 9) four times. Our Mother requested that he go to the Bishop and inform him that a church should be built. The Bishop requested a sign and our Mother directed Juan to deliver roses which she provided as evidence of her appearance. Upon delivery of the roses, Juan's Tilma was also found to have a brilliant image of Mary. The image on the Tilma is smooth and feels like a modern-day photograph. It does not have any paint brush marks and shows no evidence of deterioration. You can also see a reflection of Juan Diego within Mary's eyes on the Tilma. The stars on Mary's Mantle within the image specifically coincide with the constellations in the sky on December 12, 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!

**Please Pray For the Sick:** 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:** The heart of Christ is openness, gift, and encounter. In Christ, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, in order to build up God's kingdom of love and justice on earth. United with the heart of Christ, our hearts are capable of working this social miracle.



### Pastor's Note: **Heralding Peace....**

We are into the Second Week of Advent. This Sunday we will begin lighting two candles on the Advent Wreath. This second candle represents Peace, the peace which Jesus Christ, the Savior, came to establish. For the people of Israel, establishment of peace was an important aspect of their civic and faith journey. From being a wandering people, the Lord had established them into a well settled nation. This brought about peace and comfort to the people, who had experienced constant turmoil due to the way other nations treated them. Once settled, they also began placing great importance to their worship of the Lord, and this further gave them an experience of interior peace. However, this feeling of security and experience of peace was often short lived. There were constant wars and quarrels among the nations, and it is in the context of this insecurity that we focus on the establishment of peace, both as a promise and as a lived reality for the people of Israel. The Responsorial Psalm highlights the action of the Lord, when it states with great gratitude, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." It is the work of the Lord to transform the lives of the people that other readings focus on. In the Gospel we see John the Baptist going about preaching and consoling people. This was very important for the people to hear, because they lived during a time of turmoil. In the Gospel, Luke places this preaching in the historical context, reminding the readers of the struggle and fear of the people who lived then. God was going to act in a decisive way to change their fear into hope and to establish his peace. This will happen when we listen to the Messiah, the Lord, and live as faithful people, as the second reading reminds us. There will be peace, and this peace and prosperity is what the Lord promises in the first reading from the Book of Tobit. What we are called to do is to believe in the Prince of Peace and live faithful lives. Then we, like him, will be heralding peace that will lead to joy.



*The Second Advent Candle is the Peace candle or the Bethlehem candle. It represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and also the peace Lord Jesus brought to us.*

### Advent Penitential Service

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

The feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is moved to Monday, December 9. However, it is not a day of Holy Obligation this year.

### 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

### Ladies of St. Joseph Christmas Sale

The Ladies of SJ will have a Christmas sale this week-end in the Parish Hall after all the Masses. The proceeds will go towards various ministries. Thank you for your support.

**LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH** will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 5 p.m. at our Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

The second collection this week-end is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### Collection for December 1, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,614.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 760.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,455.00
Repair & Renovation Fund	\$ 776.00
Total	\$ 4,605.00

Thank you for your generosity.

**HAVE A LAUGH:** An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"