

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020



*Blessing!*



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## Mass Intentions

Sat.	19	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	20	9:00 am	†Ernie Houdalshel By Ida & Tom Pauken
		11:00 am	For Lonnie Daniels (healing) By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Mon.	21	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	22	NO MASS	
Wed.	23	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	24	5:00 pm	†Sarah Savigni Maxham By The Family
Fri.	25	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	26	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	27	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

The church office will be closed from December 24 through December 29.

### Please Pray For the Sick:

Janie Fernandez, George Snell, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Francis says: Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return.**



**WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### Christmas Schedule

Thursday, Dec 24 4:30 pm Christmas Carols  
Thursday, Dec 24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Friday, Dec 25 8:30 am Christmas Mass

### Sunday Collection Report-December 13, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1458.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 395.00
Building Fund	\$ 1560.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 206.60
Online Giving	\$ 1680.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5299.60</b>

### HAVE A LAUGH ... Potato Bag Strength

An exercise for people who are out of shape: Begin with a five-pound potato bag in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato bags. Then try 50-pound potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

### Pastor's Note: A God who fulfills the promises....

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we focus on the role played by God and Mary in gifting Jesus to the world. God makes a lot of promises to the people of Israel, and the beautiful thing about his promises is that, they are all fulfilled. God makes a promise to David that his kingdom will endure forever. This will happen as a result of God bringing up a son, from the lineage of David, who will firmly establish the kingdom. Since over the years, as the people of Israel had turned away from the way of the Lord, their kingdom was periodically attacked, destroyed and trampled upon by other nations. There seemed to lack a permanently settled kingdom for the people of Israel. They always longed for the promised savior who would establish their kingdom firmly, once again. And when God makes a promise, he fulfills it, even if it might be in his time. And that is what is happening when God sends Angel Gabriel to Mary, to announce that she will conceive and bear a Son, who will be given the throne of David, his Father'. God has his way of fulfilling the promises, which might often be unconventional. The so-called King, who would establish the Kingdom firmly forever, does not seem to come from a palace. He is going to be born of an ordinary woman. Since God has his ways, human beings only have to cooperate with him. That is what Mary does. She says 'Yes' to God and then it changes everything. We are called to sing the praises of God, who fulfills the promises. That is what we remember and celebrate this Sunday.