

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2020



BLESSINGS



https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1896

Mass Intentions

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| 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                                  |
| Mon.   | 28 | 8:30 am  | For Anna & Mark Everett (anniversary blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces |
| Tues.  | 29 | NO MASS  |   |
| Wed.   | 30 | 8:30 am  | For The Parishioners of St. Joseph                                  |
| Thurs. | 31 | 8:30 am  | For The Parishioners of St. Joseph                                  |
| Fri.   | 1  | 8:30 am  | For The Parishioners of St. Joseph                                  |
| Sat.   | 2  | 5:00 pm  | For The Parishioners of St. Joseph                                  |
| Sun.   | 3  | 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:

If the pandemic has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the crib, shows us the way of tenderness to be close to each other, to be human. Let us follow this path.



Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Envelope Sign-Up Sheet

If you have not been using envelopes & would like to start, please sign up in the church foyer. It will greatly help us in providing you with yearly contribution statements.

Holy Day of Obligation

Fri. 1st 8:30 The Feast of Mary Mass

Sunday Collection Report-December 20, 2020

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|---------------------|------------|
| Loose Collection    | \$ 773.00  |
| Envelope Collection | \$ 795.00  |
| Building Fund       | \$ 10.00   |
| Online Giving       | \$ 745.00  |
| Total               | \$2,323.00 |

HAVE A LAUGH . . . We'll Need a Therapist

To save money, I suggested to one of my grown sons that we all live together in one house. I could tell he didn't think it would be cost-effective when he asked, "Who's going to pay the therapist?"

Pastor's Note: A family that sticks together....

Having celebrated Christmas, where we saw the suffering the family endured, we move on to reflect on and celebrate the Holy Family today. Family life is about love and understanding. That is what the readings suggest. Mother Theresa used to say that the Family that prays together, stays together. This is what we see in the readings today. There is trouble around them, there is a lot of hardship to endure, and yet they continue to trust in the Lord and in his infinite mercy and love. Love and faithfulness to God also enables people to be caring towards others. This is what the First Reading from the book of Sirach stresses.' Those who fear the Lord will honor their parents', is an indication of the faithfulness to God getting reflected in the care for others. The responsorial Psalm once again stresses the faith in the Lord and this faith and love, leading one to walk in the way of the Lord. And St. Paul stresses the attitude needed to live a happy life. It is important to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient. These are qualities that we require when we try to live together as a family. When we are filled with love, it is shown in the way we face life's situations, especially the ones involving interpersonal relations. The message of all these readings visibly manifested in the Gospel passage, where Mary and Joseph navigate the reality of child-birth and the upbringing of the child, in the midst of less-than-ideal situations. The love in their heart and their trust in the Lord enables them to be faithful in carrying out their duty as parents. They truly stick together, prompted by love and faithfulness.