

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Gn 9:8-15
 Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
 Second Reading - 1 Pt 3:18-22
 Gospel— Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 4:4b; Mt 6:7-15
 Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Ez 18:31; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; 2 Cor 6:2b; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Cf. Mt 17:5; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Saint Peter Damian
 Monday: Chair of Saint Peter
 Tuesday: Saint Polycarp

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

Mass Intentions

Sat.	20	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	21	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	† Helen Short By Barbara & Ken Chesshir
Mon.	22	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	23	NO MASS	
Wed.	24	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	25	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	26	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	27	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	28	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For Kenna Villareal (birthday) By Barbara & Ken Chesshir

Ladies of St. Joseph Garage Sale

The Citywide Garage Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, Feb 27 from 9 to 12, here at St. Joseph. All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund.

Please Pray For the Sick:

Janie Jimenez, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Janie Fernandez, 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:

We are now embarking on our [#Lenten-Journey](#), which opens with the words of the prophet Joel. They point out the path we are to follow. We hear an invitation that arises from God: "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). Lent is a journey of return to God.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Will be held on Fridays after Mass During Lent



Thank you to all the church volunteers who helped out at the Civic Center providing food & shelter for people in need.



The Second Collection this week-end Is for Black and Indian Missions.

The Collections for February 13 & 14 will be reported in next week's bulletin.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Fish 'n' chips

It is February 26, the first Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

Pastor's Note: Conversion is possible when we trust... The Holy Season of Lent is definitely a pathway to experiencing the compassion of God. This also is a pathway to a more committed life, rooted in God and guided by his Spirit. The First Sunday of Lent this year is an invitation to change. Change is possible. Change is possible, when we truly believe in the merciful love of God and have the courage to let go of the things that we hold as the most important thing in our lives, which are actually not helping us to live as true children of God. The readings point to the hope and trust God places in each of us. This is a manifestation of God's deep love for humanity. It is this love of God, made visible in and through the person of Jesus Christ, that St. Paul stresses in the second reading. Jesus was willing to die for us, prompted by love. It is therefore imperative on our part to be willing to amend our ways to reflect the commitment we have towards Jesus. He continues to live in us and prompts us through a clear conscience to choose to do what is right and fitting. There is always a force that is trying to take us away from God's ways. This inner struggle is what we often refer to, as temptations. Jesus is presented in today's readings as one who went through the same kind of temptations, but who, with his commitment to God and his ways, was able to withstand overcome all the temptations that came his way. He achieved this through his commitment to prayer and his rootedness in God. Having overcome the temptations, Jesus now invites everyone to follow his path. He is calling on his listeners to be converted to the Good News. And this conversion happens with a genuine repentance about one's sins. This call is a sign that Jesus believes in our ability to change our ways, just like Noah and his generation after the flood, amended their ways. As long as we are led by love, and follow the path of God, we will always experience the mercy and compassion of God. We only have to do the right things as expected of us, and create a rainbow of love, in order for us to experience God's mercy.