

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Jer 31:31-34
 Psalm Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
 Second Reading - Heb 5:7-9
 Verse before the Gospel Jn 12:26
 Gospel— Jn 12:20-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ez 33:11; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed.: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 8:15; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Jn 1:14ab; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 6:63c, 68c; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Ez 18:31; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Phil 2:8-9; Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
 Thursday: Annunciation of the Lord

Welcome to Online Giving

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	20	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	21	9:00 am	Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Rodriguez Family By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	22	8:30 am	For Terry McCullif (healing) By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Tues.	23	NO MASS	
Wed.	24	8:30 am	† Louise Joergens By Liz & Bob Conces
Thurs.	25	8:30 am	† Brett Clough By Cindy & Carl Cory
Fri.	26	8:30 am	† Dennis Meade By Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	27	5:00 pm	† Juan Garza By Kathy Garza
Sun.	28	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick: Sumi and Izza (family of Father George), 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: To experience [#Lent](#) in hope means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for our hope (1 Pt 3,15).



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1	5 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 2	3 pm	Good Friday Services
Saturday, April 3	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 4	9 am	Easter Mass
	11 am	Easter Mass

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

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Graduating seniors and college students are eligible to apply for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Applicants must be a child or a grandchild of a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Aransas. Previous recipients of a scholarship must resubmit a new application to be eligible for the grant. The deadline for submitting applications is May 15, 2021. The Council will review applications and will fund as many qualified applicants as feasible. Applicants will be notified by mail of the results and individuals receiving the scholarship(s) will be announced at all masses prior to June 30, 2021. Requests for applications can be made by contacting Bob Conces at conces@suddenlink.net.

Collection for March 14, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2571.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1330.00
Building Fund	\$ 270.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 795.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>365.00</u>
Total	\$ 5331.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . .

A clergyman is walking down a country lane and sees a young boy struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young boy. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again the young boy protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the boy, "he's under the load of hay."

Pastor's Note: Growing to be like the God of love....The New covenant Jesus sealed with his blood is something that will transform the lives of his followers. It is this newness and firmness of the covenantal love of Jesus that we reflect on this fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus has always been predicting his impending passion and death. Today, we see Jesus addressing his disciples and making them aware of the challenges involved in being a disciple of Jesus. It is challenging, because it involves a willingness to die. This death is not an end, however, but a path that leads to fullness of life. This sacrifice Jesus is talking about results as we try to live a life of love. To know God is to be rooted in love. This is why the first reading talks about a covenant where the law becomes a part of the very existence of the people, because the new law is written in their hearts. And this law that guides the heart, which will never take us away from the path of God and the path of love, is the law of love. In contrast to the people of Israel, who were led by their fear of breaking the commandments, those who have the law of love written in their hearts will live in freedom. Since Jesus was himself led by the law of love, he was able to sacrifice his life in order to save us. This sacrifice of Jesus was the result of his obedience to God, or to the law of love. This sacrifice does not go in vain. Jesus, through his sacrifice, is able to save all of us, who live in him. This is what the second reading is talking about. Our call as disciples of Jesus is to learn to be obedient to him. This is not an act of subjugation, where Jesus enjoys total control for his followers. It is, rather, a means of freeing us, so that we ourselves will enjoy the glory that was given to Jesus, when God rewarded him with new life. Commitment to love is about commitment to a way of life that enables us to choose what is right, what is good and what is life-giving. It is this desire to be guided by love that is expressed in the Responsorial Psalm, where we pray to have a clean heart, like that of Jesus. Our effort has to be to live in love.