

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 11, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Second Reading - 1 Jn 5:1-6
 Alleluia Jn 20:29
 Gospel— Jn 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Col 3:1; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:14-15; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wed.: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 20:29; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 4:4b; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Cf. Lk 24:32; Lk 24:35-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Saint Stanislaus
 The Feast of Divine Mercy
 Tuesday: Saint Martin I

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	11	9:00 am	† Ritchie Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	† Tom & Ann Kinsella By Clarice & Thomas Fancher
Mon.	12	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	13	No Mass	
Wed.	14	No Mass	
Thurs.	15	No Mass	
Fri.	16	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	17	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	18	9:00 am	For Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By The Rodriguez Family
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick: Izza (family of Father George), Janie Jimenez, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased: Janie Fernandez
 If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says:

The first way to pray for someone is to speak to God about him or her. If we do this frequently, each day, our hearts are not closed, but open to our brothers and sisters. To pray for others is the first way to love them and it moves us toward concretely drawing near.



Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from April 14 to May 7. If you need to discuss anything with him before he leaves, please call the office.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE CENTER

Bishop Michael Mulvey has designated all the churches bearing the name of St. Joseph in the Diocese to be a pilgrimage center for the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph Port Aransas is, therefore, a pilgrimage center where people can visit to pray and to receive plenary indulgence by fulfilling all the requirements, which include a confession and the reception of Holy Communion. Every Saturday the church will remain open from 12 noon until the end of the Mass. St. Joseph pray for us.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat 4/10	5 pm	Liz Conces
Sun 4/11	9 am	Marvin Murray
	11 am	Kim Locus
Sat 4/17	5 pm	Al Whitty
Sun 4/18	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Cliff Strain

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 April 4, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 3444.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 560.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 517.00
Building Fund	\$ 2128.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1705.00</u>
Total	\$ 8354.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Spiritual One Liners

- * Give God what's right - not what's left.
- * "Pray" is a four-letter word you can say anywhere - except in public schools.
- * Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.
- * In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma - but never let him be the period.
- * Plan ahead - It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- * Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.

Pastor's Note: Mercy is the visible face of God....

Triumph of Love is what we celebrated at Easter. Love of God envelopes the life of every human being and protects it even from being ravaged by sin and death. Love of God is eternal, and when we are begotten by God we experience life eternal. And since Jesus loved his own till his very end, he would not even leave them uncared for or unattended to. The Risen Christ is still in the process of creating and recreating the community of believers. This recreation in love is what we witness in the Gospel passage today. What happens when we are created in love is what we find in the first reading. And the Psalm proclaims the everlasting nature of God's love. And by stressing that we are begotten by God, the second reading reminds us that the power of love enables even us to conquer the world and defeat the power of evil. The love of God was manifested in his sending Jesus to save the world. Love never abandons the ones that are loved, and love never allows failure to come in the way of enduring relationships. Love has the power to understand, to accept, to let go and forgive. Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection to assure them of his enduring love. This is especially a moving experience for the disciples who were living with the guilt of having abandoned Jesus in his time of trial and agonizing death. Jesus does not remind them of their failures, but gives them the gift of peace. True love can never stop giving. The creation of human race was a time when God placed all his hope in humanity and created them in his image and likeness. The human race did not live up to the expectations of God and they failed. There was a need for them to be recreated in the image of God. This is what Jesus does, when he mercifully breathes over them and gifted the Holy Spirit. Now they have the power of the Spirit to guide their life and choices. Love of God is a constant power that transforms our lives, whereby we also learn to love and share like God. The challenge is to be led by love and the power of the Spirit.

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