

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

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



## Mass Intentions

Sat.	2	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	3	9:00 am	For <b>Anna &amp; Mark Everett</b> (anniversary blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	4	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	5	NO MASS	
Wed.	6	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	7	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	8	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	9	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	10	9:00 am	† <b>Ritchie Marty</b> By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

### Ladies of St Joseph

Please join us for our monthly meeting, **Thursday, January 7th, at 5 PM.** We will meet in the new Education building. Please enter via the door on Lantana Street and observe Covid protocol.

### 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:** The prayer of thanksgiving begins by recognizing that we were thought of before we learned how to think; we were loved before we learned how to love. If we view life like this, then "thank you" becomes the driving force of our day.



There will be no Mass Monday through Friday, January 4-8.



### Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign

The Ladies of St Joseph invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the **Hope House of Corpus Christi**. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (payable to Corpus Christi Hope House) over the next few weeks. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children.

### 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.

The second collection this week-end is for the **Building Fund**.

### Sunday Collection Report-December 27, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 2363.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 985.00
Building Fund	\$ 1500.00
Online Giving	\$ 770.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,618.00</b>

### HAVE A LAUGH . . . He Can Do It Himself

It was my first night caring for an elderly patient. When he grew sleepy, I wheeled his chair as close to the bed as possible and, using the techniques I'd learned in school, grasped him in a bear hug to lift him onto the bed. But I couldn't clear the top of the mattress. So I grabbed him again, summoned all my might, and hoisted him onto the bed. When the night shift nurse arrived, I recounted what had happened. "Funny," she said, looking puzzled. "Usually I just ask him to get in bed, and he does."

**Pastor's Note: A God who goes beyond borders....** Feast of the Epiphany is about God who is not bogged down by boundaries or limited to the welfare of a select few. The word Epiphany means, revelation. It was the belief of the Jewish people that the God of Israel is partial towards them and that he is concerned of the wellbeing and salvation of Israelites only. That is why the people of Israel hoped in a Messiah, who would come to liberate their land from the rule of foreigners. Even when God was concerned of the freedom and development of Israelites as a nation, his concern was not just limited to them only. All the readings bring out this universal concern and revelation of God. The Magi, or the wise men from the east, represent people beyond the boundaries and culture of Israelites. They are led by a star, which indicates that God himself is at work in revealing himself to these men. There is a desire in them to seek out and worship the Lord. And this desire is fulfilled when they behold the newborn baby Jesus and offer their gifts to him. 'Every nation on earth will adore you', is what we sing as our responsorial Psalm. The wealth of nations will be brought to you, is yet another sentence that reveals the universality of God's revelations. God belongs to the entire world, just as the entire world belongs to God. Even the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise of God, says the Second Reading. Yes, God is available to everyone who is willing to seek him out. This revelation of God is happening every moment and every day of our lives. Sometimes preoccupation with various things prevent us from beholding this glory unfolding before our very eyes. The Jewish religious leaders, and Herod himself, refuse to search for the Lord with love in their heart. Their desire to find him is led by hatred and selfishness. Such attitudes will not lead us to God. This God we celebrated today is one who is able to love, accept and care for everyone. The path that would lead us to him is led by the bright star of generosity, openness, humility and love. Nothing can limit this God.

