

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -	Acts 9:26-31
Psalm	Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Second Reading -	1 Jn 3:18-24
Alleluia	Jn 15:4a, 5b
Gospel—	Jn 15:1-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6b, 9c; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11 12-13ab, 21; Lk 24:46, 26; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:4a, 5b; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 10:27; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:15b; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Col 3:1; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25, 26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 14:23; Jn 15:9-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor
Monday:	Saint Philip, apostle; Saint James, apostle

Welcome to Online Giving

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	May 1	5:00 pm	By The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2	9:00 am	†Carlos Cardenas By Carmen Cardenas
		11:00 am	For Bob Conces (healing) By Parishioners
Mon.	3	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	4	NO MASS	
Wed.	5	NO MASS	
Thurs.	6	NO MASS	
Fri.	7	8:30 am	For Dennis Makus (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	8	5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena
Sun.	9	9:00 am	†Sarah Savigni Maxham By her Family
		11:00 am	Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet (Novena) envelopes are located in the church foyer. Please turn these in by Wednesday, May 5.

The second collection this week-end is for the Retired and Infirmed Priest's Collection.

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:

There is no page of the Gospel on which there is no place for us. For us Christians, meditating is a way of coming into contact with Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we discover ourselves.



Vacation for Father George

Father George's return from India has been delayed until May 14. Let us keep him in our prayers.

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. Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat. 5/1	5 pm	Daniel Merchant
Sun. 5/2	9 am	Marvin Murray
	11 am	Carly Carlough
Sat. 5/8	5 pm	Al Whitty
Sun. 5/9	9 am	John Locus
	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 25, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2127.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 560.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ 267.00
Online Giving	\$ 440.00
Total	\$ 3394.00

HAVE A LAUGH... CROWD CONTROL

A rookie police officer was assigned to ride in a cruiser with an experienced partner. A call came over the car's radio telling them to disperse some people who were loitering.

The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner. The rookie rolled down his window and said, "Let's get off the corner."

No one moved, so he barked again, "Let's get off the corner!"

Intimidated, the group of people began to leave, casting puzzled glances in his direction.

Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, "Well, how did I do?" "Pretty good," replied the veteran, "especially since this was a bus stop."

Pastor's Note: Rooted and grounded in love....

Jesus loves with an everlasting love. It did not matter to Jesus that those whom he loved did not live up to his expectations. He continued to love them, and it is this love that eventually transforms them. This love of Jesus is not just a verbal tribute to a relationship. Jesus always shows his love in action, and when it mattered most, he showed it by dying for those who he loved. For Jesus, the power to love in an unconditional manner came from his intimacy with God the Father. This intimate relationship began during the time of his Baptism, where God the Father told Jesus, that Jesus was his beloved Son. He then continued to nurture this love with his constant communications with the Father in and through his daily prayer. To drive home this aspect of rootedness in God, Jesus uses the imagery of vine and its branches. Just like Jesus who remained united with the Father and thus was able to fulfill the mission entrusted to him, we are also invited to be united with Jesus. Like the branches that get their energy and life from the vine, we have to remain in Jesus. The second reading reminds us that the way to be part of Jesus is to obey his commandments. The one commandment Jesus ask us to obey is to love the way Jesus himself loved. Our commitment to love is also a commitment to Jesus. When we are intimately connected with Jesus, by obeying his commandment, we will be able to produce good fruits. The first reading gives a clear example of this relationship and its effects. Paul, who was once a persecutor of Christians, is completely transformed, once he encounters Jesus and decided to follow him. He is then able to lead others to Jesus, in other words, is able to produce good fruits. This is our call as well.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH

Please join us for our monthly meeting, **Thursday, May 6**, at 5 pm. Weather permitting, we will meet in the Garden area. If weather is inclement, we will meet in the new education building; enter via the door on Lantana Street. Please observe Covid protocol.