

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021**

Synod on Synodality

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

The Call to Journey Together

A global tragedy such as the COVID-19 pandemic "momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together" (FT, no. 32). At the same time, the pandemic has also made the already existing inequalities and inequities explode: humanity seems increasingly shaken by processes of massification and fragmentation; the tragic condition faced by migrants in all regions of the world shows how high and strong the barriers dividing the single human family still are. The Encyclicals Laudato si' and Fratelli Tutti document the depth of the fault lines that run through humanity, and we can refer to these analyses to start listening to the cry of the poor and of the earth and to recognize the seeds of hope and of the future that the Spirit continues to sow even in our time.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
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Mass Intentions

Sat.	13	5:00 pm	For Violet Makus (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	14	9:00 am	† Elosia Vasquez By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	† Ritchie W. Marty By: Janie & Wayne Marty
Mon.	15	8:30 am	† James Newland By: Dolores Nangle
Tues.	16	NO MASS	
Wed.	17	8:30 am	For Paul Swanson (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces † Doris & Ray Stepanek By: Dorie Cavins
Thurs.	18	8:30 am	For Gordon Vaughn (healing) By: Debbie & Bob Wallace
Fri.	19	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	20	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	21	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez † Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo and Rosie Aguirre

Please Pray For the Sick: Margaret Cooper, Roco Logiodice, Jeannie Busch, Jim Koenig, Balu Thomas, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, George Snell, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.

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

Pope Francis says:

It is time that the circle of indifference be broken so as to discover once again the beauty of encounter and dialogue.



Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the U.S. live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat	11/13	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun	11/14	9 am	Donata Morris/John Morris
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith
Sat	11/20	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Nicholas Winkelmann
Sun.	11/21	9 am	Marvin Murray/Donata Morris
		11 am	Heather Collins/Ken Chesshir

We thank Christina Bell, Owner of The Floral Reef, for the flowers last week-end.

Flower Donations: If you would like to sponsor flowers for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office.

Collection for November 7, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1828.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 960.00
Building Fund	\$ 757.00
Online Giving	\$ 570.00
Total	\$ 4115.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied...."Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"

Pastor's Note: Treading with caution and trust....The readings this week take a departure from the way Jesus was instructing his disciples until now. There appears to be a warning, and it looks as though there is definite doom and gloom in sight. However, the purpose of the readings on this last Sunday of the Ordinary time of the year, is not to scare people or to lead them to a state of melancholy. The readings definitely have a warning attached to it. This warning is not to make people disheartened, but to give them hope beyond everything that life might bring. Jesus has, until now, taught the disciples and his other followers the way of living a life that will lead to fullness of life. Now is the time to tell them how to deal with those teachings and what awaits them. The second reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, sets the tone and explains the meaning of the life and sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus, as we have been seeing in the readings of previous few Sundays, sacrificed his life with the purpose of saving the people. He was, through his death, taking upon himself the sins of the people and reconciling the world to the Father. Thus, we know for certain that what Jesus wanted was to save his people, not condemn them to eternal damnation. That is where the hope in today's readings come from. We remain hopeful, even in the midst of doom and gloom, because we believe in someone who can indeed save us. "You are my inheritance, O Lord", is our Responsorial Psalm. Because we belong to Christ, the life attained by Jesus will be ours too. This is where the cautioning part comes in. We are called to live deliberate lives, guided by the teachings of Christ and rooted in love. We are called to look beyond any eventualities that we face, and believe in the power of love and life. There will definitely be turmoil in and around us. Even in the midst of such worrisome situations, we can be hopeful, if we truly discern the will of God and live in accordance with his will. His words are eternal, and they lead us to life. He has promised us life and salvation and the only thing we are called to do is to follow the path of love, and it will lead us to the place of fullness of life. We have to be cautious, but will have to walk with deep trust in the Lord. This is a call to live with true commitment to the Lord.