

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 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.

For a Synodal Church

This Preparatory Document is at the service of the synodal journey, especially as a tool to facilitate the first phase of listening to and consulting the People of God in the particular Churches in the hope of helping to set in motion the ideas, energy, and creativity of all those who will take part in the journey, and to make it easier to share the fruits of their efforts.

The Call to Journey Together

The synodal journey unfolds within a historical context marked by epochal changes in society and by a crucial transition in the life of the Church, which cannot be ignored: it is within the folds of the complexity of this context, in its tensions and contradictions, that we are called to "scrutinize the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel" (GS, no. 4). Some elements of the global scenario most closely connected to the theme of the Synod are outlined here; but the picture will need to be enriched and completed at the local level.

Welcome to Online Giving

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	6	5:00 pm	All Souls Day Novena
Sun.	7	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	All Souls Day Novena
Mon.	8	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Tues.	9	NO MASS	
Wed.	10	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Thurs.	11	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Fri.	12	8:30 am	† Gregory Grounds By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
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

Please Pray For the Sick: 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: Will Miller

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

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

Pope Francis says:

Let us pray together that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Today begins Vocation Awareness Week. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 11/6	5 pm	Daniel Merchant/Laura Merchant
Sun 11/7	9 am	Donata Morris/John Morris
	11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus
Sat 11/13	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun 11/14	9 am	Donata Morris/John Morris
	11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith

Ladies of St. Joseph

Please join us for our monthly meeting **Thursday, November 11, 5 p.m.** We will meet in the new education building; enter via the door on Lantana Street. All are welcome!

Men of St. Joseph The men of St. Joseph Parish are invited to a "Dutch treat" lunch social at Kody's **Monday, November 8, at 12:30 pm.** This is an opportunity for both the men of the parish and visitors to get together to enjoy fellowship over lunch. We'll see you there!

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 October 31, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1628.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 930.00
Online Giving	\$ 1015.00
Total	\$ 3573.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . One cold evening during the holiday season, a little boy about six or seven was standing out in front of a store window. The little child had no shoes on and his clothes were mere rags.

A young woman passing by saw the little boy and could read the longing in his pale blue eyes. She took the child by the hand and led him into the store. There she bought him new shoes and a complete suit of warm clothing.

They came back outside into the street and the woman said to the child, "Now you can go home and have a very happy holiday."

The little boy looked up at her and asked, "Are you God, Ma'am?" She smiled down at him and replied, "No son, I'm just one of His children."

The little boy then said, "I knew you had to be some relation."

Pastor's Note: Generosity makes one great....

Jesus never fails to notice the kindness of people and his focus is not limited to the rich and the powerful. He knows well that true generosity is a matter of love and trust. This generosity is what he demonstrated in his lifetime. The first reading this weekend is a beautiful passage taken from the First Book of Kings. The widow from Zerephath represents the people who, even in their poverty, brings out the riches of generosity and love. Elijah seeks some food from this poor widow, who is contemplating death, due to the suffering she endures due to poverty. And when she is willing to share the last bit of food with a stranger, who is hungry, she receives blessings, and she and her son are spared of the humiliation of having to end their lives due to poverty. God, through Elijah, restores the lives of those people. The Responsorial Psalm is a song of praise extolling the goodness of God. It highlights the care and concern God shows towards those who are suffering in any way. He not only takes notice of them, but also becomes the mitigator of the afflictions of those people. In the second reading, we are told that Christ showed his generosity in offering himself up on our behalf to purify us of our sins and to save us from eternal damnation. The fact that Jesus, himself, showed tremendous generosity in his life does not make him a person who was so self-obsessed. Jesus was always other-centered. Jesus not only cared for people who were in need, but showed his interest in people by commending the good deeds done by those around him. For Jesus, no one was insignificant. He understood people and their backgrounds to truly respond to each person with kindness and compassion. The widow in the Gospel passage was poor, as noticed by Jesus, and she gave all that she had; it is this complete trust that made her generous deed wholesome and worthy of praise. True generosity makes a person great in the eyes of God, because that is when one acts like the God who gifts us everything.