

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 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: A basic question prompts and guides us: How does this "journeying together," which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? Thus, a dynamism is activated that allows us to begin to reap some of the fruits of a synodal conversion, which will progressively mature. These are objectives of great importance for the quality of ecclesial life and for accomplishing the mission of evangelization, in which we all participate by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation. Here, we will indicate the main objectives, which decline synodality as the form, the style, and the structure of the Church: • recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church's journey through history and, today, calls us to be, together, witnesses of God's love; • living a participative and inclusive ecclesial process that offers everyone—especially those who for various reasons find themselves on the margins—the opportunity to express themselves and to be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the People of God; • recognizing and appreciating the wealth and the variety of the gifts and charisms that the Spirit liberally bestows for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family; exploring participatory ways of exercising responsibility in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the effort to build a more beautiful and habitable world; • examining how responsibility and power are lived in the Church as well as the structures by which they are managed, bringing to light and trying to convert prejudices and distorted practices that are not rooted in the Gospel; • accrediting the Christian community as a credible subject and reliable partner in paths of social dialogue, healing, reconciliation, inclusion and participation, the reconstruction of democracy, the promotion of fraternity and social friendship; • regenerating relationships among members of Christian communities as well as between communities and other social groups, e.g., communities of believers of other denominations and religions, civil society organizations, popular movements, etc.; • fostering the appreciation and appropriation of the fruits of recent synodal experiences on the universal, regional, national, and local levels.

Welcome to Online Giving

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	30	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	31	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For Gordon Vaughn (healing) By: Debbie & Bob Wallace
Mon.	1	8:30 am	For Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	2	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Wed.	3	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Thurs.	4	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Fri.	5	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
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

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:

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

Pope Francis says: We often do the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to do the maximum possible. How many times are we satisfied with doing our duties — the precepts, a few prayers — whereas God, who gives us life, asks us for enthusiasm in life!



Hope House

In honor of "Respect Life Month", The Ladies of St. Joseph are collecting baby items and monetary donations for the Hope House of Corpus Christi. This organization offers shelter and assistance to families and their children, babies born and unborn, when abused and abandoned, addicted, homeless and especially with a Crisis Pregnancy.

Items needed this month: FORMULA (sensitive newborn), Diapers Newborn and size 5

Monetary Donations may be dropped in the basket and checks may be made out to St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Memo line: "Ladies of St. Joseph". Thank you again for your generous support of the ministry!

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat	10/30	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun	10/31	9 am	Marvin Murray/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Heather Collins/Barbara Smith
Sat	11/6	5 pm	Daniel Merchant/Laura Merchant
Sun	11/7	9 am	
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed starting November 2. If you want your loved ones to be included, please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have the regular 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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 24, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1556.63
Envelope Collection	\$ 770.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1246.25
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 295.00
Total	\$ 3,967.88

HAVE A LAUGH . . . The Sunday School teacher was

describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted.

"My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Pastor's Note: A life rooted in love...

We see people coming to Jesus with questions for which they seek to get an answer from him. Some ask him questions to trap him into saying something controversial. There are also others who come to him with a genuine desire to find the right answers, so that they could reform their lives. Today, in the Gospel, we see a truth seeker who also wants to test Jesus. The first Reading from the book of Deuteronomy focuses on the commandment to love God above everything else. A faithful person should be dedicated to God wholeheartedly. This total commitment to God is given as a means to show one's gratitude for the blessings received and as a way of receiving continued blessings from God. The Responsorial Psalm stresses this same commitment to God. To love God is definitely the way to go, if one is to receive his blessings. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the person who became the High Priest, with his total commitment to God and his dedication to the cause of the people. With Jesus being presented as the perfect example of loving God and the people, who was willing enough to sacrifice his life, we have a perfect set up to see the details in the Gospel passage. The person who put the question to Jesus expected a simple answer from him, that the first of all commandments is that one loves God above everything else. Jesus, as usual, invites the person to a better understanding of the commandment. For one question, Jesus gives two answers. The first commandment, he says, quoting the scripture passage from the book of Deuteronomy, is that one should love God above everything else. Then, he adds a passage from the book of Leviticus to focus on the need to love others as well. A person who loves God totally cannot but love his/her neighbor. Love of God enables one to see others as one's own brothers and sisters, as we all have one common origin. To love God totally means one has to also love the human beings created in his image. Jesus, who was committed to God completely, showed that love for him by sacrificing his life for the sake of other human beings. We are called to live a life rooted in love, love of God and of our neighbor.