

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

## Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/10	5:00 pm	For: <b>David Clough</b> (healing) † <b>Lynn Ackerschoot</b> By: Cyndie Cory
Sun.	12/11	9:00 am	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	In <b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By: The Hyland Family
Mon.	12/12	8:30 am	† <b>Wayne Wassler</b> † <b>Phil Wassler</b> By: Pauline Wassler
Tues.	12/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/14	8:30 am	For: <b>Drake Makus</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces For: <b>The Ahrs &amp; MBC Partners</b> By: Martha Wild
Thurs.	12/15	8:30 am	For: <b>Darian Mansfield</b> (birthday blessings) For: <b>Jacqui Zalkovsky</b> (birthday blessings) By: Louis & Sandra Hickl
Fri.	12/16	8:30 am	For: <b>Emily Sekula</b> (birthday blessings) By: Roger & Corine Sekula
Sat.	12/17	5:00 pm	For: <b>Foust Family</b> Special Intention By: Foust Family
Sun.	12/18	9:00 am	† <b>Mary Pham</b> By: Family
		11:00 am	In <b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez

**Dear full-time or part-time parishioners:**  
The parish has an email network that informs participants of any changes to mass schedules, prayer requests, Catholic news, and notices from the parish office. If you would like to be included in this distribution (or would like to be removed), please email Bob Conces @conces@suddenlink.net.

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

### PARISH HALL REPAIRS

We are in the process of getting the Parish Hall repaired with some help from FEMA. We are at the designing phase of the project to make the necessary and to upgrade the facilities with regard to the Kitchen and the Restrooms. The Building Fund will help us with the repairs. We would be needing more money than what we have currently and, therefore, further improve the Building Fund. Thank you for all your support in the past. I hope we can further improve the Building Fund with your continued and generous support.

**Did you know about the Saints:** On December 12, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531 at the hill Tepeyac about three miles from Mexico City, our Mother Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego four times. Our Mother requested that he go to the Bishop and inform him that a church should be built. The bishop requested a sign and our Mother directed Juan to bring the bishop roses which she provided. Upon delivery of the roses, Juan's tilma was also found to have a brilliant image of Mary. The image on the Tilma is smooth and feels like a modern-day photograph, still has shown no evidence of deterioration, does not have any paint brush marks, consistently defies exact reproduction whether by camera or brush, has Juan Diego's image in the reflection of Mary's eyes, and the stars on Mary's Mantle coincide with the constellation in the sky on December 12, 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Bob Brown, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Douglas Bean, Travis Waddell, Patti Hyland, Cheryl Hole, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Roco Logiodice, Jim Koenig, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Deodato Ruiz, Jr., Janos Gardi, Dave Clough, Raphael Del Moral, 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:** I wish you all a good Advent journey made up of many small gestures of peace every day: welcoming gestures, gestures of understanding, closeness, forgiveness, and service... Gestures from the heart, like steps towards Bethlehem, towards Jesus, the King of peace.



**Pastor's Note: The joy of being touched by God....** What happens in our lives when God intervenes is what we reflect on this third Sunday of Advent. God, who created everything and took delight in everything that he created, when he found them to be good, cannot leave his created beings to be destroyed by selfish interests. Everything that afflicts them will be defeated and replaced by the transforming power of God. The first reading sets the stage for this divine intervention, when we hear Isaiah continues his prediction and promise for the people of Israel, who have been forced to live in sorrow, brought about by the evil invasion of a foreign nation. Suffering had become part and parcel of their very existence, and people were indeed heartbroken. Isaiah promises them that all of this gloom and doom was going to change and that the Lord God will personally intervene in their lives and that their suffering and sorrow will be transformed into healing and joy. The presence of the Lord truly transforms the lives of the people; it will turn their sorrow into joy. Responsorial Psalm reminds us to call upon the Lord to come and save us. It further goes on to describe the transformation the Lord can bring to our lives, and is similar to the promise of God through Isaiah, in the first reading. He will wipe the sorrow from the faces of those who are hurting and will fill them with joy. The second reading is a passage from the letter of St. James, where he urges the faithful to be patient in waiting for the Lord. This patient waiting has to be marked by a faithfulness to God and graciousness towards others. Like the prophets who endured the suffering with hope, we are called to wait, because all the sufferings will turn to joy. The Gospel presents John the Baptist trying to be reassured of the Messiahship of Jesus. Jesus assures him, through his disciples, when Jesus asks them to go and report all that was happening through the actions of Jesus. This is a fulfillment of the promises made through Isaiah, where people who are hurting are experiencing the comforting presence of the Lord. Their suffering is removed, and they experience the joy of being embraced by the loving presence of God. Jesus transforms their sorrow into joy. He goes beyond the past promises, when he even raises the dead to life. Let no suffering deter our enthusiasm, because the Lord has come to embrace us with his transforming love and give us joy.

### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/10	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins
Sun.	12/11	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith
Sat.	12/17	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir

**Advent Penitential Service**  
On Friday, December 16, there will be several priests to hear confessions at 5:30 p.m.

The **Knights of Columbus** is hosting a **Parish Movie night** on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the education building. The feature presentation will be the 1945 movie Christmas in Connecticut. All are welcome! Please contact Nick Winkelmann with questions at (361)228-8500 or nick.winkelmann@outlook.com

**Men of St. Joseph:** All the men of St. Joseph Parish are invited to meet for a "Dutch treat" lunch at 12:30, Monday, December 12 at Kody's. It is a great opportunity to get to know the folks in your parish community, whether you are a full-time, part-time or a weekend resident.

### Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 24	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols
Saturday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday, December 25	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Mass

### Collection for December 4 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 1,020.45
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,125.00
Building Fund	\$ 995.31
Online Giving	\$ 1,135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,275.76</b>

The second collection this week-end is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities for senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**HAVE A LAUGH ... Pastor's Wives Sewing**  
Two Pastors wives were visiting and sewing their husband's pants. One wife said: My husband is just beside himself; he does not know what to do anymore and he is so tired and depressed he said he is ready to just give up and resign.  
The other wife said: I am sorry to hear that because my husband has never been happier. Our membership is growing, and we are out of our financial burden, we have such a large and loving congregation. Life could not be any better than it is right now.  
One woman was mending the seat of her husband's pants, the other was mending the knees.