

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/17	5:00 pm	For: Foust Family Special Intention By: Foust Family
Sun.	12/18	9:00 am	†Mary Pham By: Family †Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
		11:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
Mon.	12/19	8:30 am	†JD Cantu By: Family
Tues.	12/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/21	8:30 am	The Ahrs & MBC Partners By: Martha Wild
			In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Georgia Salik Family
Thurs.	12/22	8:30 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	12/23	8:30 am	†Gertrude Pina By: Family
			†Joe Sr. & Elizabeth Alexander By: Joe Alexander
Sat.	12/24	5:00 pm	†Sarah Savigni Maxham By: The Family
Sun.	12/25	9:00 am	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia

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 at 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 20, we celebrate the feast of Saint Dominic of Silos (1000 – 1073). Dominic was a Spanish peasant who was ordained a Benedictine priest. Because he was not afraid to provide opinions contrary to the King, he was exiled to a remote location. Dominic used this as an opportunity to begin a monastery which soon became a place where many visited. After Dominic's death, people would come to his tomb to pray. A young woman, Joan of Aza, came to his tomb to request the Lord's help in having a baby. She had a boy and named him Dominic. The young boy is known to us as Saint Dominic (feast day August 8) the founder of the Dominican order.

Please Pray For the Sick:

Melanie Beauston, 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:

At times we find ourselves incapable of recognizing the newness of the Lord, with the presumption that we already know so much about Him. Advent, then, is the season to overturn our perspective, to allow ourselves to marvel at the greatness of God's mercy.



Pastor's Note: Love of God is all enduring

...One of the challenges for us humans is to fulfill the promises that we make in our lives, and we make a lot of them in our lifetime. Living up to the promises that we make is difficult because circumstances change, people change, and the context in which we made the promises may not make sense any longer. So we find many reasons to walk away. What we are called to reflect on, this Fourth Sunday of Advent, is the unchanging commitment of God to his promises and to his people. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah focusses on God's promise to the people of Israel, where he makes it a possibility for God to be with us, when a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. This promise has to be seen in the context of the many ways in which we, as human beings, broke our commitment to God and fell out of favor with God. Over and over again, God reached out to us, sending people who will challenge us and urge us to return to our faithfulness to God. Even with our repeated failure to correct ourselves and return to the fold of God, we see God promising that he himself will be the new leader, who will gather us and lead us back to his fold. It is a mark of God's commitment and love for his people. In the second reading, in his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul underscores the fact that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is in fact the Son of God. God himself is now intervening to save his people. We are all called to belong to Jesus Christ and strive to remain holy. The Responsorial Psalm is once again underscoring the glory of the Lord, who entered our world to transform our lives. We only have to seek his face, and he will be there with us. Gospel is a true manifestation of the commitment of God towards his people. Joseph, who is from the line of David, is told to welcome Mary, who he was contemplating to divorce, because the child that she was bearing was through the intervention of the Holy Spirit. This birth of a child, through the intervention of God himself, shows the fulfillment of his promise to the world. This fulfillment of the promise that he made is a revelation of the all enduring love of God. God loves, and his love never ends. He comes after us, even when we are lost and restores our dignity as children of God.

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

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from December 26 to January 20. If you need to discuss anything with him before he leaves, please call the office.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/17	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir
Sat.	12/24	5 pm	Heather Collins/Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	12/25	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza

Ladies of St. Joseph

We will decorate the church for Christmas, Monday, Dec 19th at 9 AM. Please join us.

Holiday Office Hours:

The church office will be closed from December 23 through December 26.

Collection for December 11 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 1,172.02
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,113.00
Building Fund	\$ 600.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 716.00
Online Giving	\$ 385.00
Total	\$ 3,986.02

HAVE A LAUGH ... A policeman is driving down the road when all of a sudden the freeway starts to get backed up. Not long after, he finds himself stuck in traffic going about 20 miles an hour. So he drives up around the traffic to see what the problem was. When he gets to the front, he sees 3 nuns driving in a car at about 20 miles an hour. So he pulls them over and lets the traffic get by. He then asks them "Do you know the speed limit?" They answer, "Yes" and they point towards the 22 freeway sign and say "We were going 22 miles per hour." The policeman shakes his head and says, "No, that's the freeway sign... the speed limit sign is over there." And with that he points to the correct MPH sign. "Ohhh...." said all of the nuns until the nun in the back starts cracking up. "What's wrong" asks the police man... The nun replies, "Well, you should have seen us yesterday on the 135!"