

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

## The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/24	5:00 pm	†Sarah Savigni Maxham By: The Family
Sun.	12/25	9:00 am	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
Mon.	12/26	NO MASS	
Tues.	12/27	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/28	NO MASS	
Thurs.	12/29	8:30 am	For: Anna & Mark Everett (anniversary blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
			†Frances Guzman (heavenly birthday) By: Rosie & Elvia
Fri.	12/30	8:30 am	†Mary Pham By: Family
			†Wesley Salik By: Georgia Salik Family
Sat.	12/31	5:00 pm	†Bernice Rutkowski By: Laurie Hall
Sun.	1/1	9:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

### 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](mailto: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 27, we celebrate the feast of Saint John the Evangelist (6-100). John was the son of Zebedee and Salome and the brother of Saint James the Greater. Jesus referred to both John and James as the “sons of thunder”. John was present at the transfiguration and the agony in the garden. He sat next to Jesus at the last supper, remained with Jesus throughout his passion, ran with Peter to see the empty tomb on Easter, and took care of Mary in Ephesus. John also traveled throughout Asia and proclaimed the gospel by teaching all to love one another. He was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil by emperor Domitian but was miraculously unhurt.

**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:

God became a Child and then let himself be nailed on a cross. In that weakness, God's omnipotence is manifested. In forgiveness, God's omnipotence is always at work. Thus, may our gifts this Christmas be gratitude, conversion and peace.



### Pastor's Note: The Lord is indeed with us...

Greatest joy for a person who is lost, is to be found and then be embraced with love, unconditionally. This is exactly what happened on Christmas night. God reached out to the world and the entire human beings, when they were lost and could not find their way, and embraced them with tremendous love. It is this love of God and his embrace of the world that we celebrate at Christmas. Christmas reminds us of the lengths to which God is willing to travel in order for us to take him back to be his own. Hope was what led the people, prior to the arrival of Jesus. They hoped that the Lord would indeed fulfill his promises to them and send a savior to liberate them from the clutches of foreign rule. You shall not be a forsaken city, they were told, in the Book of Isaiah. And God did fulfill the promise he made. He even did a thing that went beyond their expectation. God sent his own Son to be the Savior, they had been waiting for. This Son was given to us, not just to liberate the land from foreign rule, but to liberate everyone from everything that afflicts us. He is, therefore, the light that dispels the darkness that envelopes us. When God gives, he gives, without limits. Thus, this gift of God that we received, is a gift that went beyond all our expectations. This Light that came into the world removed all the darkness of sin and resulting death, and then led us on the path to eternal life. To belong to the Lord once again, to be his own. This is manifested in the way the shepherds who were keeping the night watch were led to the brightness of beholding the newborn Baby. And this was further underlined when the shepherds heard the Angels sing of the glory of the Lord shining on people, and they experiencing the peace as a result of God's favor resting on them. Yes, Christmas is about God giving the greatest of gifts and inviting us to be people who can live as his worthy children by becoming true gifts to others.

### 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. Let us keep him in our prayers.



# Merry Christmas to you

### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/24	5 pm	Heather Collins/Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	12/25	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
Sat.	12/31	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	1/1	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Ken Chesshir

### Collection for December 18 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 957.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 725.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 500.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,545.00
Total	\$ 3,727.00

**HAVE A LAUGH ...** Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."