

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/3	5:00 pm	†Wesley Valek By: Georgia Salik Family
Sun.	12/4	9:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	†Edwin P. Dziuk By: Roger & Corinne Sekula
			†Elliott Hight By: Maria Krauskopf
Mon.	12/5	8:30 am	For: Kevin Hipkind (birthday blessings) By: Scott & Merci McCoy
Tues.	12/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/7	8:30 am	†Elliott Hight By: Maria Krauskopf
			For: Jensine Flores (birthday blessings) By: Scott & Merci McCoy
Thurs.	12/8	8:30 am	For: Bob Conces (birthday blessings) By: Liz Conces
Fri.	12/9	8:30 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	12/10	5:00 pm	For: David Clough (healing) †Lynn Ackerschoot By: Cyndie Cory
Sun.	12/11	9:00 am	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	For: The Hyland Family (blessings)

Did you know about the Saints: On December 6, we celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas (270-343). Nicholas was Archbishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was ordained because of his piety, zeal, charity, and relationship with the Lord. Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea in the year 325 where he staunchly defended our faith even to the point of striking Arius who was leading a heresy that was questioning the divinity of Jesus. There are many miracles and stories of great generosity that are attributed to Nicholas which, along with a twist of the tongue, have led to Santa Claus. However, we also need to remember Nicholas as a great Bishop and Saint.

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.

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. Some of this information cannot be processed in a timely manner to be included in the parish bulletin. This distribution typically is periodic and is not intended to overwhelm recipients with constant content.

If you would like to be included in this distribution (or would like to be removed), please email Bob Conces @ conces@suddenlink.net.

Please Pray For the Sick: 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, 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 conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things: our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions.



Pastor's Note: A call to be united as one....

There is great hope expressed in all the readings about the possibility of a time of harmony, on this second Sunday of Advent. John the Baptist sets the stage for the transformation that we are called to go through, when he challenges the Pharisees and Sadducees to go beyond the pious practices and be focused on producing good fruits. The direction in which we have to walk and the essential outcome of our repentance and conversion are described in the first reading from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah talks of the new offspring that will emerge from the line of Jesse, who will bring about a period of great harmony. This individual, as described in the reading, will act with true wisdom and bring about justice for the afflicted. There is a clear warning for the ruthless and wicked, and a genuine promise for the poor. His judgement will not be based on external appearances or on hearsay. It will be rooted in faithfulness and justice. In his time, there is going to be a remarkable transformation in the lives of people, especially in terms of their interpersonal relationships. Hatred and division will give way to love and harmony. It will indeed be a time of peace. As affirmed by the Responsorial Psalm, "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever". What we are called to do, in order for us to be worthy followers of our Savior, is mentioned in the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. We have to work towards harmony, welcoming everyone with openness and love. When we do this, we are actually following what Jesus himself did and asked us to do, when he welcomed both Jews and Gentiles alike. In the Gospel, we have John the Baptist, presented as the one who prepared the way of the Lord. The preaching of John the Baptist was about repentance and the need to be a part of the kingdom of heaven. His focus was never on his wellbeing, but was singularly devoted to helping people turn away from their evil ways. Superficial faith expressions were not what he demanded of people, but a genuine transformation of hearts, so that the lives they live will be focused on producing good fruits. It is important, therefore, to be found worthy of the Lord, and in order for us to be found worthy, we will have to rid ourselves of every division and evil ways, and work towards perfect harmony, welcoming everyone, as Jesus welcomed others.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/3	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	12/4	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus
Sat.	12/10	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins
Sun.	12/11	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith

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

Eucharistic Ministers Needed...

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to help out as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. George or the Office.

The **Knights of Columbus** Council #14739 will meet this Sunday, December 4th, at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Education Building. Please enter via the Lantana St. entrance. All KC members are encouraged to attend.

Collection for November 27 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 1,129.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 650.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>785.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,564.00

HAVE A LAUGH: Santa's Lap

A father took his son Billy to the Penney's mall to see Santa. They stood in line awhile, and finally the boy was able to meet Santa and sit on his lap. "What would you like for Christmas, Billy?" asked Santa. "An X-Box and a Hobbit game," Billy said. "Okay, we'll see what we can do about that," said Santa with a big smile. Later on that day they also went to see Santa at the Sears mall. When Santa asked Billy what he wanted for Christmas, Billy said, "An X-Box and a Hobbit game." "Will you be a good boy and do what your daddy tells you?" Santa asked. Billy turned to his dad and said, "Let's go back to the other Santa, Dad." "Why Billy?" asked his father. "Because I didn't have to make any deals with that one."