

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11/26	5:00 pm	†J. D. & Edna MacLittleton By: Patricia Goodwin
Sun.	11/27	9:00 am	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	†Betty Paschal By: Shelley & Donald Greaney †Janie Marty †Ritchie Marty By: Wayne Marty †Bob Hohenberger By: The Family †Jed Brundrett By: Ladies of St. Joseph
Mon.	11/28	8:30 am	†Benny Ward By: Bruce & Terry Kenning
Tues.	11/29	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/30	8:30 am	For: Peyton & Claire Ellis Runyan By: Steve & Sharon Ellis
Thurs.	12/1	8:30 am	For: The Ahrs & MBC Partners By: Martha Wild
Fri.	12/2	8:30 am	†Mary Pham By: Family
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

Did you know about the Saints: On November 29, we celebrate the feast of Saint Clement. Saint Clement was our fourth Pope after Peter, Linus, and Cletus. He is known as one of the five Apostolic Fathers which are the early Church leaders who had a direct connection with the apostles. We have an epistle written by Clement in which he urged charity to correct division within the Church community. Clement was martyred in year 101 by drowning with an anchor fastened around his neck. His body was recovered, and there are still relics that are preserved today at the church of Saint Clement in Rome.

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

Pope Francis says: Spiritual consolation is an experience of interior joy that allows us to see God's presence in everything. It strengthens faith, hope, and the ability of doing good; it helps us never give up in the face of difficulties because it gives us a peace that is stronger than any trial.



Pastor's Note: Getting ready for the Lord.... It is time for a new beginning, to start anew, a life rooted in God, as we enter a new Liturgical Year. Advent signifies the arrival of something very important in our lives. It is a season of preparation to welcome the arrival of Jesus on the scene. All the readings for today speak of the need for being ready and rightly disposed to welcome Jesus. Even though the readings do not focus on the birth of Jesus, which we will be celebrating at Christmas, the readings for the First Sunday of Advent is about being ready to meet the Lord. The first reading focusses on the promise of a good time associated with the arrival of the savior. Isaiah talks about the vision of Jerusalem being firmly established as a place where people of all the nations will come to listen to the Lord. This will be a time of great peace, where people will not be engaged in wars, but use the weapons of war for cultivation, and this will indeed lead to prosperity for all nations. It will be a time that calls for a transformation of attitudes to reflect the ways of the Lord. The Responsorial Psalm encourages us to go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. And it is also a genuine prayer for peace to be established on earth and experienced by its people. In the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, we see Paul urging the believers to be ready for the Lord. He urges them to turn away from evil ways and begin living a life worthy of the Lord. Put on Christ, he says, so that the kind of life they live will be one that reflects the light of Christ. In the Gospel passage, we see Jesus warning his disciples to be ready. There has to be a deliberate way of life they choose to live that will enable them to be ready for the impending judgement day. We cannot be just living our lives by going about doing things in a very casual way. There has to be a deliberate attitudinal change, where we do things with a definite focus on the goal of our lives. This invitation by Jesus has to be seen in the light of all that he has been instructing the people to live by. Mathew presented Jesus as the new Moses, who reinterpreted the Law of Moses in the light of the commandment to love. To be prepared for the Lord, therefore, is to live lives rooted in love. It is a time to evaluate our lives.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	11/26	5 pm	Heather Collins/Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	11/27	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	12/3	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	12/4	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus

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.

Collection for November 20 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 1,268.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,165.00
Building Fund	\$ 240.00
Online Giving	\$ 415.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 539.11
Total	\$ 3,627.11

HAVE A LAUGH: Last Rites

A man lay dying and he began to yell out, "I need a priest, I need a priest!" Another man came along and asked what was wrong. The dying man said, "I need a priest to give me last rites, I'm dying," the man said. "There are no priests around here, but maybe I can help." I'm not a religious person myself, but I have lived next to the Catholic Church my whole life and I hear their ritual all the time. I think that I can say it for you." The dying man said, "Thank You." So the helpful man leaned close to the dying man and in a soft voice repeated the ritual as he has heard it so many times: "B-6, N-33, G-52, I-24, ... Bingo."