

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10/29	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	10/30	9:00 am	†Jim Beuston By: Patti Hyland
		11:00 am	†Ritchie Marty †Janie Marty By: Wayne Marty
			†Gregory J. Grounds By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds
Mon.	10/31	8:30 am	For: Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	11/1	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Wed.	11/2	8:30 am	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Thurs.	11/3	8:30 am	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Fri.	11/4	8:30 am	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Sat.	11/5	5:00 pm	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA
Sun.	11/6	9:00 am	†Eloisa Vasquez By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

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 changes 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.

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<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

Did you know about the Saints: On November 1, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. On this day we rejoice in all those in heaven (officially canonized or not). The feast began in May 609 when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to our Blessed Mother and had many martyrs buried at the same location. Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1 when he dedicated a Vatican chapel to All Saints. As stated in the Collect for this Feast, “Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray through the prayers of so many intercessors an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long...” Please join the Parish Family at mass on this great feast day and holy day of obligation.

All Souls Day Novena

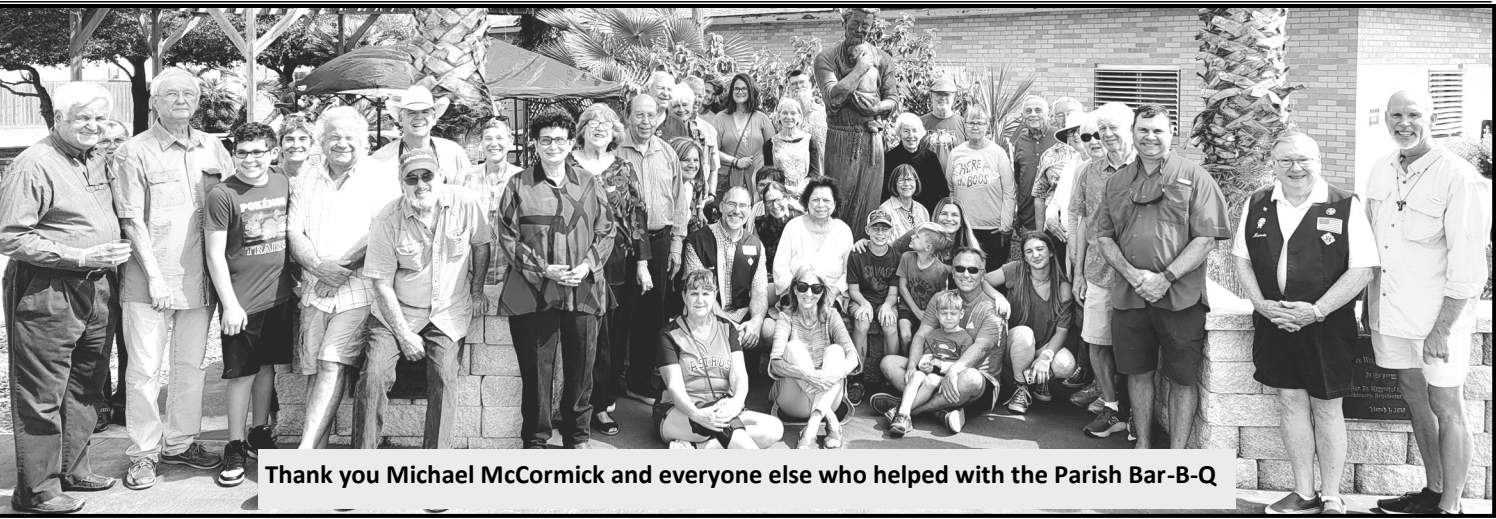
A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed starting November 2 . If you want your loved ones to be included, please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer.

All Saints’ Day

All Saints’ Day is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. The church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men & women who have been canonized by the church. On All Saints’ Day we pray in a special way to the saints that they continue to help and guide us along our path of life.

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

Pope Francis says: “Not that we loved God but that he loved us” (1 Jn 4:10). Let us never forget this. Our abilities and our merits are not central to faith, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God.



Thank you Michael McCormick and everyone else who helped with the Parish Bar-B-Q

Pastor’s Note: A God who restores the dignity of all....In the past weeks, we have been reflecting on the attributes of God and the attitudes that we should have when we approach God. Our God is someone who brings justice to the poor and the oppressed. To approach such a loving God, we should have an attitude of humility in our hearts. This week we reflect on yet another aspect of God that brings comfort and consolation to a lot of people, especially the ones who are ostracized. The Responsorial Psalm praises God, because he is ‘good to all and compassionate toward all his works’. It further reminds us that ‘the Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down”. This is the theme of all the readings for this Sunday. The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us that the love of God is meant for all, because it is he who fashioned everyone. It reminds us that the Lord would not have made what he hated. And since everything and everyone was created by God, he cannot be hating anything that he created. The Lord’s imperishable spirit is in everyone, and thus he calls for them to be purified and restored when they go astray. He is patient enough to wait for them, in order to restore their dignity. With the grace of God, we are to bring to fulfilment every good purpose he has for us, reminds St. Paul in the second reading. We are called to co-operate with God and act in accord with his will, so that we will glorify him through our lives. In other words, God is going to be with us and for us, when we live our life of faith. The Gospel narrates the famous encounter of Jesus with Zacchaeus, or rather the encounter of Zacchaeus with Jesus, which entirely transformed his life. Zacchaeus is described as the chief tax collector and a wealthy man. Since there was total contempt for tax collectors among the people in those days, he was not someone who dared to come publicly to meet Jesus. Jesus feels the desire of Zacchaeus to meet him, and even though he was perched on a tree, because he was short in stature, and takes the initiative to meet him in person and decides to dine at his home. This encounter changes Zacchaeus and thus the house experiences salvation. This is a reminder that the way God perceives people is not the way the world looks at them. Nobody is outside of the Lord’s favor, because he does not despise anyone. He upholds the dignity of everyone, even the most disliked of all.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	10/29	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins
Sun.	10/30	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	John Locus/Kim Locus
Sat.	11/5	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	11/6	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Ken Chesshir

HAVE A LAUGH: A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

Collection for October 23, 2022

Loose Collection	\$2,352.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 465.00
Online Giving	\$ 815.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ <u>840.35</u>
Total	\$4,572.35

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.