

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

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/10	5:00 pm	For: <b>Lily Kathryn Everett</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces <b>†Gregory J. Grounds</b> By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds
Sun.	9/11	9:00 am	<b>†Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	For: Thanksgiving for Blessings on the <b>Rodriguez Family</b> By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez <b>†Gregory Grounds</b> By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds
Mon.	9/12	8:30 am	<b>†Nathan Thomas</b> By: Debbie & Bob Wallace
Tues.	9/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/14	8:30 am	<b>†Gregory J. Grounds</b> By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds
Thurs.	9/15	8:30 am	<b>†Patricia Swanson</b> By: Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	9/16	8:30 am	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	9/17	5:00 pm	<b>†Shirley Kennedy</b> By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	9/18	9:00 am	<b>†Elvira Yanez</b> (birthday memorial) By: Rosie & Elvia <b>†Pilar Flores</b> By: Scott & Merci McCoy
		11:00 am	<b>†Janie Marty</b> By: Dorothy Kissling <b>†Gregory J. Grounds</b> By: Leticia, Jessica and Christopher Grounds

**Did you know about the Saints:** On August 12th, we celebrate the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is just four days after we celebrate her Nativity. This feast began in Spain in 1513 and then spread through Europe. After the King of Poland entrusted himself and his country to the blessed Virgin to aid in the protection of Europe from forces led by Mohammed the IV, Pope Innocent the XI initiated the feast throughout the entire church in 1683. Saint Augustine stated, "Through Mary's birth, the nature inherited from our first parents has changed." Mary, the Queen of Peace, pray for us.

### Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Welcome back night and registration for Religious Education is Wednesday, **September 14, 5:30 p.m.** in the Religious Education Building. Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Alberto Moreno, Douglas Bean, Travis Waddell, Patti Hyland, Cheryl Hole, Bob Wallace, Debbie Wallace, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Sandy Clark, 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:** Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope.



**Pastor's Note: Returning to our merciful God....**Last Sunday we reflected on the need to free ourselves of everything that prevents us from following Jesus. Freedom from everything that can lead us astray is important in becoming true followers of Jesus. God did not create us to be machines, or as puppets in his hands. We have the freedom and that means we have the ability to choose. This freedom can be also a tricky situation we find ourselves in. Even as we are gifted with the Holy Spirit to choose what is right, very often we find ourselves following our selfish desires and interests. It is in moments of such failures that we experience the goodness of a merciful God. This week we are invited to revel in the goodness of our merciful Lord. All the readings focus on our non-judgmental, ever-forgiving God. The first reading, from the book of Exodus, presents the failure of the people of Israel to walk the path shown by God. In spite of their wrongdoing, God is willing to forgive them and chooses not to punish them. St. Paul talks about his experience of the forgiving love of God, in his letter to Timothy. He narrates his story of transformation brought about by the merciful love of God. The Responsorial Psalm is a reminder of the goodness of God, which prompts us to return to God, even after we have strayed away from his presence. Jesus presents the attitude of God to people who are branded sinners by other people. Unlike the Pharisees and Sadducees, who avoid coming in contact with such people because they deem them to be beyond salvation, Jesus not only welcomes them, but even shares a meal with them. Jesus, who has an intimate and personal experience of his Father, then explains the attitude of God towards sinners. Jesus gives three parables to demonstrate the merciful nature of God. God is not someone who writes off the ones who go astray, but is someone who goes after the strayed and then rejoices in reuniting with the lost. The attitude with which God approaches the strayed and the lost is not one of outright condemnation, but one of sheer mercy and compassion. He makes everyone feel welcomed and focusses on their ability to be better people. This transformation is made possible because of their experience of the merciful love of God. Our God is merciful, and we are called to experience it and to share it.

### Ladies of St. Joseph

The Ladies of St. Joseph will meet Thursday, September 15 at 5 p.m. in the Religious Education Building.: enter via the door on Lantana Street. Please join us! All are welcome.!

### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	9/10	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins
Sun.	9/11	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Kim Locus
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Barbara Smith
Sat.	9/17	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	9/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	John Locus/Ken Chesshir

**Men of St. Joseph:** All the men of St. Joseph parish are invited to a "Dutch treat" lunch at 12:30 pm, Monday, September 12th at Kody's restaurant. It is a great opportunity to get to know the folks in your parish community, whether you are a full time, part-time or a weekend resident.

**NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be open 3 days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, beginning September 13. In case of emergency, please contact Father George at our emergency # (361)416-0148.

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic University of America.

### Collection for September 4, 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 4,167.30
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,090.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,245.00
Building Fund	<u>\$ 1,557.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,059.30

**HAVE A LAUGH** A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God", he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?" God said, "In a minute."

### Welcome to Online Giving

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