

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/17	5:00 pm	† Shirley Kennedy By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	9/18	9:00 am	† Elvira Yanez (birthday memorial) By: Rosie & Elvia † Pilar Flores By: Scott & Merci McCoy
		11:00 am	† Janie Marty By: Dorothy Kissling † Gregory J. Grounds By: Leticia, Jessica and Christopher Grounds
Mon.	9/19	8:30 am	For: Henry & Dorothy Casillas (60th anniversary blessings) By: Family
Tues.	9/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/21	8:30 am	For: Ana Obregon (birthday blessings) By: Louis & Sandra Hickl
Thurs.	9/22	8:30 am	For: Foust Family Special Intention By: Foust Family
Fri.	9/23	8:30 am	† Edwin B. Crim, Jr. By: Betty Ruth Jones † Vicente Miscala By: Scott & Merci McCoy
Sat.	9/24	5:00 pm	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	9/25	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	† Janie Marty By: Wayne Marty † Gregory J. Grounds By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds

Did you know about the Saints: On September 18, we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph of Cupertino (1603-1663). Joseph always lived an austere life and long wanted to become a Franciscan. However, the Conventional Franciscans refused him due to his poor studies and the Capuchins dismissed him because he could not fulfill his work duties. After additional work and study, he was eventually received as a lay-Brother and over time allowed to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1628. During prayer when Joseph became ecstatic with heavenly joy, he would levitate. This gift resulted in much attention, but Joseph was steadfast and remained humble, patient, and obedient. In fact, he wore chains and fasted for much of his life. Many miracles are attributed to Joseph. The investigation of Joseph's canonization documented 70 confirmed instances of levitation.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Registration for Religious Education began **September 14 and is still ongoing.** 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.

The second collection this weekend is for the Disaster Relief Collection.

Pope Francis says:

One cannot profess genuine fidelity to the Creator without showing love for his creatures.



Pastor's Note: Wisdom in using our resources....

Jesus always talked about his mission as one of serving others. For Jesus, any authority given has to be seen as an opportunity to serve others. Jesus showed this judicious use of his life and its resources, in serving others and going as far as sacrificing his own life for others. Jesus warned his followers that it was always going to be difficult to be a true follower of Jesus. Today, we have a difficult Gospel passage to reflect on. It can be quite confusing when we read the passage when Jesus commends someone who was literally dishonest in his life. Like many other of the paradoxical sayings of Jesus, those words can be fully grasped only when we see them in the right context. This week, we are called to reflect on the proper use of the many resources God gifts us. This proper use of wealth has to be seen in relation to other people. Wisdom to discern the actions we undertake is always a gift that is given to us, along with the material goods that are given for our possession. Jesus had asked us to be free of all the possessions that come in the way of following him. Today, Jesus tells us, quite bluntly, that we cannot serve both God and the money of the world. What is of prime importance to us will definitely have a bearing on the way we live our lives. If we consider God as the most important thing in our lives, then we will be focusing on the values of God's Kingdom and be guided by them in our every act. However, if, on the other hand, wealth becomes the most important thing in our lives, then we tend to compromise on the values of the Kingdom and will begin to use others for the amassment of wealth. This danger is clearly portrayed in the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos, where he denounces the rich who trample on the needy for their selfish gains. As the Psalm reminds us, our God is someone who lifts up the poor, and the second reading urges us to pray for those in authority, so that their actions will reflect the goodness of the Lord. We are called to be trustworthy in everything. If we are trustworthy in the use of wealth, which we do not carry with us when we leave this world, we will also be trustworthy in our spiritual wealth which we will carry with us on our way to heaven. It is important to be wise in using our resources and be guided by the Spirit of God, for a life of fullness.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	9/17	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	9/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	John Locus/Ken Chesshir
Sat.	9/24	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	9/25	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus

Quo Vadis Council Summer Raffle 2022 Results

The drawing for the Summer Raffle was held on September 4, and winning tickets for the Seven Raffle Packages were drawn. The happy winners are :

Stay in Port A: Pat & Carol Tondre (Castroville)
Guided Bay Fishing for 2: Nathaniel Harris (Arlington)
Bay Fishing Trip for 6: Jon Stefka (Victoria)
La Palmilla Gift Card: George Snell (San Antonio)
Family Fun in Port A: Doak Pierce (San Antonio)
Family Fun in Corpus Christi: Gary Valenta (Cuero)
History in Port A: Irma Esquivel (Three Rivers)

Thanks to the many participants in the Summer 2022 Raffle. It was a great success, and the results are a great credit to the generosity of all who contributed!

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.

Collection for September 11, 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 2,223.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,220.00
The Catholic University of America	\$ 571.00
Online Giving	\$ 495.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 4,759.00

HAVE A LAUGH: A guy named Joe finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help.

He begins to pray... "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Joe again prays... "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well".

Lotto night comes and Joe still has no luck.

Once again, he prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Joe is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

"Joe, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket."

Welcome to Online Giving

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<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>