

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/3	5:00 pm	For: Larry Conces (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	9/4	9:00 am	For: Our Teachers & Students (blessings) By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	† Janie Marty By: Dorothy Kissling † Carol & Bill Cline By: Joshua Rombs
Mon.	9/5	8:30 am	† Nathan Thomas By: Debbie & Bob Wallace
Tues.	9/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/7	8:30 am	† Charles Pacola By: Wayne & Ginny Ryback
Thurs.	9/8	8:30 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	9/9	8:30 am	† Nathan Thomas By: Debbie & Bob Wallace
Sat.	9/10	5:00 pm	For: Lily Kathryn Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces † Gregory J. Grounds By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds
Sun.	9/11	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 am	For: Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez † Gregory Grounds By: Leticia, Jessica & Christopher Grounds

Did you know about the Saints: September 9 is the feast day of Saint Peter Claver, a Jesuit missionary known as the patron saint of slaves, African missions and interracial justice. St. Claver spent his life serving enslaved Africans who were brought to Colombia during the 17th century.

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PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

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: Today, more than ever, we need a non-worldly liturgy, one that makes us raise our eyes toward Heaven to experience that the world and life are inhabited by the Mystery of Christ; and at the same time, a liturgy that is not distanced from life.



Pastor's Note: Choosing to live wisely....
 It is important to know what we hold as most important in our lives. Last Sunday, we reflected on the humility of Jesus which enabled him to have the courage to renounce everything to be at the service of People. For Jesus, the most important thing in life was his commitment to God and his willingness to carry out the mission entrusted to him by his Father. He was not led by his desire to be held in high esteem, nor his attachment to things. The sole motivating factor for Jesus was his attachment to God, and not things. The Spirit of God enabled him in choosing to do the right thing. This Sunday, Jesus is inviting us to be free, free of all attachments. Nothing should ever hold us back from following Jesus and doing the will of God. Material wealth is something we all require for our daily living. It is important to have things to help us live a comfortable life. That being the case, it is quite ironic that Jesus is asking us to leave behind everything that is important to us. Jesus, who always preached about love and the willingness to establish relationships with others, would not be asking us to hate our parents and the rest of the family. To understand the invitation to renounce the family comes from the last sentence from this weekend's Gospel passage. Possession is the key word here. We can have wealth by being not overly obsessed with it. When we are obsessed with wealth, we are indeed becoming possessed by our possessions. We have to be free of any compulsion from the outside, to do what is not right. Anything that prevents us from doing what is right or comes in the way of our treating everyone with respect and love, is indeed a possession we need to renounce. What helps us in doing that is the power of the Holy Spirit. When we truly belong to Jesus, we learn to do the right thing and will always be able to respect and honor others. Nobody will have an undue influence on us. What God wants of us, is that we live with awareness about our human dignity and look at others with respect and treat them with dignity. When we rid ourselves of everything that possesses us, we will be free to live and to love.

HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE LABOR DAY!!

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	9/3	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	9/4	9 am	Marvin Murray/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	9/10	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins
Sun.	9/11	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/_____
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Barbara Smith

The Knights of Columbus are holding a summer raffle with over \$4,500 worth of prizes. The drawing will be Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend). Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Please support the raffle as the money supports our parish, college scholarships, and local charities.

- Package #1 "Stay in Port A"
- Package #2 Guided Bay Fishing Package
- Package #3 Bay Fishing Package Island Queen
- Package #4 Family Fun Port Aransas
- Package #5—Family Fun Corpus Christi
- Package #6 Golf/Dining La Palmilla
- Package #7 History of Port Aransas

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will only be open 2 days a week, Tuesday & Thursday, beginning August 8, until further notice. In case of emergency, please contact Father George at our emergency # (361)416-0148.

The second collection this weekend is for
the Building Fund.

Collection for August 28, 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 2,339.73
Envelope Collection	\$ 640.00
Online Giving	\$ 915.00
Religious Education	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 4,014.73

HAVE A LAUGH: A young boy called the pastor of a local "corner" church to ask the pastor to come by to pray for his mother who had been very ill with the flu.

The pastor knew the family and was aware they had been attending another church down the road. So the pastor asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Brother Simon down the road to come by to pray with your mom?"

The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever this is that Mom has."