

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 5, 2023**

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/4	5:00 p.m.	†Irene Pastrano By: Garza Family
Sun.	2/5	9:00 a.m.	†Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
		11:00 a.m.	In <b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
Mon.	2/6	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	2/7	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/8	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	2/9	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Anna Everett</b> (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	2/10	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Sister Maureen Abbott</b> By: Patti Biro
Sat.	2/11	5:00 p.m.	† <b>Joan Whitty</b> By: Dr. Albert Whitty
Sun.	2/12	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>Leighton Works</b> (birthday blessings) By: The Hyland Family

**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. If you would like to be included in this distribution (or would like to be removed), please email Bob Conces @ [conces@suddenlink.net](mailto:conces@suddenlink.net).

**Welcome to Online Giving** To  
 Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

## Ladies of St Joseph

Please join us for our monthly meeting, **Thursday, February 9th, at 5:30 PM.** We will meet in the education building; enter via the door on Lantana Street.

**Did you know about the Saints:** On February 5, we celebrate the feast of Saint Agatha (230 – 251). Agatha was arrested for being a Christian during the reign of Emperor Decius. She was forced into a house of prostitution as punishment where the Lord protected her from being violated just as he protected Saint Agnes. Soon after, Agatha was put to death. Agatha is one of the seven woman martyr Saints mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer 1. The others are Perpetua, Felicity, Lucy, Cecilia, Agnes, and Anastasia. The early church recognized the importance of these great Saints and ensured their prominence by including them in the Roman Canon.

We are entering into the fourth week of our **Baby Bottle Boomerang** campaign in support of the Corpus Christi Hope House. If you haven't picked up a baby bottle, we encourage you to pick one up and fill it with loose change, currency or a check (**payable to Corpus Christi Hope House**). All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. This campaign ends the weekend of February 18/19, but you can turn in your bottle after any of the Masses to one of the ladies of St Joseph or drop off at the parish office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Sam Workman, Debbie Wallace, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Douglas Bean, Travis Waddell, Patti Hyland, Cheryl Hole, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Rocco Logiodice, Jim Koenig, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Deodato Ruiz, Jr., Dave Clough, Raphael Del Moral, 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:** Christ wants to anoint us with his forgiveness, to give us peace and the courage to forgive others in turn, the courage to grant others a great amnesty of the heart. May today be a time of grace for you to accept and experience Jesus' forgiveness!



**Pastor's Note: Called to spread the light....** Jesus continues his teaching Mission, and we hear from the Sermon on the Mount again this week. Last week we reflected on the attitudes with which we should operate here in this world. Humility was hailed as the characteristic mark of a disciple of Jesus. By trusting in God for all the blessings we have received, we will also acquire the ability to overcome the challenges that we face in life. This week the focus is on living lives that are worthy of the Lord. Jesus was presented as the light of the world, and today the invitation is to reflect that light of Christ in our lives. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah is an exhortation to do what is right. This call to do what is right is presented as a way of healing the afflictions that one goes through. Significantly, this call to do what is right is concerning interpersonal relationships. It is a call to be like the Lord, to be compassionate, merciful and generous towards the needy. If we do that, then the Lord will answer our prayers when we call upon him. When we care for the needy and the oppressed, God's light will shine in our lives, dispelling all the darkness. The Responsorial Psalm reiterates the fact that the just person, who does what is right, is, in fact, a light in darkness. Such a person will always be gracious to the poor and needy, and his actions will bring light into his own life. In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we hear Paul talking about his mission to the people. He reminds them that he preached to them Jesus crucified, and that, he did this by living a life worthy of God. He reminds them that, more than words, the lives have to be the one that proclaims Christ. It is a call to be committed to the ways of the Lord. The Gospel passage is a continuation from where we left off last Sunday. Jesus reminds his followers that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt and light were two important aspects of life, on which everyone depended. It is important to let the light shine and to preserve the goodness of our lives. By seeing our good works, others will experience the presence of light and will glorify God. What we do with our lives have to truly reflect the goodness of God and then, through our life's actions, others will experience God's presence. Discipleship is about reflecting the light of Christ in our lives, by doing good deeds.



**Dear Volunteers of St Joseph Parish,**  
 We appreciate all you do for our parish and our Diocese. For all who seek to serve as a volunteer, there is a two step process of completing a Volunteer Application to conduct a criminal background check, and attending a Safe Environment training course in person or online. A class will be offered here at St. Joseph **Feb 5th** after the 11 a.m. Mass in the education building. You can also find the Volunteer Application, a schedule of live training classes scheduled throughout the Diocese, and the link to complete on-line Safe Environment Training at: <https://diocesecc.org/training>

## Bible Study

Are you looking for a Bible study? Join us in our study of the Sunday Gospel. We will meet Thursday mornings at 9 AM (following morning Mass) in the Education building. Enter via Lantana Street. The format is known as Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) and consists of 4 parts: reading, meditating, prayer, and contemplation. Coffee and snacks will be available. If you have any questions, contact Liz or Bob Conces at [jmjconces@gmail.com](mailto:jmjconces@gmail.com)

## LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	2/4	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins & Liz Conces
Sun.	2/5	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza & Marvin Murray
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews & Barbara Smith
Sat.	2/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nick & Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	2/12	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray & Roger Schill
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith & Ken Chesshir

**Citywide Garage Sale February 11, 2023**  
 Mark your calendar for the Citywide Garage Sale here at St. Joseph. All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. If you have something you would like to donate, you can bring it to the church parish hall **Tuesdays & Saturdays** between 1:00 & 3:30. All clothing must be clean & hung on a hanger, if appropriate. Please contact Leticia Grounds if you need additional information at [lmcgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:lmcgrounds@gmail.com)

The second collection this week-end is for the Building Fund.

## Collection for January 29, 2023

Loose Collection	\$ 2,691.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 752.00
Online Giving	\$ 1025.00
Total	\$ 4,468.00

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** Patient: "Doctor, you have to help me, I think I can see in the future."  
 Doctor: "When did it start?"  
 Patient: "Next Friday."