

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/31	5:00 pm	†Bernice Rutkowski By: Laurie Hall
Sun.	1/1	9:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	1/2	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/3	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/4	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/5	8:30 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	1/6	8:30 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	1/7	5:00 pm	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	1/8	9:00 am	†Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
		11:00 am	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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.

Welcome to Online Giving

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

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 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.

Did you know about the Saints: January 6th is the feast of the Epiphany. On this day we also celebrate the feast of Saint Andre Bessette (1845 – 1937). At the age of 25, Andre was accepted into the Congregation of the Holy Cross and was given the humble job of being the doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal. Andre was devoted to Saint Joseph and was called to build a chapel dedicated to him. Andre collected donations for years and slowly started to build a small structure. Many pilgrims came and some of the sick were healed through prayer and the intercession of Saint Joseph. Eventually this small chapel grew into the Oratory of Saint Joseph on Mount Royal (saint-joseph.org). More than two million people visit the Basilica each year. At Andre's canonization, Pope Benedict the XVI stated that Brother Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure heart."

Please Pray For the Sick: Melanie Beauston, Bob Brown, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, 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, Dave Clough, Raphael Del Moral, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased: Rita Hennessey (Barbara Smith's mother)
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: God loves us so much that He shares our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us alone either in joy or in sorrow because He is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

Elizabeth grew up in the upper class of New York society. She was a prolific reader, and read everything from the Bible to contemporary novels. In spite of her high society background, Elizabeth's early life was quiet, simple, and often lonely. As she grew a little older, the Bible was to become her continual instruction, support and comfort—and she would continue to love the Scriptures for the rest of her life.

In 1794, Elizabeth married the wealthy young William Seton, with whom she was deeply in love. The first years of their marriage were happy and prosperous.

This time of Elizabeth's life was to be a brief moment of earthly happiness before the many deaths and partings she was to suffer. Within four years, William's father died, leaving the young couple in charge of William's seven half brothers and sisters, as well as the family's importing business.

Events moved quickly from there with devastating effect. Both William's business and health failed. He was finally forced to file a petition of bankruptcy and in a final attempt to save William's health, the Setons sailed for Italy, where William had business friends.

Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis while in Italy.

In Italy, Elizabeth captivated everyone by her kindness, patience, good sense, wit, and courtesy. Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and, over a period of months, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction.

Having lost her mother at an early age, Elizabeth felt great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin was truly her mother. She asked the Blessed Virgin to guide her to the True Faith and officially joined the Catholic Church in 1805.

At the suggestion of the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Maryland, Elizabeth started a school in that city. Seton and two other young women who helped her in her work, began plans for a Sisterhood. They established the first free Catholic school in America.

On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, binding for one year. From that time she was called Mother Seton.

Today, six groups of sisters can trace their origins to Mother Seton's initial foundation.

Mother Seton died January 4, 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic.

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from December 26 to January 20. Let us keep him in our prayers.



Envelope Sign-Up Sheet

If you have not been using envelopes & would like to start, there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/31	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	1/1	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Ken Chesshir
Sat.	1/7	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	1/8	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus

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

Collection for December 25 2022

Loose Collection	\$ 2,080.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 910.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 672.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,835.00
Total	\$ 7,497.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Church Signs

- 1) Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- 2) Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
- 3) Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- 4) When the restaurant next to the Church put out a big sign that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
- 5) Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons -- come hear one!
- 6) Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!