

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2023

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/28	5:00 p.m.	†Luis & Maria Talamante By: Family
Sun.	1/29	9:00 a.m.	For: The Ahrs & MBC Partners By: Martha Wild
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	1/30	8:30 a.m.	For: Beatriz Popma (birthday blessings) By: Louis & Sandra Hickl
Tues.	1/31	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/1	8:30 a.m.	For: Pat & Carol Darling (59th anniversary) By: Pat & Carol Darling
			For: Salik Family By: Georgia Salik Family
Thurs.	2/2	8:30 a.m.	For: Mandy Byrd (birthday blessings) By: Louis & Sandra Hickl
Fri.	2/3	8:30 a.m.	For: Justin Flores (birthday blessings) By: Scott & Merci McCoy
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 Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez

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.

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.

Welcome to Online Giving

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

Family Trivia Night

Please join us for Family Trivia Night on **January 28** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Knights of Columbus Quo Vadis Council. All proceeds will go to Corpus Christi Hope House, a local charity that provides shelter and assistance for mothers and their children. Admission is your donation to Hope House, and the grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Miss K Bistro & Catering. The Ladies of St. Joseph will serve coffee and dessert. The event will be held in the Religious Education Building. Please enter via the Lantana Street entrance.

Did you know about the Saints: On January 28, we celebrate the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274). Even though Thomas is honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor, his fellow university students called him a “dumb ox”. Thomas’ contributions to the Church included many great writings which focus on faith and reason. The most famous of these is entitled Summa Theologiae which he left unfinished before he died. When questioned about his decision to stop writing, Thomas said “I cannot go on ... all that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” Thomas is buried at the convent of the Jacobins in Toulouse, France. Aquinas 101, a free video course regarding the teaching of Saint Thomas, can be accessed at aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org.

Please Pray for the Sick: 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: What is the shortest way to encounter Jesus? Make yourself needy. Recognize your need for grace, your need for forgiveness, your need for joy. And Jesus will draw near to you.



Humility rewarded by God.... We see Jesus continuing on his Mission and inviting people to join him with a total change in attitude, towards people and a way of life. Last Sunday we saw Jesus beginning his ministry by settling down in a region which was then considered forsaken. He lifts their morale by inviting them to join his ministry and chooses simple fishermen to continue his work. What we see and hear today, in the readings, is this continued emphasis of Jesus on humility as a way of life. What Jesus proposes is a radical departure from the common understanding about greatness. All the readings talk about God uplifting the poor and the despised and rewarding them with blessing. Since Matthew presents the Gospel to the Jewish Christians, he presents Jesus as the new Moses. Moses, for the Jewish people, is the one who brought them the Law, after encountering God on the mountain. The Law of Moses was the guiding principle that impacted the lives of the Jewish people. The Gospel passage is from what is commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus goes up the mountain and, like Moses, gives the people a renewed set of rules. The disciples of Jesus are to live by this new set of rules and have to believe in a new way of God acting in the world. Jesus begins by upholding the poor and the people who are suffering. He proposes blessings on those sections of the society who are otherwise looked down upon. It is this uplifting of the simple and humble that we see in all the other readings for today. Through the Prophet Zephaniah, God proposes blessings on the humble and lowly. They will put their trust in God, and God will come to their aid. The Responsorial Psalm reiterates the fact that God will not abandon the oppressed and the neglected, and will always uphold their dignity and come to their aid. St. Paul reiterates the fact that Jesus chose not the wise and powerful, but chose the lowly to continue his mission. We are reminded that when we trust in God, and remain humble in our way of being, he will always come to our aid and impart his blessings upon us.

The Ladies of St Joseph invite you to participate in our **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (**payable to Corpus Christi Hope House**) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.



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

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/28	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	1/29	9 am	Andy Peterrek/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Ken Chesshir
Sat.	2/4	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	2/5	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews

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

Collection for January 22, 2023

Loose Collection	\$ 2,100.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 662.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00
Online Giving	\$ 435.00
Total	\$ 3,447.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . "Whenever I'm about to do something, I think, 'Would an idiot do that?' And if they would, I do not do that thing."
 —Dwight Schrute, *The Office*