

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

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, 2023**

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/11	5:00 p.m.	†Frank Addorisio By: Taylor Family
Sun.	3/12	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By: Liz & Bob Conces †Douglas Bean By: Barbara & Ken Chesshir
Mon.	3/13	8:30 a.m.	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	3/14	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/15	8:30 a.m.	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	3/16	8:30 a.m.	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	3/17	8:30 a.m.	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	3/18	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>A Safe Spring Break</b> By: MaryAnn Hajek
Sun.	3/19	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>Flores &amp; McCoy Families</b> By: Scott & Merci McCoy
		11:00 a.m.	†Janie Marty †Ritchie Marty By: Wayne Marty †Tony Vablon By: Friends

**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 [jmjonces@gmail.com](mailto:jmjonces@gmail.com)

Additional office phone #: If you want to reach the Parish Office, you may also use (361)727-5725.

## Welcome to Online Giving

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

## WEAKNESS IN THE WILDERNESS

Lenten Mission offered by Fr. Carlos de la Rosa

St. Joseph Church, Port Aransas

March 29-30 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Do you find yourself weak and stumbling during Lent?

Do you want to reap the fruits of Lent in a new way?

Come and join us as we explore the power of weakness in our spiritual lives and how God can use it to change our hearts and transform our lives.

**Did you know about the Saints:** On March 13th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Leander of Seville (534 - 601) who was part of a very strong Catholic family of the early church. His sister, Florentina, was an abbess and Leander along with his two brothers, Isidore and Fulgentius, were all bishops. All four siblings are canonized Saints. Leander spent much of his bishopric fighting heresies such as Arianism. In fact, it was Leander who introduced reciting the Nicene Creed at Mass as it was a way for all to reaffirm their Catholic Faith. Leander is honored as a Doctor of the Church in Spain.

**All the men of St. Joseph Parish:** Spring Break for most schools will be from March 13-17. Because some of the men of the parish will either be entertaining family or out of town, the monthly luncheon will be moved to Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Details of the venue will be available in the bulletin next week. As a reminder, all men of St. Joseph, whether full-time, part-time, or sometime are invited.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Elizabeth Winkelmann, Helen Skrovan, Bobbie Kloc, Brian & Robin Hempstead, Debbie Wallace, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, 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:** In this Season of [#Lent](#), let us exercise interior clarity, placing ourselves before the [#WordOfGod](#) in [#prayer](#), so that an advantageous struggle against the evil that enslaves us, a struggle for freedom, may take place within us.



## Pastor's Note: Call to drink of God's

**love....**As we continue to journey to faithfulness, on this third Sunday of Lent, we look at the love and faith that has been poured into our hearts by Jesus. Faith in Jesus is presented as a gift that will lead us to fullness of life, and this gift is presented as something given completely freely. Last week, during the experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus, we were told to listen to Jesus. What we see today is the transformation that can happen to us when we, indeed, listen to Jesus. We learn to love ourselves as the beloved children of God. And this experience of love removes from us every longing that leads us astray. The first reading is from the Books of Exodus, which narrates the freeing of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The passage that we read today describes the experience of the people as they journey towards the Promised Land. Since it was taking a long time for the people to actually enter the Promised Land, they begin to doubt God's love for them. That they are thirsting for his love, is expressed in their thirst for water. God provides them water from the rock and quenches their thirst for the love of God. The second reading focuses on the love of God that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This, St. Paul reminds us, was the result of the great sacrifice of Jesus as an expression of his love for us. This love that has been poured into our hearts makes us listen to the Holy Spirit and find our way back to God once again. The Responsorial Psalm urges us to listen to the voice of God and not to harden our hearts. In the Gospel we see Jesus transforming, through his encounter, the life of a woman who was unable to see the divine love that was there in Jesus. She was feeling inadequate and was compensating this inadequacy with people and yet remained unhappy. Her coming to the well to draw water was, in fact, a journey to encounter the love of God, in and through the person of Jesus, who quenches her thirst for love and transforms her to be an instrument of evangelization to the people in her life. When we feel that there is a lack of love in our lives and we do things that further alienates us from God, we only have to come to Jesus and drink of his love, and it will not only make us joyous, but also bearers of joy to others.



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays after Mass during Lent.

## LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	3/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	3/12	9 am	Andy Peterek/Marvin Murray, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	3/18	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	3/19	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek,
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

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## 40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY 22-APRIL 9

Benefitting the local and rural food pantries of Catholic Charities and Mother Teresa Shelter  
 Donations Accepted: canned goods, dry goods, no-perishables, monetary donations

For more information: go to [www.catholiccharities-cc.org](http://www.catholiccharities-cc.org)

## Growing in Grace

Bishop Michael Mulvey invites you to journey with him on a special retreat this Lent!  
 Growing in Grace: Lenten Reflections with Bishop Mulvey is a six-week video and podcast series. For more information, go to [www.diocesecc.org/Lent](http://www.diocesecc.org/Lent)

## Collection for March 5, 2023

Loose Collection	\$ 2,990.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,330.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,224.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,685.00
Total	\$ 10,229.00

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** What do rabbits say before they eat?

"Lettuce pray."