

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

Mass Intentions

Sat.	3/25	5:00 p.m.	† Charles McCoy By: Scott & Merci McCoy † Jimmi Beauston By: The Hylands For: John Johnson (healing) By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Sun.	3/26	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia † Kenny & Alice Little By: Bob & Sandie Little For: John Flores (birthday blessings) By: Scott & Merci McCoy
Mon.	3/27	8:30 a.m.	For: Jeremy Flores (birthday blessings) By: Scott & Merci McCoy
Tues.	3/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/29	8:30 a.m.	† Elizabeth Zych By: James Zych Family For: Helen Skrovan (healing) By: The Ladies of St. Joseph
Thurs.	3/30	8:30 a.m.	† Virgil Kennedy By: Liz & Bob Conces For: Amparo Gomez Delgado (birthday blessings) By: Family
Fri.	3/31	8:30 a.m.	
Sat.	4/1	5:00 p.m.	For: Sister Lou Ella Hickman (birthday blessings) By: Louis & Sandra Hickl
Sun.	4/2	9:00 a.m.	† Janie Marty † Ritchie Marty By: Wayne Marty † Lucy Reyes By: Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 a.m.	

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	3/25	5 pm	Heather Collins/Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	3/26	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Laura Peterek, Marvin Murray, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus, Ken Chesshir, Barbara Smith
Sat.	4/1	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	4/2	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski (Feast Day Oct. 5th) was born in Poland in 1905. At the age of 19, Faustina had her first vision of Jesus which confirmed her desire to enter religious life and led to her joining the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In 1931 she was visited by Jesus and was instructed to "paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in you." With some help, Faustina followed this instruction. Her confessor, Blessed Father Michael Sopocko encouraged her to record all her interactions with Jesus in a diary. Faustina's Diary was published and is entitled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Faustina died in 1938 and her body rests at the Basilica of Divine Mercy in Krakow. The Divine Mercy Novena is nine days of prayer which starts on Good Friday and concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday. To learn more about this upcoming Novena you can go to www.thedivinemercy.org.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Graduating seniors and college students are eligible to apply for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Applicants must be a child or a grandchild of a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Aransas. Previous recipients of a scholarship must resubmit a new application to be eligible for the grant. The deadline for submitting applications is May 15, 2023. The Council will review applications and will fund as many qualified applicants as feasible. Applicants will be notified by mail of the results and individuals receiving the scholarship(s) will be announced at all masses prior to June 30, 2023.

Please Pray For the Sick: Diane Bean, 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: Chosen and loved by God, we are called to live "as is fitting among the saints" (Eph 5:3), to clothe ourselves with sentiments of goodness, humility, magnanimity, bearing the fruits of the Spirit.



Pastor's Note: An assured life after death...

Our journey to faithfulness is going to culminate in our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, on Easter Sunday. Resurrection was the reward and vindication Jesus received from the Father for his commitment to the Mission entrusted to Jesus. Today we reflect on the reward that awaits us, when we live lives of commitment to God. The same way Jesus was brought back to life, we, who are in him, will also be brought back to life. All the readings today talk about this victory of life over death, brought about by the intervention of God. The first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, describes the promise of God to bring his people back to life, by opening their graves. Death was always seen as a reality that all of us have to face, which will result in the end of our lives. However, this promise of God to put his spirit in his people, to make them live again, was a novel idea, which gets fulfilled in and through the person of Jesus. The Responsorial Psalm underlines this redemptive act of God, when it says, "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption". It ends by stating that the Lord will redeem Israel from their iniquities. It is this redemptive act of God in and through the person of Jesus that we read in the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul explains that by belonging to Jesus, by virtue of our Baptism, we receive the Spirit of Christ. This Spirit that is dwelling in us will give us life, even if the body is dead, if only we live in faithfulness to God through a righteous way of living. What we see in the Gospel passage is the narration of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life, after he had been dead for four days. What serves as a catalyst for this extraordinary intervention of Jesus is the faith of the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. By putting their faith in Jesus, who was perceived to be the 'Messiah, one who was coming into the world', the sisters urge Jesus to do what he was capable of doing. What the bystanders could not see was seen by the sister, because of their faith in Jesus. Jesus, on his part, reveals the power of God that is at work in him and brought Lazarus back to life, to the utter amazement of everyone watching. Our journey to faithfulness is a reminder that we are also going to be recipients of this new life when we put our faith in Jesus.



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

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.

Holy Week Schedule

3/30	Thurs.	6 pm	Lenten Confessions
4/6	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/7	Fri.	3 pm	Good Friday Service
4/8	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
4/9	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc.

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

The Ladies of St. Joseph would like to thank everyone who participated in our garage sale and in our **Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign**. We raised \$3,700 at the city-wide garage sale for the Building Fund and over \$8,500 in the Baby Bottle Campaign for Corpus Christi Hope House.

Collection for March 19, 2023

Loose Collection	\$ 2,093.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,160.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$ 822.53
Building Fund	\$ 220.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 4,740.53

HAVE A LAUGH . . . In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

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

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

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