

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	4/20	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	4/21	9:00 a.m.	† Madeline White By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	4/22	NO MASS	
Tues.	4/23	NO MASS	
Wed.	4/24	NO MASS	
Thurs.	4/25	8:30 a.m.	For: Bernadette Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	4/26	8:30 a.m.	† Majella McBride By: Barbara Lamson
Sat.	4/27	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	4/28	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Father George is away

Father George is away on vacation travelling to India. Please keep him in your prayers.

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	4/20	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Heather Collins, Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	4/21	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	4/27	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	4/28	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On April 25, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Mark the Evangelist**. Saint Mark was a disciple of Saint Peter and a cousin of Saint Barnabas. His family home is believed to be the site of the Last Supper and the location where the apostles gathered after the Resurrection. After the death of Peter and Paul, he wrote the oldest and shortest Gospel. Mark was very close to Peter who would have been his primary source of information about Jesus' life. Peter even referred to Mark as "my son." Mark was also the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt and is usually depicted with a winged lion. The winged lion symbolizes Christ's royalty and resurrection. His relics are located in the Basilica in Venice, Italy which has a winged lion holding a bible as the city's symbol.

Please Pray For the Sick: Amy Delzotto, Michelle Wilkerson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Rosie Aguirre, Josh Gueldner, Diane Bean, Helen Skrovan, Brian & Robin Hempstead, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Patti Hyland, George Snell, Elvia Tamayo, Shirley Culp, Jim Koenig, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, 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: May we learn to cultivate the virtue of temperance. By controlling our words and actions we can avoid useless conflicts and promote Peace in our society.



ST. MARK A.D. 12-68

Everybody has a gap to close.

At church on Sunday after the Gospel has been read, it is a fruitful exercise to ask yourself: "If I just lived this one Gospel reading 100 percent, how much would my life change?" The answer will probably be the same every Sunday: radically. Our lives would change radically if we just lived one parable or teaching from any of the four Gospels 100 percent.

What that tells us is that there is a gap between our lives and the life Jesus invites us to live in the Gospel.

Saint Mark knew this when he was writing the Gospel, and went to great lengths to show it. He even portrayed himself running away naked when Jesus was arrested. That's a striking image of the gap that exists between all of us and the life Jesus calls us to live by his own example.

We do not know a lot about Mark apart from the New Testament. We do know that he was very close with Saint Peter, who was likely one of the strongest influences on the Gospel of Mark. We also believe that Mark's Gospel was the first of the four to be written. There is also the scuffle Mark had with Saint Paul, though the two were later reconciled and became close friends again.

But Saint Mark's greatest gift to the Church is his Gospel. As the first Gospel to be written, it was the first written testimony to show all of us the gap that exists between ourselves and the life Jesus is calling us to.

The first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of Mark are "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Jesus wants us to close the gap between our lives and him. He wants us to grow closer to him so we can live the life he calls us to.

So how do we grow closer to Jesus? Jesus points us to the answer: *believe in the Gospel*.

One way that even the busiest person can grow closer to Jesus is to read the four Gospels, over and over again, for fifteen minutes each day.

If this feels overwhelming, try starting with the Gospel of Mark, the shortest of all the four Gospels. Keep reading until it becomes a habit you look forward to each day.

Our lives change when our habits change. God uses new habits to transform us. This habit will have a beautiful and radical impact on your life if you allow the word of God to sink its roots deep into your life.

So, begin now. This is a fresh start. Be bold. Embrace it with the enthusiasm of a child. Resist any temptation to put it off.

Close the gap.

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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, 2024. 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, 2024. Requests for applications can be made by contacting Bob Conces at conces@suddenlink.net. Submissions can be sent to Knights of Columbus, P. O. Box 364, Port Aransas, TX 78373.

The second collection this week-end is for Retired and Infirm Priest's Collection.

Collection for April 14, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,070.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 780.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$ 450.00
Total	\$ 3,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: Thanks for Sending a Professional—Most unlikely person

As I was gathering my sermon, I couldn't help thinking about a story of a little girl who was home alone and ill. She called her mother at work and told her, "Momma, I need you and I need you really bad." This mother asked to get off work and frantically rushed down to the corner drug store to bring home some medicine. She notices it was beginning to rain, but she thought she would just "run in and out" to get the medicine for her sick little girl. When she came back to her car, she noticed something quite different. You guessed it...she had locked her keys in the car. She ran inside to get help from the employees but none of them seemed to know what to do and finally gave her a clothes hanger and said, "good luck!"

She ran back to her car, frantically trying to get the door open. The more she tried, the harder it rained and suddenly, it came down what we call, "an old fashion gully-washer". Out of desperation, she cried out "Lord, I need your help and I need you right now!" Suddenly, an old pickup pulled right next to her. She looked up and saw this man approaching her. He was dirty, had a dew rag on top of his head with scars and tattoos all over his body, one in which you wouldn't want to come across, especially alone. Without thinking she embraced this man and said, "Sir, could you possibly help me. My daughter is sick at home, and I have to get this medicine to her as soon as possible and I have locked my keys in the car."

Within a minute or two, this man successfully unlocked her car. Out of joy, she grabbed this man, giving him a huge hug, and said, "you're such a nice man." The man pushed her away and said, "no, ma'am, I am not! You see, I have just escaped from prison and I steal cars for a living!" Without any hesitation, this woman looked up toward heaven and said, "Thanks, God, for sending a professional!!!"