

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	4/6	5:00 p.m.	† Kenneth Mosher, Sr. By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Sun.	4/7	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Minchew By: Laura & Andy Peterek
		11:00 a.m.	† George Scorcelletti By: Dunia Scorcelletti
Mon.	4/8	NO MASS	
Tues.	4/9	NO MASS	
Wed.	4/10	NO MASS	
Thurs.	4/11	8:30 a.m.	For: Nick Winkelmann (birthday blessings) By: The Winkelmann Family
Fri.	4/12	8:30 a.m.	† Richard A. Vacek By: William and Luke Dailey & Doty, Milby, Randy, Julie
Sat.	4/13	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	4/14	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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

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

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	4/6	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces,
Sun.	4/7	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	4/13	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	4/14	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: This Sunday April 7, we celebrate the Feast of **Divine Mercy**. Through a humble Polish nun, **Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski** (Feast Day Oct. 5), Jesus instructed the world about the Lord's Divine Mercy, "My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." In the year 2000, Saint John Paul II the Great confirmed that the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated each year on the second Sunday of Easter. Regarding our Father's mercy, Pope Francis stated, "Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father."

Please Pray For the Sick: 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: Thomas Canty Nixon
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: Jesus was not risen only for Himself, but for all of us. He redeemed all the happiness which has remained unfulfilled in our lives. Faith casts out fear, and Christ's resurrection removes sadness, just as the stone was removed from the tomb.



SAINT WILLIAM OF ESKILSOE

A.D. 1125-1203:

Saint William of Eskilsoe didn't find the best of spiritual companions on earth. Born in Paris, William became known as a holy young man. Instead of attracting friends, however, he attracted gossip by priests who envied William's reputation for holiness. They didn't want him to become their peer and even tried to sabotage his ordination. They failed, however, and William was ordained a priest.

These attempts of sabotage and abandonment continued to follow William. His biggest challenge came in 1165, when he was ordered to travel to Denmark with two others and become the abbot of a monastery that was in shambles. French priests at the time were terrified of Denmark, which they closely associated with Vikings. William went on with his companions, but when they reached their destination, fear struck them and both William's companions left him.

William stayed, and did what the other two priests thought was impossible. He reformed the monastery, instituted a strict rule of conduct, and established channels of communication between Denmark and France.

How could Saint William of Eskilsoe do it all alone? He couldn't. He needed spiritual companions, and he found them in the lives of the saints who had gone before him. He read their writings and the stories written about them, and received the encouragement he needed to keep going.

The saints are our spiritual companions too, if we engage with them, learn about their lives, and follow their examples. That is what we are doing in this daily journey with the saints.

The saints are such powerful spiritual companions because they have made the journey we are called to explore for ourselves.

They serve as extraordinary examples of the Christian life, and after Christ, they are the best role models, guides, mentors, and coaches for those who truly desire to draw nearer to God and work out their salvation.

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Ladies of St. Joseph: Please join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 9th** at 5 PM. We will meet in the education building, enter via the door on Lantana Street. All the ladies of St Joseph are welcome (fulltime or part-time).

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.

Father George is away

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

Thanks to all for your Easter flower offerings.
See the list on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Collection for March 31, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 4,934.46
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,930.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 629.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,800.00
Total	\$ 9,393.46

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."

Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!"

"There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf."

"No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."