

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/3	5:00 p.m.	† Petey Peterson By: George & Sue Wunderlick
Sun.	8/4	9:00 a.m.	For: Robin Clark (healing) By: Sandy Clark
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	8/5	8:30 a.m.	† Clara Wunderlick By: George & Sue Wunderlick
Tues.	8/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	8/7	8:30 a.m.	For: Robby Paysinger (healing) By: Deanna & Danny Collier
Thurs.	8/8	8:30 a.m.	† Pete & Peggy Wunderlick Peterson By: George & Sue Wunderlick
Fri.	8/9	8:30 a.m.	† Bobby Allen By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Sat.	8/10	5:00 p.m.	For: Julie & Nick Winkelmann (anniversary blessings) By: Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	8/11	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: Robby Paysinger (healing) By: Deanna & Danny Collier

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	8/3	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	8/4	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	8/10	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	8/11	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: On August 5, we celebrate the dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica located at the top of the Esquiline Hill in Rome. This is along with Saint Peters, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and Saint John Lateran is one of the four Major Basilicas in Rome. Around the year A.D. 350, Mary appeared to a couple in Rome and stated that a church was to be built on a site where snow would fall in midsummer. The couple reported the dream to Pope Liberius who also had a similar dream. On August fifth of that year, snow fell on the Esquiline Hill. Each year this occasion is celebrated by the release of white rose petals from the basilica's dome. This incredibly beautiful basilica includes a relic of Jesus' Holy Crib, relics of the True Cross, and an altar that contains relics of Saint Matthew and other early martyrs. Saint Jerome who is responsible for translating the Bible into Latin is also buried at Saint Mary Major.

Please Pray For the Sick: James Atkinson, Star Locke, Ted Martin, Rege Thornton, Steve Mehr, Ralph Staffier, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Rosie Aguirre, Josh Gueldner, Diane Bean, Rosa Guajardo, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Patti Hyland, George Snell, 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: What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another.



Pastor's Note...Life-giving bread...

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs", was the responsorial Psalms. Jesus, in fact, was the hand of God reaching out to the hungry masses and the one who actually feeds them. It is this compassionate feeding of the people that we reflected on last week. This week we build on this feeding of the people and reflect on the need to go beyond material hunger, and the means by which our spiritual hunger can be alleviated. All the readings talk about the intervention of God in the lives of the people. In the first reading we are presented with the complaint of the people of Israel, who had just been delivered from their slavery in Egypt. It was the intervention of God, through Moses, that had freed them from their miserable life. Now that they are free, they begin to yearn for the good food they used to have in Egypt. They failed to appreciate their freedom as a gift from God. The lord gives them bread from heaven, in order for them to be led to that land of fulfillment. This experience of God sending them bread from heaven will later serve as a prelude to the real spiritual food the Lord will give us, in and through the person of Jesus, his very own son. The Responsorial Psalm expresses the gratitude of the people for having been fed by this bread from heaven. It extolls the love and compassion of God and his enduring presence as a caring God. In the Gospel, we see Jesus leading the people to appreciate the fact that there are things that go beyond material hunger. Since the people were looking for Jesus, so that they can have their hunger taken care of, Jesus invites them to hunger for the spiritual food. Jesus tells them that he was the bread of life that had come down from heaven. He is inviting them to accept his teachings and be part of his way of life, and walk towards a life that will make them feel fulfilled. St. Paul explains this transformation we will have, when he asks us to put away the old way of life and put on the new self. When we receive Jesus, and base our lives on his teaching, we will be living lives that will last forever. We can feed of this bread from heaven, Jesus, and experience life unlimited.



Thank you William for being an Altar Server for the past 10 years. All the best for your college!

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their annual summer raffle after the masses from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day Sunday. There are several prize packages, with the total value in excess of \$3,200. All proceeds benefit charities, including parish support, the Food Pantry, Hope House, disaster relief, and financial relief to families with emergency needs. Please consider participating in the raffle. A poster board is in the church foyer displaying the different packages. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

The second collection this week-end is for the Repair and Renovation Fund.

Collection for July 28, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 3,493.25
Envelope Collection	\$ 570.00
Online Giving	\$ 630.00
Total	\$ 4,693.25

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH : Community picnic

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

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