

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/10	5:00 p.m.	For: Anna Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	2/11	9:00 a.m.	† Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
			† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	2/12	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	2/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/14	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	2/15	8:30 a.m.	† Don Ruff By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Fri.	2/16	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	2/17	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2/18	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Ladies of St Joseph

Please join us for our monthly meeting on **Monday, Feb 12th** at **5:00 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).

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

Welcome to Online Giving

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



LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	2/10	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Liz Conces, Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	2/11	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Juan Pablo Lozano Pena, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	2/17	5 pm	Dave Schinker/Carol Schinker, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	2/18	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena

Did you know about the Saints: On February 14, we celebrate the feast of Saint Valentine. The early martyrologies of the church denote three different Valentines under the date of February 14. The first was a Priest in Rome who was martyred by Emperor Aurelian in 270. The second was the Bishop of Interamna who was killed in the third century. The third Valentine was martyred in Africa. Today's customs centered around Saint Valentine's Day began in England and France during the Middle Ages. The middle of February was commonly the time when birds began to pair. Therefore, the day became associated with those in Love. We must continue to remember all the martyrs of the Church and especially on this day all those named Valentine.

Please Pray For the Sick: 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: Prayer gives us the strength to strive ahead, overcome our fears, and glimpse the salvation that God prepares for us, even amid the darkness. Prayer also draws God's salvation near.



Pastor's Note: A love that heals wounds...

Jesus continues his Mission of healing and bringing comfort to people. What Jesus does is not just an action of healing, in this Sunday's Gospel, but with a decisive move, is removing certain misconceptions about illness and disabilities. The first reading, from the Book of Leviticus, gives the context of the situation Jesus encounters, when it comes to dealing with the Lepor. The passage from the Book of Leviticus prescribes the way one has to deal with people who have leprosy. Those days any sin disease was considered leprosy and thus they dealt with anyone with some skin blemish, in a very demeaning way. They were declared unclean and were asked to keep away from mingling with other people. They were literally ostracised by the mainstream society and it was sanctioned by the religious beliefs they held. The one who is afflicted has nowhere to go, but to feel pity for oneself and to live a miserable life. It is in this context that the Responsorial Psalm makes sense. "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation." The cry of a person who is going through troubled times, will always be heard by the Lord. It is this hearing of the cry for deliverance that we see in the Gospel passage. When the law considered people as unclean and they felt truly helpless in such situations, Jesus comes to their aid. He feels compassion for the plight of the leper and he is able to turn the tables on his miserable situation. Jesus not only heals the person, but also restores his dignity. Jesus is able to help people experience the compassionate love of God, that can go beyond all the restrictions put forth by society. When it comes to God's compassion, Jesus is the true messenger, who can make their compassion a reality for people. St. Paul reminds us that, we being disciples of Jesus, have to follow his ways and should be willing to do everything for the glory of God. When we feel helpless, we can always turn to the Lord for help and he will readily come to our aid and will set us free. Then it should be our duty to look at others with compassion and make them feel welcomed and loved. That is how we glorify God.



Stations of the Cross
Will be held on
Fridays after Mass
During Lent



The Ladies of St Joseph invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (**payable to Corpus Christi Hope House**) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 14

8:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

The second collection on February 14 is for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Collection for February 4, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,655.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,225.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,428.87
Online Giving	\$ 1,710.00
Total	\$ 7,018.87

HAVE A LAUGH: *Valentine's Day Dream*
After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams".