

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/13	5:00 p.m.	For: Salik Family By: Georgia Salik
Sun.	1/14	9:00 a.m.	† Marlene Thomas By: Greg Thomas
			† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
Mon.	1/15	8:30 a.m.	For: Madison Calzada (birthday blessings) By: About Family
Tues.	1/16	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/17	8:30 a.m.	† James Ellis, Jr. By: Steve & Sharon Ellis
Thurs.	1/18	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	1/19	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	1/20	5:00 p.m.	† Larry Conces By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	1/21	9:00 a.m.	† Joe & Helen Russek By: Helen & Donald Skrovan
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/13	5 pm	Carol Schinker/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Dave Schinker
Sun.	1/14	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	1/20	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	1/21	9 am	Marvin Murray/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On January 17th we celebrate the feast of Saint Anthony of Egypt (251 - 356). As a young man, Anthony was provided a large inheritance. Attending church, he heard Jesus' conversation with the rich young man as documented in the Gospel. Anthony then understood the Lord's call to give his wealth to the poor and retreat to a life of prayer and solitude. His life proved to be attractive to others, and he eventually started what was to be an early monastery. Anthony supported those in prison during the Roman Persecution of 311 and stood up against the leaders of the Arian heresy. He is credited at being the founder of Christian monasticism. Anthony died in solitude at the age of 105.

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: Larry Conces
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is "peace". Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us.



Pastor's Note: Discerning God's will for us... Having concluded Christmas Season, we move into the Ordinary Time of the Year. In this Year B, on Sundays, we will be listening to Passages taken from the Gospel according to Mark. Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year focusses on the public life of Jesus. It begins with a call of the Apostles, and this week we listen to a Gospel passage taken from the Gospel according to John. All the readings present some form of discernment when it comes to following the Lord. There is a desire to understand and do the will of God in the people presented in all the readings. This desire is well expressed in the Responsorial Psalm, when we say, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." The readings present the difficulty experienced by the people who want to follow Jesus, in understanding the will of God and how they can effectively respond. There are others who come forward to help the ones who are called to understand the will of God and to respond properly to the Lord. The first reading, taken from the first Book of Samuel, presents this predicament in a very distinct way. Samuel is a boy who spends his time helping Eli, the high priest, and spends the night in the temple. He is not only devoted to serving Eli, but is also committed to serving the Lord. When the Lord calls out to him, he is not able to understand the meaning of that. It is Eli, who is able to help the young man respond to the call of God. With the help of Eli, Samuel is able to respond to God and spend the rest of his life doing the will of God. In the second reading we see St. Paul advising the people of Corinth, the way in which they are to serve the Lord. Because we, as followers of Jesus, belong to his body, we are to keep ourselves pure and holy. In the Gospel we see John's way of presenting the call of the Apostles. He presents the call as a search from the part of the Apostles, and their encounter with God brings about a change in their lives. Andrew helps Peter to meet Jesus, and this meeting with Jesus totally transforms him, since he is going to be called Cephas, from then on. All of us are called to discern the will of God for us, and respond with generosity.

Bible Classes

I will be starting the second segment of the Bible Study on the Pentateuch on Thursday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m. Each class will last for one hour and fifteen minutes. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. Thank you. -Fr. George

The Quo Vadis Council of Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after each mass. The funds raised will be used to support college scholarships for the children and grandchildren of the parishioners of St. Joseph, as well as children or grandchildren of the local KC Quo Vadis council. There are 3 great prize packages!

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.
Drawing on Jan 21, 2024

Collection for January 7, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,761.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 770.00
Building Fund	\$ 700.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,189.00
Total	\$ 4,420.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: The Shipwreck Survivor

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship spied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island.

Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!"

The captain replied, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts."

The survivor said, "Oh. Well, I live in one, and go to church in another."

"What about the THIRD hut?" asked the captain.

"That's where I USED to go to church."

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