

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

### Mass Intentions

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| Sat.   | 1/20 | 5:00 p.m.  | †Larry Conces<br>By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph  |
|        |      |            | †Tony Gilman<br>By: Fred & Mary Gilman               |
| Sun.   | 1/21 | 9:00 a.m.  | †Joe & Helen Russek<br>By: Helen & Donald Skrovan    |
|        |      | 11:00 a.m. | For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph                  |
| Mon.   | 1/22 | 8:30 a.m.  | †Larry Conces<br>By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph. |
| Tues.  | 1/23 | NO MASS    |  |
| Wed.   | 1/24 | 8:30 a.m.  | †James Lamson<br>By: Barbara Lamson                  |
| Thurs. | 1/25 | 8:30 a.m.  | For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph                  |
| Fri.   | 1/26 | 8:30 a.m.  | For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph                  |
| Sat.   | 1/27 | 5:00 p.m.  | †Larry Conces<br>By: Bob & Liz Conces                |
| Sun.   | 1/28 | 9:00 a.m.  | †Frances Guzman<br>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.

### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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| 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 |
| Sat. | 1/27 | 5 pm  | Julie Winkelmann/Dave Schinker, Carol Schinker, Charlie Hutchins       |
| Sun. | 1/28 | 9 am  | Yvette Jimenez/Roger Schill, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek              |
|      |      | 11 am | Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena, Ken Chesshir      |

**Did you know about the Saints:** On January 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Conversaion of Saint Paul, a truly significant event in the formation of the Church. Paul was a dynamic influential leader who had great speaking and writing skills. His encounter with Jesus resulted in a dramatic and immediate conversion in which Paul's new purpose was to use his many talents for the glory of God. Pope Benedict XVI stated that when Paul met Christ, "it was not simply a conversation but rather a death and a resurrection for Paul himself. One existence died and another, a new one was born with the Risen Christ." It is believed that the prayers of Saint Stephen and the other persecuted Christians were an important part of Paul's conversation and the mercy and patience that the Lord bestowed upon him. Paul is a literal reminder to all of us that sometimes the Lord will knock you off your horse to get your attention.

**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:** We must defend love—the love of the heart, mind, and body; pure love in devoting oneself to another.



**Pastor's Note:** Called to join forces with God...On this third Sunday in Ordinary Time, there is a definite call to conversion. The call to conversion is not just a warning to turn away from our evil ways for fear of facing punishment for the wrong that is done. The call to conversion is actually an invitation to be a part of the movement that has begun with the coming of the Lord. This week we listen from the Gospel according to Mark, where Jesus is presented as a leader calling people to join him as he proclaims the breaking forth of the Kingdom of God. Jesus begins his proclamation after spending time in prayer and fasting. The proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom is presented as a fulfillment of God's promises. It is also important to note that Jesus begins his mission after John the Baptist had been arrested. The movement of God is not something that can be defeated. John the Baptist prepared the people by preaching the Baptism of repentance. Jesus takes it one notch higher and calls people to join him in the establishment of the Kingdom of God. This Kingdom of God is a reality, and everyone is invited to turn away from their evil ways and be a part of this movement. Turning away from their sins is not enough; they have to turn toward God. The Kingdom is presented as something that is definitely here, a certainty to which everyone is invited. The requirement is that they turn away from their sins and join forces with him. The responsorial Psalm makes it clearer when it says, "Teach me your ways. O Lord." The invitation to turn away from worldly ways is to be schooled in the ways of God. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah focusses on the mercy of God that spares people, who repented, when they were urged by Prophet Jonah. Jonah was sent by God to a people, who had been living a life contrary to the ways of God. As they hear the warning from Jonah, people of Nineveh repent and turn to God. They then experience the mercy of God. St. Paul, in the second Reading, reminds us to see the need to be a part of the Kingdom as urgent. We have to step away from every other distraction and be a part of the movement began by Jesus. We have to turn away from our evil ways and join forces with Jesus, and walk in God's ways.

### I MET GOD.

I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best.  
His presence came at sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.  
All day long the presence lingered,  
All day long he stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
Ore a very troubled sea.  
So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way  
You must seek him in the morning  
If you need him through the day.

**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 14, 2024

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Loose Collection    | \$ 2,043.00 |
| Envelope Collection | \$ 1,185.00 |
| Building Fund       | \$ 220.00   |
| Online Giving       | \$ 645.00   |
| Total               | \$ 4,093.00 |

Thank you for your generosity.

### HAVE A LAUGH: Bats in Your Belfry

**Three** Pastors in the south were having lunch in a diner. One of them said, "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with them flying bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything, but nothing seems to scare them off.

Another pastor said "Yes, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away!"

The third pastor said, "I baptized all mine, made them members of the church, and we haven't seen one back since!"

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