

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5/11	5:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sun.	5/12	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Mon.	5/13	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tues.	5/14	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/15	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Th.	5/16	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Fri.	5/17	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sat.	5/18	5:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sun.	5/19	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

WELCOME BACK FATHER GEORGE!

All the men of St. Joseph parish are invited to meet for lunch at 12:30 pm, **Monday, May 20th**. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Bring a healthy appetite. The menu will be Pozole, tea and dessert. Suggested donation will be between \$5-10 (TBD on number of attendees). It is a great opportunity to get to know the folks in your parish community, whether you are a full time, part-time or a weekend resident. Please RSVP by contacting Bob Conces @ 936-344-1257 or at RGConces@gmail.com to help our chef, Marvin plan for the correct number of guests!

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

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<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>



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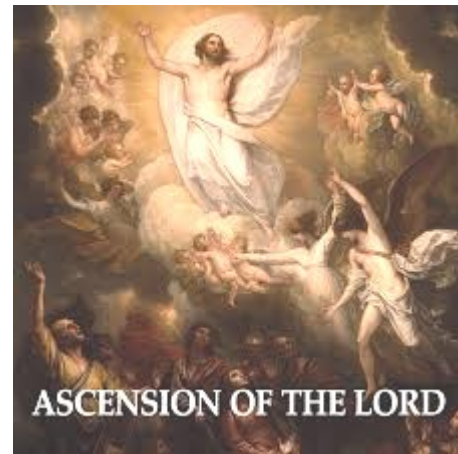
Sat.	5/11	5 pm	Heather Collins/Julie Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins
Sun.	5/12	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, _____
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Sabrina Jones, Juan Pablo Lozano Pena, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	5/18	5 pm	Heather Collins/Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Suin.	5/19	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones

Did you know about the Saints: On May 16th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Simon Stock. Simon was born at Aylesford in Kent, England in 1165. He entered the Carmelite Order in 1213 and eventually became the Father General because of his piety and intense prayer life. As Father General, he founded many new Carmelite communities in both England and France. On July 16, 1251, Simon was given the Brown Scapular by our Mother Mary during which she stated that "whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire ... it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace." Simon died in Bordeaux, France in 1265. Saint Pope John Paul II the Great encouraged all to wear the Brown Scapular stating that "those who wear the Scapular are brought into the land of Carmel so that they may 'eat its fruits and its good things.'"

Please Pray For the Sick: Ralph Staffier, Michelle Wilkinson, 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: If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says: Prayer, the opening of our hearts to the Most High, is essential for purifying ourselves of selfishness, falseness, and injustice. Those who pray receive peace in their hearts and must inevitably become its witness and messenger.



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts. It is also alluded to in various other passages.

Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own.

Though every aspect of Christ's life is shrouded in mysteries which will only be fully understood by the faithful when they stand before Him and behold the Beatific Vision, today we especially ponder this beautiful and profound mystery of our faith. As we celebrate the Ascension, try to prayerfully meditate upon the perfect unity of Jesus' human and divine natures. Ponder further the truth that because the Son of God is both God and man, and He beholds His Father and the Holy Spirit as both God and man, He invites each of us to begin to share in that glorious vision. Only after we fully die in and with Him and rise to new life in and with Him will we be able to know Him clearly and share in His glorious resurrected and ascended life.

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Dear Lord, we humbly come before You today giving thanks for the gift of motherhood. Thank You for the special role that mothers play in our lives. Today, we want to celebrate them and all they do for us. Thank You, Lord, for their unconditional, faithful love and sacrifice. We pray that they will be blessed with good health, happiness, and peace of mind. We ask that You would grant them wisdom, strength, and courage as they meet the unique challenges of motherhood. Father, bless them abundantly for all they do. May they feel Your nearness and know Your peace. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Ladies of St. Joseph: Please join us for a brief meeting and fiesta social in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, May 14 at 5 p.m. All the ladies of the parish are welcome. If you are able, bring something to share.

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 RGConces@gmail.com.

The second collection this week-end is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

Collection for May 5, 2024

Loose Collection	\$1,737.77
Envelope Collection	\$ 940.00
Building Fund	\$ 950.00
Online Giving	\$ 990.00
Total	\$4,617.77
Thank you for your generosity.	

HAVE A LAUGH:

Robbie: Larry's mother had four children. Three were named North, South and West. What was her other child's name?
Bobbie: East?
Robbie: No. Larry.