

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

Mass Intentions

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: General Star Locke (healing) By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	5/20	8:30 a.m.	For: Liz Conces (birthday blessings) By: Bob Conces
Tues.	5/21	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/22	8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Thurs.	5/23	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	5/24	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	5/25	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
	5/26	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	† Sebastian Landagan By: Barbara Lamson

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 week-end 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!

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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
Sat.	5/25	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Heather Collins
Sun.	5/26	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On May 24th, we celebrate the Feast of **Mary, Help of Christians**. In 1809, Napoleon's army entered the Vatican and arrested Pope Pius VII. The Holy Father was held for five years and vowed to institute a feast to Mary when he returned to Rome. After his return, the Pope named the feast of Mary, Help of Christians and decreed that it is to take place each year on the 24th of May. In 1868, Saint John Bosco (feast day Jan. 31) founded the Salesian Congregation which is dedicated to the devotion of our Mother Mary and the veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. On June 9, 1868, St. John Bosco dedicated his congregation at Turin, Italy to Mary, Help of Christians. The Salesian Fathers and Sisters continue to promote the importance of this devotion.

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

Pope Francis says: The **Charity** of Christ compels us to care for our smallest and most marginalized brothers and sisters. It is a tangible and courageous love that embraces even what seems unlovable. Christ's love forgives, forgets, blesses, and gives without measure.



Pastor's Note: Obtaining wings of fire....

With Pentecost, we come to the end of the Easter Season. We come of age when we are able to do things on our own. Pentecost can be seen as the celebration of the day that we, as disciples of Jesus, come of age like the Apostles who got transformed on the first Pentecost. The Responsorial Psalms sets the tone for today's celebration. "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." These words remind us that the Spirit of God that is gifted to us is one that will help us to enter the world around us and be instruments of transformation and renewal. All the readings today focus on the transformation the Apostles, and the focus is on the power of the Spirit that transforms them. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the first Pentecost. Prior to the experience of the Pentecost, the apostles were gripped by fear, and they were not courageous enough even to venture out and face the people. Once the Holy Spirit comes upon them like tongues of fire, they receive a newfound energy. They are now able to speak boldly and proclaim the Risen Christ, to a whole multitude of people. The Spirit transforms their speech into one that would be understood by everyone gathered there. There is a transformation of disunity giving way to unity. The Gospel presents the strengthening of the Apostles by Jesus, as he gifts them the Holy Spirit. John portrays Jesus as the one who is able to bring about this powerful transformation in the Apostles, who had been living in fear. By making them filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus is able to strengthen them to acquire the courage to venture out and bear witness to him. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit that was gifted to the Apostles is the same Spirit that was poured on us too. We are now one in Christ and one with the entire Church that is filled with the power of the Spirit. We have been gifted with wings of fire, and now we have to fly away to places of darkness to illuminate them with the power of the Spirit of love. Pentecost sends us forth to be agents of transformation.

Pentecost!



May the Holy Spirit send us forth
To be messengers of Peace!

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

Collection for May 12, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,428.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 860.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 702.61
Online Giving	\$ 870.00
Total	\$ 4,860.61

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HAVE A LAUGH: Two women came before wise King Solomon, dragging between them a young man in a three-piece suit. "This young CPA agreed to marry my daughter," said one.

"No! He agreed to marry MY daughter," said the other.

And so they haggled before the King, until he demanded silence.

"My sword! Bring me my biggest sword," said Solomon, "and we shall saw the young man in half. Each of you shall receive a half."

"Fine. Sounds good to me," said the first lady.

But the other woman said, "Oh Sire, do not spill innocent blood. Let this other woman's daughter marry him."

The wise king did not hesitate a moment. "Indeed, the accountant must marry the first lady's daughter," he proclaimed.

"But she was willing to hack him in two!" exclaimed the king's court.

"Precisely!" said wise King Solomon. "That shows she is the TRUE mother-in-law."