

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024**

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/14	5:00 p.m.	† Petey Peterson By: George & Sue Wunderlick
Sun.	9/15	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	† Patricia Swanson By: Liz & Bob Conces
Mon.	9/16	NO MASS	
Tues.	9/17	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/18	8:30 a.m.	† Bill Geheb By: Bob & Sandie Little
Thurs.	9/19	8:30 a.m.	† Shirley Kennedy By: Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	9/20	8:30 a.m.	† Dolores Broll Neugebauer By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek
Sat.	9/21	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	9/22	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	† Chester & Elaine Pawelek By: Kenneth & Barbara Pawelek

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	9/14	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	9/15	9 am	Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	9/21	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	9/22	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On September 16, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Cornelius** (d.253). After Pope Saint Fabian was martyred in the year 250, there was no elected Pope for a period of 14 months due to the harsh persecution of the Romans. Saint Cornelius was then elected Pope in 251 and served until his death in 253. During his Papacy, Cornelius was confronted with antipope Novatian who denied those wanting to reconcile with the church. Cornelius along with the support of his friend, Saint Cyprian, supported the restoration of the faithful to ensure that they received the “medicine of repentance.” Many of Cornelius’ letters provide us with an insight into the early church. From these letters we know that at the time of Cornelius’ Papacy, the Church consisted of 46 priests, 7 deacons, 7 sub-deacons, 42 acolytes, 52 ostiarii (door keeper/sacristan), 1,500 persons in distress, and 50,000 followers.

Please Pray For the Sick: Elvia Tamayo, Carl Cory, George Snell, Bertha Rodriguez, Ralph Staffier, James Atkinson, Star Locke, Ted Martin, Rege Thornton, Steve Mehr, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Rosie Aguirre, Josh Gueldner, Diane Bean, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, 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: Let us not be afraid to make ourselves small before God and each other. May we give our lives, spend our time, and make sacrifices to help our brothers and sisters live better and be happy!



Pastor’s Note...Faithful to the very end....The way Jesus approaches his faith and commitment to God and his people, often brought about a lot of misunderstanding and, in many cases, opposition from various circles. The understanding of God and what happens to people when they are faithful to him is seen in a new light in this weekend’s readings. Conventional belief in those days was somewhat similar to what is known as prosperity theology in contemporary theological discourse. According to this understanding, if one is faithful to God, then God will bless that person and will make that person strong and will keep the person from all harm. The understanding of the Messiah who was to come to save them was that this will be a Kingly Messiah, who will be powerful enough to destroy the enemies and to liberate the people of Israel, who were then under a foreign rule. All the readings seem to challenge this simplistic approach to faith. The first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, presents the suffering servant, the just one, who is undergoing persecution for bringing the word of God to the people. Even in the face of opposition, ridicule and suffering, the just one proclaims his faith and trust in the Lord. Suffering does not diminish his faith in God. He believes that the Lord will deliver him. In the Gospel, we see Jesus challenging the understanding of the apostles regarding the Messiah who is called Christ. The Apostles who professed Jesus to be the Christ, expected him to be all powerful, and Jesus pours cold water on their hopes and declares himself to be the suffering servant. Even though this shows his trust in the Lord who would deliver him from his death, the Apostles fail to understand him. For Jesus, suffering is a path to glory. True faith will make one selfless and willing to give of oneself in service to others, as explained by St. James in the second reading. We are invited to trust the Lord, be faithful to him and give our lives in service of his people. Even though this might not be easy, it will truly lead us towards life.

Bible Classes

I will resume the Bible Study on Thursday, September 26. The topic we will cover is “**The Pentateuch, Part 2**”. This will be a six week study. Classes will be held every Thursday 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.

QUO VADIS COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2024

SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS:

1. Jaoa Atkins, Taylor, TX
2. Shawn Glass, Rowena, TX
3. Bob Little, San Marcos, TX
4. Aubrey Gold, Fredericksburg, TX
5. Joe Zarsky, Spicewood, TX
6. Daniela Cardona, San Antonio, TX
7. Aubry Gold, Fredericksburg, TX
8. Rosa Fernandez, Three Rivers, TX

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. **Classes started September 11.** Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Director of Religious Education, (361)332-9273 for more information.

The second collection this week-end is for the Disaster Relief Collection.

Collection for September 8, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,619.50
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,240.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 509.80
Repairs & Renovation	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 565.00
Total	\$4,034.30

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH:

In a moment of creative inspiration, the entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church commissioned this sign for his window: “Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!”

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<https://osvonlinegiving.com>

