

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/13 5:00 p.m. †Cassandra Clark
By: The Clark Family

Sun. 12/14 9:00 a.m. †Frances Guzman
By: Rosie & Elvia

11:00 a.m. For: Drake Makus
(birthday blessings)
By: Liz & Bob Conces

†Richie Marty
†Janie Marty
By: Wayne Marty

Mon. 12/15 8:30 a.m. †Cassandra Clark
By: Carol Clark

Tues. 12/16 NO MASS

Wed. 12/17 8:30 a.m. For: Karen Decker Creighton
(healing)
By: Barbara & Frank Culp

For: Jennifer Hammer
(healing)
By: Denise Webb

Thurs. 12/18 8:30 a.m. †Edgar Williamson
By: Jody & Shawna Williamson

Fri. 12/19 8:30 a.m. †Edgar Williamson
By: Jody & Shawna Williamson

Sat. 12/20 5:00 p.m. For: The Parishioners of
St. Joseph

Sun. 12/21 9:00 a.m. †Cassandra Clark
By: The Clark Family

11:00 a.m. †Joseph & Loretta Sprunk
By: The Sprunk Family

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

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/13	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/14	9 am	Laura Peterek/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	12/20	5 pm	Tim Lamie/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	12/21	9 am	Marvin Murray/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: Saint Lucy (feast day Dec. 13th) was martyred in 304 AD. Lucy’s beautiful eyes radiated her Love of Christ. She was betrothed against her wishes as she had already consecrated herself to God. Her mother eventually consented to ending the proposed marriage but her angry suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian. Tradition states that when her eyes were removed during torture, they were immediately restored by God. Her zeal for the Lord had such a significant impact that she is included in the Canon of the Mass through Eucharistic Prayer 1. The relics of Saint Lucy are in Chiesa di San Geremia in Venice, Italy. Many places around the world are named in honor of Saint Lucy including; the Caribbean island St. Lucie, St. Lucia Queensland, Australia, and Port Saint Lucie, Florida. She is the Patron Saint of the blind and those with eye disorders. Saint Lucy, pray for us!

If you would like to donate CHRISTMAS FLOWERS for the altar, please use the envelopes provided in the foyer.

Please Pray For the Sick: Mallory Chesshir, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Joseph Vallamattam, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Debbie Wallace, Dr. Al Whitty, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, 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 Leo XIV said: The secret to living authentically is praying, so that we understand what truly brings the Kingdom of Heaven, and letting go of what is superfluous and ties us to passing things. We must remember that our time on earth prepares us for eternity.

Pastor’s Note: Joy of feeling his presence.... On this Third Sunday of Advent, popularly known as Gaudete Sunday, we are called to rejoice and be joyful, because our salvation is near at hand. We are still two weeks away from celebrating Christmas and, yet, we can already anticipate the joy of feeling his presence and the freedom that he provides to live as his true children. Once again, we hear about John the Baptist and look at him from the perspective of Jesus. John the Baptist was preparing the crowds to welcome Jesus and accept him as the Messiah. Once arrested, John wants to make sure that Jesus himself is the promised Messiah. He sends his disciples to Jesus to inquire of him, if he was the promised Messiah. Jesus does not give a direct answer, but asks them to go and inform John what they hear and see. Jesus then goes on to describe all that he was doing for the people, which was about healing and caring for them and teaching them the good news. This was a clear sign that Jesus himself is the Messiah, because God had promised through Prophet Isaiah, that the people will see the glory of God revealed before their very eyes. This is the passage that we hear as the first reading. God’s glory is revealed when all those who are afflicted and those who are sick will experience the healing presence of God. What Jesus does, as reported in the Gospel passage, is to make that promise come true. Jesus, thus, is able to transform their gloom into joy. The promise of ages and the prayer of people for God’s intervention is what we express in the Responsorial Psalm. Lord, come and save us. In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to wait patiently for the fulfillment of the promise of God. Jesus is going to come and transform our lives, filling it with joy. If we truly trust him, we can already feel the presence of the Lord and experience the joy of being made whole through his presence.



Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Dec. 24 4:30 pm Christmas Carols
Wednesday Dec. 24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday Dec. 25 9:00 am Christmas Mass

Ladies of St. Joseph Christmas Sale

The Ladies of SJ will have a Christmas sale this week-end in the Parish Hall after all the Masses. The proceeds will go toward various ministries. Thank you for your support.

Advent Penetential Service

On Monday, December 15, there will be other priests to hear confessions at 5:30 p.m.

The second collection this week-end is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Collection for December 7, 2025

Loose Collection	\$1,524.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 815.00
Repair & Renovation Fund	\$ 601.00
Online Giving	\$ 600.00
Total	\$3,540.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

HAVE A LAUGH: It seems a farm boy accidentally overturned his wagon load of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise. "Hey Willis!!" the farmer yelled. "Forget your troubles. Come in with us. Then I'll help you get the wagon up."
"That's mighty nice of you, " Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."
"Awe, come on," the farmer insisted.
"Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "But Pa won't like it."
After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset."
"Don't be foolish !" the neighbour said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"
"Under the wagon."