

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

## The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/1	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Colleen Wishall</b> (healing) By: Kathleen Dunn
Sun.	2/2	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>Braden Peterek</b> (birthday blessings) By: Laura & Andy Peterek
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	2/3	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Brent Bartoszek</b> By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Tues.	2/4	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/5	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Deceased Member of Barra Family</b> By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Thurs.	2/6	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Jeanette Wood</b> (healing) By: Winkelmann Family
Fri.	2/7	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Traci Barra</b> By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Sat.	2/8	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>InThanksgiving</b> By: Cyndie Cory
Sun.	2/9	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Marlene Thomas</b> By: Greg Thomas
			† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

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

### Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com>



### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	2/1	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	2/2	9 am	Marvin Murray/Roger Schill, Javier Mendoza, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	2/8	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	2/9	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** On January 31, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Don Bosco** (1815 - 1888). As a young Priest in Turin, Italy, he saw a great need to help young people which is why he founded the Salesian Society for young men and the Salesian Sisters for young woman. His educational approach centered on reason, religion, and kindness. Don Bosco's mother also helped him with caring for the marginalized youth and was known affectionately as Mamma Margherita. Kindness and understanding were at the heart of all of Don Bosco's efforts but he would also teach caution against temptation. Don Bosco would say that "the most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility, for as he (the devil) does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it." Don Bosco was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934. Saint Don Bosco, pray for us.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Colleen Wishall, Jo Lang, Liam Edwards, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, Aubrey Harper, Jerry Gage, Lee MacFarland, Elvia Tamayo, Carl Cory, 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, Julian Angel, Alberto Moreno, Mike Gibbs, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Barb Ferretti, Vince Frangello, 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:** God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us!



### Pastor's Note: Offered with love....

This Sunday we celebrate a major feast, the Presentation of the Lord. Luke is the one who presents us with the events connected with the childhood of Jesus. He presents the story of Jesus in such a way that it presents Jesus as someone who is able to make a difference in the lives of people, even from the time of Annunciation. When Mary visits Elizabeth when she is pregnant, we see Elizabeth experiencing joy and the child within her leaping for joy. The Presentation of the Lord is about the parents of Jesus fulfilling the tradition of presenting the newborn to the Lord. It is both a moment of gratitude and also an occasion to offer a prayer for the future of the baby. To the naked eye, Jesus is just a helpless child, carried by his loving parents. However, when seen through the eye of faith, Jesus is the person who is going to transform the lives of others. This is what we see in the prayer of Simeon during the event. He, being a devout man, is able to see in the little babe, someone who is the fulfillment of the promises made by God. The first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Malachi, presents the entry into the temple of the lord, of someone people were seeking. The Gospel presents Jesus to be that person. When Jesus is presented at the Temple, the people who were aligned with the Spirit of God are able to recognize the specialty of this little child. Simeon goes to the extent of saying that his eyes have seen the salvation of God. Jesus, from that very moment, is recognized as the person who will transform the lives of people. Like Jesus, we are also presented to the Lord. The Feast invites us to be rooted in the Spirit and to always seek to do God's will, because we, like Jesus, are consecrated to the Lord to bring glad tidings to those around us.

### City Wide Garage Sale

The Ladies of St Joseph will be participating in the City -Wide Garage sale on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have something you would like to donate, you can drop it off on Thursday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Parish Hall.



**The Ladies of St. Joseph** invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (**payable to Corpus Christi Hope House**) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.

Bible Study will resume next Thursday, February 6, at 5 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke—Part 1.

The second collection this week-end will be for the Repair and Renovation Fund.

### Collection for January 26, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,020.56
Envelope Collection	\$ 625.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 914.63
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 435.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,095.19</b>

**HAVE A LAUGH:** A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching." On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."