

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	4/5	5:00 p.m.	For: Frances Binning (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Sun.	4/6	9:00 a.m.	† Albert & Sara Rombs By: Joshua Rombs For: Father Darrel Pepin (health) By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek 11:00 a.m. For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	4/7	8:30 a.m.	† Rose Marie Heinen By: John Heinan
Tues.	4/8	NO MASS	
Wed.	4/9	8:30 a.m.	For: Colleen Wishall (healing) By: Kathleen & Bob Dunn
Thurs.	4/10	8:30 a.m.	† Marla Heinan By: John Heinan For: Walter Chesshir (birthday blessings) By: Ken & Barbara Chesshir
Fri.	4/11	8:30 a.m.	For: Rain & Favorable Weather By: Leon Matula Jr. Family
Sat.	4/12	5:00 p.m.	For: John Heinan Family (Special Intention) By: John Heinan For: Kevin Guenther (healing) By: Mary Horman
Sun.	4/13	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman † Julio Gonzalez By: Rosie & Elvia For: Nathan Peterek (birthday blessings) By: Peterek Family 11:00 a.m. For: Joshua Rombs (blessings) By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph For: Patsy Uzzell (birthday blessings) By: Ken & Barbara Chesshir

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

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	4/5	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	4/6	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	4/12	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins,
Sun.	4/13	9 am	Marvin Murray/Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On April 12, we celebrate the feast day of **Saint Teresa of Los Andes** (1900 – 1920). Teresa was born into a large family in Santiago, Chile and was educated by the French Nuns of the Sacred Heart. At the age of 14, she knew that she would consecrate herself to God. At the age of 19 this became a reality when she entered the monastery of Carmelite nuns in the township of Los Andes, Chile. Teresa had an extraordinary intelligence and had a large capacity to Love and to be Loved. Because of this her holiness was evident in her everyday life and she would often be found providing support, advice, consolation, and encouragement to her friends. Teresa contracted Typhus the same year she entered the Carmelites and took her final vows before her death. Those who knew Teresa said that the serenity of her face showed both her holiness and true happiness. Saint Teresa, pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Susan Staffier, Triana Pagurar, 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, Julianna Cook, Marrilee Ahern, 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: Jesus' gaze is not one of reproach, but of mercy. It is that mercy we sometimes struggle to accept, especially when God forgives those who, in our opinion, do not deserve it.



Pastor's Note: He fills us with joy....

Lent, with its rigorous spiritual practices, is also a time to anticipate the joy of being found and renewed in the Lord. Even though the events that would lead us through the Holy Week, very soon, presents some painful moments, the joy of Easter is what should help us navigate through those days of pain and gloom. This Sunday we are reminded of the great things the Lord has done for us. "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy" is what we proclaim in our Responsorial Psalm. In the first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear the Lord coming to the rescue of people, who have been living in fear and desolation. During a time of hopelessness, forced to live in a foreign land, the people hear, through the words of Prophet Isaiah, that the Lord will gladden their hearts by giving them water to drink and, thus, will lift their spirits. He is not going to remember their wrong doing and will transform their mourning into joy. It is with this that they sing out to the Lord and praise him, saying that they shall come back rejoicing. It is this same goodness of the Lord, experienced through the person of Jesus Christ, that enables St. Paul to declare, in the second reading, that he is willing to count everything as a loss in order to gain Christ. Even though this experience of joy, gained through Christ, is something towards which he is journeying, he can already anticipate that joy, knowing fully well that the Lord will transform his life because of the love that the Lord has for him. We have confirmation, in the Gospel passage, that the Lord will do the unthinkable for us. When the entire Law and the defenders of the Law were against her, a woman caught in adultery experiences the merciful glance from the Lord of goodness. She is looked at with compassion and is set free from her physical and spiritual afflictions, which enables her to walk towards a new life of freedom and joy. Yes, the Lord does the unthinkable for us, and fills us with joy.



Stations
of the Cross
Will be prayed on
Fridays after Mass
During Lent

Holy Week Schedule

4/17	Thurs.	6 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/18	Friday	3 pm	Good Friday Service
4/19	Sat.	6 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
4/20	Sun.	9 am	Easter Mass
		11 am	Easter Mass

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive March 5-April 20: Benefiting local and rural food pantries of Catholic Charities and Mother Teresa Shelter. Collection bin is in church foyer.

EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS



THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for college scholarships for high school seniors and those currently attending college. The requirements are that the individual be a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church or a child or grandchild of a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Aransas, Texas. The deadline for submitting the application is May 15, 2025. Requests for applications can be made by contacting Bob Conces by email at: rgconces@gmail.com.

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

Collection for March 30, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,226.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,190.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,179.00
Online Giving	\$ 775.00
Total	\$ 5,370.00

HAVE A LAUGH: A 4-year-old boy who was asked to give thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"