

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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/28	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Anna &amp; Mark Everett</b> (anniversary blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	12/29	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> (heavenly birthday) By: Rosie & Elvia † <b>Jean &amp; George Atkinson</b> By: The Sprunk Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	12/30	8:30 a.m.	† <b>George Snell</b> By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Tues.	12/31	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wed.	1/1	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Th.	1/2	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Edgar &amp; Eleanor Williamson</b> By: Jody Williamson
Fri.	1/3	8:30 a.m.	† <b>George Snell</b> By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Sat.	1/4	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Bobby Uzzell</b> (healing) By: Barbara & Ken Chesshir
Sun.	1/5	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>George Snell</b> By: Deborah & Bob Wallace

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

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### Welcome to Online Giving

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### LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/28	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/29	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray,
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews
Sat.	1/4/25	5 pm	Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	1/5/25	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Roger Schill, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir, Mary Jo Matthews

**Did you know about the Saints:** On December 23, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Egwin of Evesham** (d. 720). Egwin, a Benedictine monk, was Bishop of Worcester and founder of the Abbey of Evesham. As Bishop, he was known for his staunch protection of orphans and his quick action to correct abuses. He was not well liked because he was so strict but with the full support of Pope Constantine he continued to improve his diocese. There are many stories about Egwin's life that show his association with water. When Egwin and his companions were traveling through the Alps to meet with the Pope in Rome, they all became very thirsty. The members of the group jokingly encouraged Egwin to act as Moses and strike a rock to bring forth water. At their request, Egwin prayed to the Lord and his companions soon noticed a stream of water gushing from the rocks. Saint Egwin, please join us in praying for abundant rain in our watersheds to provide water for our region.

**Please Pray For the Sick:** 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:** Christmas reminds us that God loves us and wants to be with us. Jesus was born because He loves us. This is a marvelous gift, and with it comes another one: we too can love each other as brothers and sisters. How much we need this today!



**Pastor's Note: A Family bond that cannot be broken....** Having celebrated the birth of Christ with great joy and festivities, we continue to journey with the family of Jesus, focusing on the way they remain united in love. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday, reminding us that the way the Holy Family remained united is how we are all called to live our family lives. This feast goes beyond the focus on individual families and reminds us that we are all one family of God, and nothing should come in the way of remaining united as the family of God. True and meaningful family life has to be focused on our faithfulness to God. When we see our family as a gift from God, we will always feel grateful for the family and its members. The first reading from the Book of Sirach urges us to remain faithful to God. God has a plan for every member of the family, and our faithfulness to God will enable us to honor this purpose God has for each of us. When we live lives that honor and respect each member of the family, there will always be peace and joy in the family, reminds the author of the Book. Love in the family should not be based on conveniences, but on holding every member as a loving gift. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us, as he writes to the Colossians, that the kind of qualities that we ought to develop are to be based in our intimacy with God. St. Paul is aware of the possible problems that can arise in a family and yet he desires that we overcome those problems with love and compassion, rooted in understanding. The Gospel gives a demonstration of the Responsorial Psalm which says, "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." Having shown their love for God by making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the family of Jesus is able to deal with the crisis of losing their Son in the massive crowd. Because their lives are rooted in God, they are able to look at the son with love, compassion and understanding. They have a family bond that cannot be broken!



### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

On January 1 we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God, the greatest saint and our greatest example of discipleship. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass is at 8:30 a.m.



### Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from January 4 to January 24. Let us keep him in our prayers. Fr. Santhosh A, OFmCap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

### Collection for December 22, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 903.90
Envelope Collection	\$ 755.00
Online Giving	\$ 915.00
Total	\$2,573.90

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### Christmas Collection

Loose Collection	\$2,576.50
Envelope	\$ 730.00
Total	\$3,306.50

### HAVE A LAUGH:

Q. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?  
A. It had great food, but no atmosphere.