

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/15	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2/16	9:00 a.m.	For: The Weintraut Family (blessings) By: Carolyn Weintraut
		11:00 a.m.	† Russel Nederhoed By: Jay & Marrilee Ahern
Mon.	2/17	8:30 a.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (healing) For: Melissa Coshal (blessings) By: Rose Petersen
Tues.	2/18	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/19	8:30 a.m.	† Mary Shiverski By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek
Thurs.	2/20	8:30 a.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (healing) For: Melissa Coshal (blessings) By: Rose Petersen
Fri.	2/21	8:30 a.m.	For: Andrew Coshal (healing) For: Melissa Coshal (blessings) By: Rose Petersen
Sat.	2/22	5:00 p.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	2/23	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	† Tim Viau By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek

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.	2/15	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Liz Conces, Heather Collins
Sun.	2/16	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Roger Schill
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	2/22	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Charlie Hutchins, Carol Schinker, David Schinker
Sun.	2/23	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Stacey Mendoza, Roger Schill, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On February 22, we celebrate the feast of the **Chair or Cathedra of Saint Peter**. The Cathedra is a symbol of the Bishop's authority as successor to the Apostles and is located in the Cathedral of a diocese. As documented in Mathew's Gospel, Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Today's feast clearly recognizes the Lord's manifestation in the world and his desire to shepherd us. Saint Augustine wrote, "the institution of today's solemnity took the name 'Chair' from our predecessors due to the fact that it is said that the first apostle, Peter, occupied this Episcopal Cathedra. It is right, therefore, that the Church venerates the origins of this See, which the Apostle Peter accepted for the good of the Church." Thank you, Lord, for all those who shepherd us on the path to salvation and on this day especially our Pope. Saint Peter pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Susan Staffier, Trian 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, 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 ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognise His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world.



Pastor's Note: Drawing strength from the Lord.... Following the Lord is about trusting him. Even though this trust in the Lord is not primarily for the purpose of gaining anything but to give ourselves in selflessness, we gain a lot of strength by being with the Lord. When we remain with the Lord, we are strengthened to face the world and its impacts on us, even though some of those things might not be so easy to bear. This Sunday, the readings remind us that we have to rely on the power of God. The first reading, from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, gives a warning to those who stray away from God. Those who do that become nonproductive and live wasteful lives. This is contrasted with those who trust the lord. They are like trees that are planted beside the waters, and they become productive and no power can stop them from bearing fruit, because they draw their strength from the Lord. The Responsorial Psalm underscores this fact, when it says, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." The imagery of the tree that is planted beside running water is used here as well, to emphasize the importance of relying on the power of God and the blessings that come with it. This is contrasted with the ones who do not rely on the power of God, who will fail. In the Second reading, St. Paul reminds us to trust the Lord, especially in the loving act of God, who brought Jesus back to life. Our faith in the risen Lord has to be the foundation of our lives. This faith in our God, who will truly give us life, will enable us to bear the difficulties life sets before us. In the Gospel we have Luke's version of the Beatitudes. The promises laid out by Jesus in these words shows the contrast faithful people will experience, in comparison to the unfaithful. The promises of God set the stage for a completely different outlook on riches and blessings. It is the powerless and the poor who will receive blessings, because they rely on the power of God. This reliance on God will enable them to bear the crosses of life and be peaceful in life.

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Each year we have come together in a united effort as a Diocesan family of faith to serve people above and beyond the ways one parish or organization could accomplish alone. In this way, we show ourselves to be the Body of Christ.



First Responders' Luncheon at the church



The Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign in the support of Corpus Christi Hope House has begun, but it is not too late for you to participate. Hope House provides support & assistance to families, single mothers, their dependent children and newborn babies. Please pick up a baby bottle and fill it with loose change, currency or a check payable to **Corpus Christi Hope House**. If you want to make a one-time contribution, there is a larger bottle on the table by the bassinet. We will collect the bottles prior to Lent, or you may drop it in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All proceeds will go toward the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. Thank you for your support.

Collection for February 9, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,967.04
Envelope Collection	\$ 990.00
Repair & Renovation	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$ 435.00
Total	\$ 4,592.04

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HAVE A LAUGH: A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God", he said, "how long is a million years?"
God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."
The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"
God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."
The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"
God said, "In a minute."