

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/13	5:00 p.m.	†Cesar G. Olivares By: Dalinda & Cesar Olivares
Sun.	9/14	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	†Joshua Bernard By: The Sprunk Family †Richie Marty †Janie Marty By: Wayne Marty
Mon.	9/15	8:30 a.m.	†Patricia Swanson By: Bob & Liz Conces
Tues.	9/16	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/17	8:30 a.m.	†Shirley Kennedy By: Bob & Liz Conces
Thurs.	9/18	8:30 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Fri.	9/19	8:30 a.m.	For: Karen Jayle Hinson (birthday blessings) By: Rose Petersen
Sat.	9/20	5:00 p.m.	For: Buzz Michel (healing) By: Liz Michel Family
Sun.	9/21	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
		11:00 a.m.	†Joshua Whittle 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.	9/13	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces
Sun.	9/14	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	9/20	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	9/21	9 am	Marvin Murray/Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Sabrina Jones//Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith

Did you know about the Saints: On September 7, Pope Leo XIV canonized **Carlo Acutis** (1991 – 2006). The miracle which led towards Carlo’s beatification occurred when a young boy from Brazil touched one of his relics. The boy was four years old and had a congenital malformation of the pancreas which hindered his eating and required him to live on liquid nutrition. After touching the relic, he was able to eat normally, and medical exams confirmed that his pancreas had returned to normal. For Carlo’s canonization, another miracle associated with his intercession was recognized. A 21-year-old Costa Rican student suffered a severe head trauma which required a craniotomy. The student’s mother and others began praying for Carlo’s intercession immediately and the mother even traveled to Assisi to visit his tomb. On the same day as the mother’s visit, her daughter’s health began to improve and within 10 days, the hemorrhage vanished. Saint Acutis, pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Joseph Vallamattam, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Debbie Wallace, Dr. Al Whitty, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Trian Pagurar, Colleen Wishall, Liam Edwards, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, Sean Jackson, Aubrey Harper, Jerry Gage, Lee MacFarland, James Atkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Josh Gueldner, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.
Please Pray For the Deceased: Michelle Wilkinson
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Leo XIV said: Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces.

Pastor’s Note: Love transforms every-thing....We celebrate the great triumph of love, this Sunday, when we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Cross is always associated with Christianity, because Christianity has its foundation on a person who was willing enough to give his life for the people he loved, by dying on the cross. Cross is not a mere reminder of the religion, but a true proclamation of the love and sacrifice of Jesus. The Feast that we celebrate this Sunday is about the transformation we all have experienced by virtue of the sacrificial love of Jesus. It is a celebration of the triumph of love over hatred. It is a celebration of the gratitude we feel towards the person who is the source of our life. The readings today present the importance of the act of Jesus dying on the cross. Cross was a sign of shame during the time of Jesus. Criminals were hung on the cross to die a shameful death and was used as a warning for people who were trying to fight those in power. As the second reading, taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, reminds us, Jesus did not shy away from accepting a shameful death. The humility of Jesus to accept the cross, a symbol of shame, was prompted by his love for the people and his trust in the love of his Father. This transformed the shameful cross into a symbol of love and sacrifice. Through this act, Jesus brought life to the people who were dying as a result of their sins. Like Moses who lifted the bronze serpent to give life to the people in the desert, Jesus was lifted on the cross to give life to the people who believe in him. God’s love was manifested in the way he sent his Son into the world, so that the word might be saved through him. Jesus fulfilled the expectation of his Father. Today, we who are hailing Jesus as our Lord are called to fulfill the expectations of Jesus regarding his followers that they will love, as he loved, by being willing enough to sacrifice their lives for others. Love can transform everything.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. **Classes start September 17.** Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH monthly meeting will be Tuesday, September 16 at 5 p.m. at our Parish Hall. All ladies of our parish are welcome!

QUO VADIS COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2025 SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS

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| 1. Aubrey Gold | 6. Kenneth Janach |
| 2. Jonathon Flores | 7. Ralph Staffier |
| 3. Robert Trimble | 8. Felix Villareal |
| 4. David Gomez | 9. Matthew Lange |
| 5. Matt Maas | 10. James Serna |

Bible Classes

I will resume the Bible Study on Thursday, September 18. The topic we will cover is the Gospel of Luke, Part 2. This will be a six week study. Classes will be held every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Each class will last for one hour and fifteen minutes. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. Thank you.

The second collection this week-end is for the
Catholic University of America.

Collection for September 7, 2025

Loose Collection	\$2,031.00
Envelope Collection	\$1,155.00
Repair & Renovation	\$ 75.00
Support to people of Gaza	\$1,722.66
Online Giving	\$ 565.00
Total	\$5,548.66
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HAVE A LAUGH: A police officer pulled over a car because it was swerving quite viciously on a quiet road. The officer pulls over the car and realizes that it's a priest driving the car, looking particularly merry. He asks the priest, "Have you had anything to drink sir?" The priest, quite clearly drunk, says "only water officer." Looking down, the officer sees a whole bunch of wine bottles rolling around the floor. "Sir there are wine bottles all over the floor of the car!" The priest looking dumbfounded, exclaimed, "Oh the Lord has done it again!!"