

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/29	5:00 p.m.	For: Thomas Schaffer (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
			† Diane Moy By: LeRoy & Cheryl Camber
Sun.	8/30	9:00 a.m.	† Cassandra Clark By: Frank & Barbara Culp
			† Julia Dorothy Strain By: Cliff Strain
			For: Shay Burger (birthday blessings) By: The Burger Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	8/31	NO MASS	
Tues.	9/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/2	NO MASS	
Thurs.	9/3	8:30 a.m.	† Edleen Buxkemper By: Peggy Halfmann Hoelscher
			† Diane Moy By: Shelly Moczygemba
Fri.	9/4	8:30 a.m.	For: Special Intention By: Mary Ann Hajek
			For: Rain By: Ginger & Leon Matula
Sat.	9/5	5:00 p.m.	† Diane Moy By: Shelly Moczygemba
			For: Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
Sun.	9/6	9:00 a.m.	† Rosa Albarado By: Mary Ann Johnson
			† Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
			For: Karen Decker Creighton (healing)
			By: Sandra Clark Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	8/29	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann,
Sun.	8/30	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray,
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	9/5	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Stacey Mendoza
Sun.	9/6	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/_____
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On September 3rd, we celebrate the Feast of **Saint Gregory the Great** (540 - 604). Gregory was a Benedictine monk who was called to serve as a papal deacon and representative in Constantinople. Just when Gregory had thought that this service ended and he could return to his life as a monk, he was elected Pope after the death of Pope Palagius II in 590. As Pope, Gregory ensured that the Mass was uniformly celebrated, increased the number of monasteries, ensured the clergy were faithful to their vows, strengthened the importance of church doctrine, and was a prolific writer. In his writing, *Pastoral Care*, he identified bishops as physicians which coincides with Pope Francis’ statement that the “Church is a field hospital for the vulnerable.” In fact, Gregory would invite 12 of the poor or marginalized to dine with him at each meal. Gregory is also identified as one of the four key doctors of the Church along with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome. Saint Gregory, pray for us!

Please Pray For the Sick: Deborah Smith, Javier Mendoza, Karen Gotto, Darlene Seich, Kayla Sheffield, Charlie Hutchins, Donald Skrovan, Dale Christensen, Dalinda Olivares, Nancy Francisco, Ani Enriquez, Olivia Adams, Joan Finn, Joshua Gueldner, Joan Dieker, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Sean Jackson, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased: Julia Dorothy Strain
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Leo XIV said: The liturgy is not merely an outward observance, but a living encounter with God. Let us participate in the liturgy consciously, devoutly, and actively, so that we may grow in faith.

Pastor’s Note: Total commitment....

Jesus was not the typical Messiah people were hoping to have. We heard Peter professing Jesus to be the Christ, the son of the Living God, in our Gospel passage last Sunday. Today we see Jesus revealing himself to be a different kind of Messiah, who would go through suffering and encounter death in his lifetime. Most people who were hoping for a savior expected him to be a kingly messiah, who would be in total control and who would exercise his power to redeem their land from the rule of the Romans. It is with this expectation that Peter confessed his faith in Jesus. Jesus then tells them something that totally shatters their hope. It was not easy for Peter to accept a suffering messiah. Jesus, by predicting his passion and death and resurrection, was challenging them to change their perception of him as a kingly messiah. When Peter objected to this, Jesus helped them to look at leadership, as his disciples, as something that is given to be at the service of the people. He invites them to understand the meaning of servant leadership, by telling them that those who follow him must deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow him. It is this self-denial, for the sake of the Kingdom, that Jesus expected his followers to have. The readings today call on us to understand the meaning of living committed lives, based in our faith and trust in God. In the first reading, we hear Jeremiah talk about his burning desire to proclaim the word to people, even when it brings him suffering. Even though that process is tough, he wants to continue that life of commitment. In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, urging them to be willing to suffer for the sake of bringing God’s word to the people. Our commitment to God will create that desire in us to do things for him, as reminded by the Responsorial Psalm. Our trust will make us give our lives totally to him.

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from August 19 to September 5. Let us keep him in our prayers. In his absence, there will be no Masses on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Welcome back night and registration is Wednesday, **September 16** in the Religious Education Building. Registration Forms are in the church foyer. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

The **Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus** are holding their annual **summer raffle** after the Masses until Labor Day Sunday. There are several prize packages. All proceeds benefit charities, including parish support, scholarships, the Food Pantry, Hope House, disaster relief, local schools, and financial relief to families with emergency needs. Please consider participating in the raffle. A poster board is in the church foyer displaying the different prize packages. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Collection for August 23, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 2,760.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 900.00
Online Giving	\$ 535.00
Total	\$ 4,195.00

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HAVE A LAUGH: Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."