

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

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

### Mass Intentions

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
Mon.	1/6	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/7	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/8	NO MASS	
Th.	1/9	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>Edgar &amp; Eleanor Williamson</b> (blessings) By: Jody Williamson
Fri.	1/10	8:30 a.m.	† <b>George Snell</b> By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Sat.	1/11	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Special Intention</b> By: Anita
Sun.	1/12	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Marlene Thomas</b> By: Greg Thomas
			For: <b>Edgar &amp; Eleanor Williamson</b> (blessings) By: Jody Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

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.	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
Sat.	1/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Heather Collins, Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	1/12	9 am	Laura Peterek/Roger Schill, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** January 6<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Epiphany. On this day we also celebrate the feast of **Saint Andre Bessette** (1845 – 1937). As a young man, Andre unsuccessfully attempted many careers which included being a farm hand, shoemaker, baker, and blacksmith. At the age of 25, he was accepted into the Congregation of the Holy Cross and was given the humble job of being the doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal. Andre was devoted to Saint Joseph and was called to construct a chapel dedicated to him. Andre collected donations for years and slowly started to build a small structure. Many pilgrims started to visit the shrine and some of the sick were healed through prayer and the intercession of Saint Joseph. Eventually this small chapel grew into the Oratory of Saint Joseph on Mount Royal (saint-joseph.org). Today more than two million people visit the Basilica each year. At Andre's canonization, Pope Benedict the XVI stated that Brother Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure heart." Saint Andre, pray for us.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** 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:** Our Saviour reveals Himself in the frailty of flesh. He came down to earth from the highest heaven. Son of God, He became the Son of man. Christ Jesus was born of woman, and is one of us. For this reason, He is able to save us.



**Pastor's Note: A search that transformed lives....** One of the enduring representations of Christmas is the image of three men kneeling before Baby Jesus, resting in a manger, and a star shining brightly above it. These three men are popularly described as three kings, because they hold gifts in their hands, and they are presented as wearing expensive clothes. The crown that is placed on their heads adds to their depiction as kings. In the Bible we read that these were wise magi from the east, which would mean they were wise men. The popular description of them as kings came about because of the expensive gifts they presented before Baby Jesus. Matthew is the one who presents the story of the magi in the Gospel, and he has a purpose in describing the scene the way he does it. Matthew is writing the Gospel to guide the Jewish converts, so that they would see in Jesus the birth of a King from the line of David, their greatest King. Prophets had foretold the birth of a Savior who would redeem them from the invaders and restore their kingdom once again. Matthew is presenting Jesus as the person who has fulfilled the promises by God in the past. The Feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrate this Sunday, is about people outside of the Gentile world receiving the Good News of the birth of this Savior. The second reading reminds us that the Gentiles are also co-heirs of the promise of God. The magi were Gentiles, and they were led to the place of the birth of the Savior and were made to recognize him as the Kingly Messiah. By presenting a star leading them to the place, Matthew is emphasizing the fact that God has been taking special interest in everyone acknowledging Jesus as the promised Messiah. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah describes the way people are walking by the light that shines on them. The Feast reminds us that we are also called to be led by the shining light from above, so that our encounter with the Savior will truly transform our lives. We only have to trust the Lord and make every effort to walk by his guidance.



## HAPPY FEAST OF EPIPHANY!

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (following the 9 a.m. mass). All members are encouraged to attend. We meet in the Education Building and access is through the Lantana Street entrance. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Bob Conces @ (936)344-1257. The requirement of a KC member is to be a Catholic in good standing and to be willing to serve our community and parish.

### 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, OFM Cap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

### Collection for December 29, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 2,473.50
Envelope Collection	\$ 495.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,405.00
Total	\$ 4,373.50

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**HAVE A LAUGH:** *A Sheepish Recovery*  
A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."