

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/14	5:00 p.m.	For: Drake Makus (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sun.	12/15	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	For: Carmen Cardenas (blessings) By: Ladies of St. Joseph
			For: Sisters of St. Mary of Schoenstatt (blessings) By: Perotti Family
Mon.	12/16	8:30 a.m.	† George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Tues.	12/17	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/18	8:30 a.m.	For: Edgar & Eleanor Williamson (blessings) By: Jody Williamson
Thurs.	12/19	8:30 a.m.	† Elizabeth Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
Fri.	12/20	8:30 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	12/21	5:00 p.m.	† George Snell By: Deborah & Bob Wallace
Sun.	12/22	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

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LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/14	5 pm	Dawn Larson/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	12/15	9 am	Marvin Murray/ Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith
Sat.	12/21	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/22	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Javier Mendoza, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On December 21 we celebrate the feast of Saint Peter Canisius. He was born in Holland in 1521. Peter had edited and written several volumes on Church history and theology, been a delegate to the Council of Trent, and reformed the German [universities](#) from heresy. Peter approached Christian doctrine in two parts: wisdom—including faith, hope, and charity—and justice—avoiding evil and doing good, linked by a section on sacraments. Peter died on December 21, 1597. He is known as the Second Apostle of Germany and was named a Doctor of the Church. Prayer: Saint Peter Canisius, you saw the [good](#) in even the most troublesome of people. You found their talents and used them. Help me to see beyond the behavior of others that may bother me to the gifts [God](#) has given them. [Amen](#)

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: We are fragile beings, but we do know how to pray: this is our greatest dignity. And when a prayer is said according to Jesus' heart, it obtains miracles.



Pastor's Note: Rejoice and be joyful....

On this third Sunday of Advent, we are called to rejoice in the Lord, because the Lord himself rejoices in us. We rejoice because the Lord has sent his Son to wipe away our fears and to lead us to salvation. The Lord rejoices in us, not because everything is perfect on our end, but because he has begotten us, and has confidence in us, that we will walk in his ways. Once again we hear from John the Baptist in the Gospel passage. Even though he has specific instruction to various sections of the people regarding the way they are to change their behavior, it is not a doom and gloom kind of exhortation. As Luke summarizes it in the last sentence of the Gospel, it is 'Good News!' John is calling on people to make changes in their behavior, because the Lord is coming to fill them with joy. That so many people are turning out to reform their lives, is reason enough to rejoice and be joyful. That is a clear sign of the presence of the Lord who is coming to transform our lives. Hence the Psalmist is crying out in the Responsorial Psalm, "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." In the second reading, St. Paul is reminding us that the Lord is near. We have to continue the work of showing kindness to everyone. We have to trust in the Lord who comes to deliver us and, with confidence, rejoice in this immense love of God. Even if we find no reason to rejoice now, there are numerous reasons to rejoice, when we trust in the Lord who will free us from all afflictions. The first reading reminds us to take delight in the fact that the Lord has removed the judgement against us. He is truly coming to set us free. The Lord who will be in our midst rejoices over us, because he trusts in our ability to transform our ways and live as his children. The Lord indeed is going to rejoice over us because of the way we live a life of faithfulness. With the Lord, trusting in his love for us, we are also called to rejoice and be joyful. Life is going to be transformed in him.

The Third Advent Candle is called the



Shepherd's candle. This candle is pink in color. It symbolizes Joy at the birth of Jesus and the anticipation of his return.

Advent Penitential Service

On Monday, December 16, there will be other priests to hear confessions at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24	4:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Mass

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation from January 4 to January 24. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Ladies of St. Joseph Christmas Sale

The Ladies of SJ will have a Christmas sale this week-end in the Parish Hall after all the Masses. The proceeds will go towards various ministries. Thank you for your support.

Collection for December 8, 2024

Loose Collection	\$ 1,251.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1,025.00
Online Giving	\$ 415.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 763.00
Total	\$ 3,454.00

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: Two fellers were in desperate need of cash, but admittedly were a bit cowardly. So the one suggested they break into the Amish market. The logic being that since the Amish were non-resistant, even if they were caught, no harm could befall them. Thus they carried out their plot.

However, just as they were breaking into the cash register, the owner turned on the lights and confronted them, a shotgun pointed directly at them.

Calmly, the Amishman said, Boys, I would never do thee any harm yet you are standing where I am about to shoot.