

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 31, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/30	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sun.	8/31	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Dennis Stuart</b> By: Tony & Gloria Gutierrez
		11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on the <b>Rodriguez Family</b> By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
Mon.	9/1	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Tues.	9/2	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/3	NO MASS	
Thurs.	9/4	8:30 a.m.	† <b>Lorraine Care</b> By: Barbara & Frank Culp † <b>Larry Conces</b> By: Liz and Bob Conces
Fri.	9/5	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Stanton Family</b> (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sat.	9/6	5:00 p.m.	† <b>Nova Wilson</b> By: E. A. Wilson & Family  For: <b>Julie Winkelmann</b> (blessings) By: Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	9/7	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on The <b>Rodriguez Family</b> By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez
		11:00 a.m.	† <b>Matthew Lembke</b> By: The Sprunk Family

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com>



LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat.	8/30	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	8/31	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	9/6	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	9/7	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Mary Jo Matthews, Sabrina Jones, Ken Chesshir

**Did you know about the Saints:** On August 20, Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota announced that he will officially open the cause for sainthood of **Sister Annelia Zervas** (1900 – 1926). Sister Annelia was born in Fargo, North Dakota and was the second of six children in a strong Catholic family. At the age of 15, she entered the Order of Saint Benedict in Saint Joseph, Minnesota. Shortly after her perpetual vows, Annelia was diagnosed with a chronic and debilitating skin disease. This however did not slow her down and she became a music teacher at Saint Mary’s Catholic School in Bismark, North Dakota where she was known for her good humor and never-ending positive attitude. As a “Servant of God”, information will be gathered, and research will be conducted to confirm that she lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Bishop Cozzens concluded his announcement by stating, “May God bless you and may he continue to raise up saints in our midst.” **Canonization Countdown:** 7 days until the canonization of Frassati and Acutis at Saint Peters on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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, Michelle Wilkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Tootie Barnes, Josh Gueldner, Clayton Gard, 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 Leo XIV said:** In life, we don't have to have everything under control. We can be content to choose to love freely every day. This is true hope: We know know that, even in the darkness of trial, God’s love sustains us and ripens the fruit of eternal life in us.

Pastor’s Note: In humble gratitude....

Jesus, with his teaching and his periodic challenges to those who follow him, often baffled his disciples and detractors alike. Jesus was looked upon by a lot of people as the Messiah, which could have been reason enough for Jesus to feel great about himself or even superior to the people around him. However, that was not how Jesus dealt with the situation. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. This week we are invited to be humble in our daily life so that we will find favor with God. The first reading is taken from the Book of Sirach. The passage reminds us of the need to remain humble before God, so that we will always acknowledge our reliance on God. We are told that a grateful person who shares one’s resources with the poor will atone for one’s sins. The Responsorial Psalm extolls the generosity of God and his caring ways towards those who are suffering. He does this even when he is in his holy dwelling. This reaching out to those in need is what Jesus did, which we hear highlighted in the second reading, taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, has helped us to approach the Almighty, through his humility and self-sacrificing love. This is a gift given to us, which goes beyond all we could ever think of. In the Gospel, we are reminded to be humble and unassuming in our encounters with people. Our generosity towards others should be an expression of our gratitude, and this generosity should never be with a desire to be repaid. Jesus emphasizes the fact that the Lord will see our good works and will reward us for our generosity towards the needy. Our humility is a perfect expression of our gratitude to God, on whom we depend for everything.

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 10, 5:30 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 second collection the week-end of September 6 & 7: In a united effort with Catholics across the United States, please join me in contributing to the efforts by our Church to offer humanitarian relief and pastoral support to the people of Gaza. Both the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continue to rely on our generosity. Your efforts in taking this collection will help to bring dignity to a hurting population of Catholics and others who are suffering in Gaza. Bishop Michael Mulvey**

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 Repair and Renovation Fund.

Collection for August 24, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,552.05
Envelope Collection	\$ 933.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>505.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,990.05
Thank you for your generosity.	

**HAVE A LAUGH:** A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look,"she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?"  
"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise."  
"That's amazing,"the woman said. "How old are you?"  
"Twenty-six," he said.