

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | 3/29 | 5:00 p.m. | †Elizabeth Zych By: Jim Zych |
| Sun. | 3/30 | 9:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving for blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez For: Mary Thornsberry (healing) By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek For: Dolores Czech (blessings) By: Carl & Linda Bartoszek |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | †Bill and Carol Cline By: Joshua Rombs †Pier Georgio Scorcelletti By: Dunia Scorcelletti |
| Mon. | 3/31 | 8:30 a.m. | †Virgil Kennedy By: Bob & Liz Conces For: Father George Johnson Vallamattam (birthday blessings) By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph |
| Tues. | 4/1 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | 4/2 | 8:30 a.m. | †Marla Heinan By: John Heinan |
| Thurs. | 4/3 | 8:30 a.m. | For: John Heinan Family (Special Intention) By: John Heinan |
| Fri. | 4/4 | 8:30 a.m. | For: Ania & Marek Czarnecki (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces |
| Sat. | 4/5 | 5:00 p.m. | For: Frances Binning (birthday blessings) By: Rita Schaffer |
| Sun. | 4/6 | 9:00 a.m. | †Albert & Sara Rombs By: Joshua Rombs For: Father Darrel Pepin (health) By: Linda & Carl Bartoszek |
| | | 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

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| Sat. | 3/29 | 5 pm | Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann |
| Sun. | 3/30 | 9 am | Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek |
| | | 11 am | Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir |
| Sat. | 4/5 | 5 pm | Heather Collins/Charlie Hutchins, Liz Conces, Julie Winkelmann |
| Sun. | 4/6 | 9 am | Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray |
| | | 11 am | Cliff Strain/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir |

Did you know about the Saints: On April 3, we celebrate the feast day of **Saint Benedict the African** (1526 – 1589). Benedict's parents were enslaved and brought to Messina, Sicily. At the age of 18, Benedict was freed and he began to work and save so that he could purchase a pair of oxen. The oxen allowed him to continue earning a living working in the fields. Eventually Benedict joined a group of hermits which led him to the Franciscan order. As a member of the Franciscan order, he held many positions including that of novice master. Benedict never wanted to have a leadership position but served as he was called. Upon completion of his term, he humbly and joyfully returned to his previous position in the kitchen. Many came to the friary to seek his advice and he was so well loved that upon his death King Phillip III of Spain funded a tomb for Benedict. Benedict was canonized in 1807 by Pope Pius VII. Benedict is the patron of African missions and those of African heritage. Saint Benedict, please pray for us and the great continent of Africa!

Please Pray For the Sick: Sandy Davies, Susan Staffier, Trian Pagurar, Colleen Wishall, Jo Lang, 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, Julianna Cook, Marrilee Ahern, 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: Even if our past seems burdensome, complicated, and perhaps even ruined, we can always give it to God and set out anew on our journey. God is merciful, and He always waits for us!



Pastor's Note: Goodness of the Lord unlimited.... Lent is a time to journey towards the Lord and experience the life that comes to us from the Risen Christ. It is with this hope that we undertake all the Lenten disciplines, even though it might involve sacrifices on our part. This week, the fourth week of Lent, reminds us that the joy that we are waiting for can already be experienced, even as we continue with our Lenten disciplines. Traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday, this fourth Sunday of Lent is, in fact, a welcome break, where we exult in the goodness of the Lord. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord. It is the goodness of the Lord that is evident in all the readings for the weekend. The first reading, from the Book of Joshua, presents the joy of the Israelites for having reaped the first fruits of the Promised Land. They praise the Lord, who fulfilled the promise he had made to them, when he brought them out of the land of slavery. In the second reading St. Paul reminds us that the gift of reconciliation that we received through Jesus Christ, is something that shows the goodness of the Lord. Having received that reconciliation, we are also transformed to be ministers of reconciliation. This was a gift from God, who loved us and believed in us, showing his goodness. In the Gospel we listen to the story of the Prodigal Son, who experiences the unconditional love of his father. Having left his father, after receiving his inheritance, the younger son in the parable ends up living a miserable life. It is this misery that brings him to the realization of the mistake he made. Upon his return, he experiences the all forgiving love of his father. The reading is a reminder that we have a God who is willing to shower his merciful love on each of us. Such is the goodness of the Lord, and it is this love that we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is also an invitation to be transformed into the image of this God of unlimited goodness.

Lenten Mission This Week

St. Joseph Church, Port Aransas
Thursday and Friday

April 3-4 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Penitential Service will be April 4 at 7 p.m.



Stations
of the Cross
Will be prayed on
Fridays after Mass
During Lent

Holy Week Schedule

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| 4/17 | Thurs. | 6 pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| 4/18 | Friday | 3 pm | Good Friday Service |
| 4/19 | Sat. | 6 pm | Easter Vigil Mass |
| 4/20 | Sun. | 9 am | Easter Mass |
| | | 11 am | Easter Mass |

The second collection this week-end is for Catholic Relief Services.

Collection for March 23, 2025

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| Loose Collection | \$ 3,459.00 |
| Envelope Collection | \$ 500.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 335.00 |
| Total | \$ 4,294.00 |

Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A LAUGH: A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."
Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!"
"There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf."
"No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."