

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 24, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/23	5:00 p.m.	†Crystal Teague By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Sun.	8/24	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia For: Justin Peterek (birthday blessings) By: The Peterek Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: Special Intention By: Mary Ann Hajek
Mon.	8/25	8:30 a.m.	For: Special Intention By: Mary Ann Hajek
Tues.	8/26	NO MASS	
Wed.	8/27	8:30 a.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Thurs.	8/28	8:30 a.m.	†Mary Figueroa By: Denise Figueroa
Fri.	8/29	8:30 a.m.	For: Frank Culp (healing) By: Barbara Culp
Sat.	8/30	5:00 p.m.	For: The Stanton Family (blessings) By: T. & M. Stanton
Sun.	8/31	9:00 a.m.	†Dennis Stuart By: Tony & Gloria Gutierrez
		11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Rodriguez Family By: Victor & Bertha Rodriguez

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.	8/23	5 pm	Liz Conces/Liz Conces, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	8/24	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir
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

**Did you know about the Saints:** On August 25, we celebrate the feast of **Saint Louis XIV of France** (1214 – 1270). Louis was crowned King at the age of 12 in 1226. As King of France, he exhibited great zeal as a devout Catholic. Louis commissioned the construction of the Sainte-Chapelle (Holy Chapel) within the Royal Palace to accommodate relics of the true cross. He also built cathedrals, churches, libraries, hospitals, orphan-ages, and oversaw the completion of the Cathedral of Notre Dame. He would serve meals to the poor and invited thirteen guests to dine with him each day. Louis also reformed the French legal system to allow petitioners to appeal judgements. Multiple crusades were led by Louis to liberate the Holy Land and to protect Christianity. There are many cities throughout the world named after Louis including the city of Saint Louis, Missouri. **Canonization Countdown:** 14 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:** Ellen Gray, Ted Martin  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Leo XIV said:** To forgive does not mean to deny evil, but to prevent it from generating further evil. It is not to say that nothing has happened, but to do everything possible to ensure that resentment does not determine the future.

**Pastor’s Note: A God who loves every-one....**Our faith has a bearing on our out-look on life and our interpersonal relation-ships. We become new creations in Christ, by virtue of our baptism, is a reminder of this fact that, we acquire a new vision, in conformity with Jesus’ experience and un-derstanding of God. Jesus, through his life and his preaching, always demonstrated that our God is someone who always reaches out to, and cares for all kinds of people. This weekend we are reminded of the care and concern of God for all people and are invited to trust this God who loves everyone equally. The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In the pas-sage, the Lord makes a promise to bring together all the people and promises that he would treat people of other nations as equals to the people of Israel. There is a convergence of the people, brought about by the Lord treating with love and compas-sion. This loving embrace of the Lord is al-so an invitation to ‘go out to all the world and tell the Good News’, as the Responsori-al Psalm reminds us. In the second read-ing, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, the love of the Lord is emphasized. This love may not seem a bit tough in the begin-nig, because it is an invitation to correct ourselves, so that our lives may be in con-formity with the ways of the God of love. This exhortation to change may not be seen as easy by us, but it is the path that leads to life. In the Gospel passage Jesus stress-es that mere lip service to the Lord, will not give us an assurance of a place in heaven. An effort to follow the Lord will not be easy, because it is an invitation to open our hearts to everyone around us. Our efforts to live lives of love, as a reflection of God’s love that invites everyone from all over the world, is what is going to help us enter through that narrow door to heaven.

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 Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their annual summer raffle after the masses from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day Sunday.** There are several prize packages, with the total value in excess of \$3,500. A recent addition to the prizes is an airplane ride for two over Port Aransas! 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 packages. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

**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**

Collection for August 17, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,109.55
Envelope Collection	\$ 465.00
Online Giving	\$ 635.00
Total	\$ 3,209.55

Thank you for your generosity.

**HAVE A LAUGH:** An atheist scientist came to God and said, “We’ve figured out how to make a man without you.” God said, “OK, let me see you do it.” So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, “Oh, no you don’t. Get your own dirt!”