

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10/25	5:00 p.m.	†Angie Olivares By: Dalinda & Cesar Olivares †Cassandra Clark By: Clark Family For: Mathew Hogan (healing) By: Barbara & Frank Culp
Sun.	10/26	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia
		11:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	10/27	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Clark Family
Tues.	10/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/29	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Clark Family
Thurs.	10/30	8:30 a.m.	For: Randy & Garrett Jurgajtis (blessings) By: Ginger & Leon Matula For: Debbie Wallace (healing) By: The Family
Fri.	10/31	8:30 a.m.	†Cassandra Clark By: Clark Family
Sat.	11/1	5:00 p.m.	For: Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces †Cassandra Clark By: Clark Family †Dolores Neugebauer †Mike & Emily Broll †Chester & Elaine Pawelek By: Barbara & Kenneth Pawelek
Sun.	11/2	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
Sat.	10/25	5 pm	Heather Collins/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	10/26	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Sabrina Jones, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	11/1	5 pm	Liz Conces/Liz Conces, Charlie Hutchins, Julie Winkelmann
Sun.	11/2	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On November 1, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. On this day we rejoice for all those in heaven (officially canonized or not). The feast began in May 609 when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to our Blessed Mother and had many martyrs buried at the same location. Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1 when he dedicated a Vatican chapel to All Saints. Today many eastern churches still honor the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost. As stated in the Collect for this Feast, “Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray through the prayers of so many intercessors an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long...” All Holy Men and Woman, Pray for us.

Please Pray For the Sick: Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, 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, Lee MacFarland, James Atkinson, Christina Watson, Victor Rodriguez, Josh Gueldner, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.
Please Pray For the Deceased: Jerry Gage, Sara Crawford
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Leo XIV said: The synodal journey calls all of us to listen more deeply to the Holy Spirit and to one another, so that our structures and ministries may be more agile, more transparent, and more responsive to the Gospel.

Pastor’s Note: God who is empathetic....
Having reflected on the need to trust in our God and to turn to him with our needs in prayer, this Sunday we reflect on the attitude with which we have to approach God. Our God is someone who is able to understand us and who will do everything to deliver us from our afflictions. The Responsorial Psalm sets the tone by proclaiming, “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” It goes on to say that the Lord confronts the evildoers because he wants to secure justice for the needy and afflicted. God always hears the cry of the poor and suffering, and he is someone who will not sit idly watching by, when his beloved children are being tormented. In the first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach, the author further extolls the virtues of our God. The Lord is a God of justice, it says, because he is able to see the suffering of the poor and oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the cry of the helpless people. When the poor and suffering raise their heart to God in prayer, he comes to their rescue. The prayer of the afflicted reaches God, and he responds with determination to bring relief to their plight. In the second reading, taken from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Paul narrates his experience of God’s response to his suffering. Paul was attacked, persecuted and jailed, and he then recalls the way in which God reached out to him and heard his cry for help by rescuing him. The Lord stood by him, Paul says, and he has confidence in this God of love. In the Gospel, we see two people going before the Lord to pray. The Pharisee was a person who was faithful to all the prescriptions of the Law and in his prayer, he was praising himself for his goodness. The other was a tax collector, who stood before God, feeling unworthy, and he begs for God’s mercy. The Pharisee, who claimed a rightful place with God, was not justified, because of his pride. The tax collector’s prayer was heard, because of his humble attitude.

ALL SAINTS DAY is Saturday, November 1.
It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed starting November 2. If you want your loved ones to be included, please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer.



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Repair & Renovation	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 725.00
Total	\$ 4,876.00

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HAVE A LAUGH: A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God", he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "In a minute."

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