

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	7/25	5:00 p.m.	For: Special Intention By: Ginger & Leon Matula For: Dr. Molly Lubbock (blessings) By: Thomas Moy † Diane Moy By: Thomas Moy For: Karen Decker Creighton (healing) By: Sandra Clark Family
Sun.	7/26	9:00 a.m.	† Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia † Olivia Grace Zidek † Julian Moczygemba By: Carol Zidek In Thanksgiving for the Annual Schott Family Coast Trip By: The Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: Carly Carlough (birthday blessings) By: Heather Collins & Family † Kelly Matschek
Mon.	7/27	8:30 a.m.	
Tues.	7/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/29	8:30 a.m.	† Valeria Hoelscher By: Pat Kvapil † Olivia Grace Zidek † Julian Moczygemba By: Carol Zidek
Thurs.	7/30	8:30 a.m.	† Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson For: Ryan Schaffer (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Fri.	7/31	8:30 a.m.	For: Joan & Julie Finn (healing) By: Frank & Barbara Culp
Sat.	8/1	5:00 p.m.	† Burt Jones By: Carol Jones † Diane Moy By: Thomas Moy
Sun.	8/2	9:00 a.m.	† Edgar A. Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: Colleen Schneiderlochner (birthday blessings) By: The Burger Family

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
Sat.	7/25	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, _____
Sun.	7/26	9 am	Laura Peterek/Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek
		11 am	Barbara Lamson/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	8/1	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Nick Winkelmann, Elizabeth Winkelmann
Sun.	8/2	9 am	Laura Peterek/Marvin Murray, Andy Peterek, _____
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Barbara Smith, Mary Jo Matthews, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: On July 26, we celebrate the feast of **Saints Anne and Joachim** who are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Anne and Joachim are the patron Saints of grandparents, married couples, and families. In the month of July, there are several married couples whose feasts we celebrate. **Blessed Joseph and Wiktoria Ulma** (feast day July 7) were killed along with their seven children by the Nazis for sheltering Jews in Poland during WWII. **Saints Priscilla and Aquila** (feast day July 8) are frequently mentioned in the New Testament as they were friends of Paul and integral to the early Church. They are the patron Saints of marriage, Love, and strong Christian families. **Saints Louis and Zelig Martin** (feast day July 12) “understood that they could sanctify themselves not despite marriage but through, in, and by marriage, and that their nuptials would be considered as the starting point for a mutual rise.” All Holy Women and Men, Pray for us!

Please Pray For the Sick: Charlie Hutchins, Donald Skrovan, Dale Christensen, Dalinda Olivares, Nancy Francisco, Ani Enriquez, Olivia Adams, Joan Finn, Joshua Gueldner, Joan Dieker, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Sean Jackson, 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: We continue to follow with concern the events unfolding in various countries torn apart by war and violence. Let us not forget those who are suffering and dying because of these conflicts, and let us add our constant prayers to the generous efforts for peace.

Pastor’s Note: Valuing the most valuable.... Jesus always enjoyed the company of people who came to listen to him and to see the way he was interacting with people, especially the sick and needy. Those who came to listen to his teaching were always treated with respect, and he made his teaching simple enough for people to understand. Parables played a great role in his teaching, conveying great truths with simplicity and with great effectiveness. This Sunday we are called to reflect on our love for God’s commands and the values of the Kingdom of God. Only a person who has real wisdom will be able to understand the preciousness of God’s values and live a life that is worthy of being a true child of God. In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Kings, we listen to the conversation between God and Solomon, who would go on to become the king who was renowned for his wisdom. In the passage that we listen to this week, we see Solomon asking for wisdom, when God told him to ask of him, anything that Solomon desired. Solomon asks for wisdom to govern the people, and God grants him that. This was a sign of his love for God’s ways, and that is why we say in the Responsorial Psalm, “Lord, I love your commands.” In the second reading, taken from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that God wants us to be faithful to God, and he constantly calls us to belong to him, just like Jesus remained faithful to God, through his desire and efforts to do God’s will always. In the Gospel, we listen to Jesus presenting various parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. It is like a treasure a man finds, and then is willing to forgo everything he owned, to make that treasure his own. Another person finds a pearl of great value and buys it, by selling all that he has. This is how we are called to value the principles of the kingdom of heaven, which means tremendous commitment on our part to God and his ways.

We now have live streaming of our Weekend Masses, Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. You can watch the Live Streaming of the Weekend Masses by going on Youtube and searching our church by typing in @St.JosephPortAransas

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their annual summer raffle after the Masses until Labor Day Sunday. There are several prize packages. 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 prize packages. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The office will be closed July 24-29. Should you need to contact Father George, please call (361)727-5725.

Collection for July 19, 2026

Loose Collection	\$ 4,627.01
Envelope Collection	\$ 535.00
Church in Africa	\$ 1,437.55
Online Giving	\$ 2,943.09
Total	\$ 9,542.65

HAVE A LAUGH: Two men, Robert and James, applied for an engineering position. Both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the department manager.
Upon completion of the exam both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Robert and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give James the job."
Robert replied, "Why? We both correctly answered nine questions. I believe I should get this job, especially since I've grown up in this town and James just moved here."
The manager said, "We made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."
"How could one incorrect answer be better than the other?," asked Robert.
"Simple," said the manager. "James put down on question #5, 'I don't know', and you put down, 'Neither do I.'"

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