

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12/27	5:00 p.m.	For: Matthew & Carrie Hogan (healing) By: Frank & Barbara Culp
Sun.	12/28	9:00 a.m.	†Frances Guzman By: Rosie & Elvia †Edgar Williamson By: Jody & Shawna Williamson
		11:00 a.m.	For: Anna & Mark Everett (anniversary blessings) By: Bob & Liz Conces †Carmen & Carlos Cardenas By: Leticia Grounds
Mon.	12/29	8:30 a.m.	For: David McCurdy (birthday blessings) By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Tues.	12/30	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/31	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/1	8:30 a.m.	†Edgar A. Williamson By: Shawna & Jody Williamson
Fri.	1/2	8:30 a.m.	For: David J. McCurdy (birthday blessings) By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Sat.	1/3	5:00 p.m.	For: Hanna Jo Collins (birthday blessings) By: Heather, Harry, and Henry Collins
Sun.	1/4	9:00 a.m.	For: The Parishioners of St. Joseph †George & Jean Atkinson By: The Sprunk Family
		11:00 a.m.	For: Brendan Schaffer (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer

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.	12/27	5 pm	Karen Lamie/Charlie Hutchins, Heather Collins, Nick Winkelmann
Sun.	12/28	9 am	Yvette Jimenez/Marvin Murray, Laura Peterek, Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Sabrina Jones/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	1/3/26	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Tim Lamie
Sun.	1/4/26	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Roger Schill, Andy Peterek, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

Did you know about the Saints: A Family of love.... When we hear of the struggle many families go through to protect their children, and how even in the midst of such struggle, the cruelty meted out to them, we cannot but think of the struggles of the Holy Family. Today we are reminded of the troubles faced by the Holy Family, once again, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Life has not been easy for the Holy Family, as they struggled through the early life of Jesus. What we celebrate today is the love that bound them together, even in the midst of their troubles, and how God has been caring for them even when the whole world seemed to be against them. The selfishness and the cruelty of those around them could not dampen their love and respect for each other, as they navigated through those events with deep faith. The first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach presents before us, the connection between our faith and our respect for the family members. This reading extolls the virtues of family life and the necessity of abiding love for a proper conduct of each person's role in the family. It is love that binds the family together and their reverence of the Lord enables them to be respectful of each other. In the second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, we read of the qualities that we are called to develop, in order for us to live a happy family life. When we have those qualities, we will walk in God's ways and there will be joy in the family, as reminded by the Responsorial Psalm. In the Gospel we see the manifestation of the qualities needed in a happy family, as we see the struggle of Joseph and Mary to protect child Jesus. The Holy Family is put through a lot of trouble, in order to save the child, and yet in the midst of such troubles, they rely on the power of God and on one another, to stand up for love and compassion, even when hatred tries to destroy them.

Please Pray For the Sick: Ed Fedak, Kathy Lord, Karen Decker Creighton, Matthew and Carrie Hogan, Christina Watson, Olga Castillo Hernandez, Cande Alderette, Julianna Cook, Kayla Sheffield, Debbie Wallace, Dr. Al Whitty, Dawson John Morris, Jim Shoemaker, Melissa Updahl, Sandy Davies, Robin Barlebo, Mike Houser, Daniel Kelly, 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: In the Nativity scene, popular imagination has often inserted many figures drawn from daily life, populating the space around the grotto. They remind us that all our activities, all our daily occupations acquire their full meaning within God's plan, which has its center in Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Note: A Family of love....

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The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

On January 1 we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God, the greatest saint and our greatest example of discipleship.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Mass is at 8:30 a.m.

Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation and retreat from December 31 to January 22. Let us keep him in our prayers. Fr. Anil OFM Cap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

Collection for December 21, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 1,075.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 760.00
Online Giving	\$ 465.00
Repair & Renovation	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 2,450.00

HAVE A LAUGH: Church Signs

- 1) Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- 2) Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
- 3) Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- 4) An ad for a Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets.
- 5) Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons -- come hear one!
- 6) Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!
- 7) Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday.
- 8) Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.