



# ST. JOSEPH & ST. PETER CATHOLIC PARISHES



XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 26th, 2025



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# ABOUT US

 **St. Joseph**, 801 S. Reynolds Alice, TX 78332

## Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM (Spanish)  
**Sunday:** 7:00 AM (Spanish) | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 5:00 PM  
**Monday–Friday:** 7:00 AM & 12:05 PM  
**Saturday Weekday:** 7:00 AM

## Sacrament of Penance

Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM | Saturday 1:30-3:30 PM |  
or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 6:00 PM | First Saturdays after 7:00 AM Mass

## Baptismal Classes

2nd Monday of the month 7:00 PM, school cafeteria  
*Must register at office before attending the class*

 **St. Peter**, 221 Salazar St. Ben Bolt, TX 78342

## Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM

## Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Frank X. Martinez, S.T.L., Pastor**  
**Fr. Angel Montana, J.C.L., Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Julian M. Ortiz, Sr.**  
**Deacon John L. Pierce**

## Contact Information

### Office Hours:

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
**Friday:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Closed:** 12:00-1:00 PM

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# MASS INTENTIONS

 **St. Joseph**

### Saturday, October 25

7:00 AM †Maria Trejo Gonzalez  
5:00 PM †Ramiro Ramirez Sr., †Juan Miguel Marquez Jr., †Gilberto Ortiz Jr.

### Sunday, October 26

7:00 AM †Maria Lerma, † Ramiro Vela Sr., †Dora & Consuelo, †Gilberto Ortiz Jr.  
9:00 AM †Demencio & Alda E. Ybarra, †Nora Guerra  
11:00 PM †Heralio "Eddie" Requenez, †Patty Buentello, †Micaela Reynaldos  
5:00 PM †Irma V. Cavazos, †Rick Bernal Jr., †Norma & Ricky Gutierrez, †Manuela & Fidel Nunez

### Monday, October 27

7:00 AM †Florencio Caizares  
12:05 PM †Elma T. Saenz

### Tuesday, October 28

7:00 AM †Rachel H. Ramirez  
12:05 PM †Gracie Lopez Gruber

### Wednesday, October 29

7:00 AM †Rachel H Ramirez  
12:05 PM †Joey Garcia III

### Thursday, October 30

7:00 AM †Rachel H Ramirez  
12:05 PM †Erasmo Saenz

### Friday, October 31

7:00 AM †Rachel H. Ramirez  
12:05 PM †Emma Salinas Garza, †In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
6:00 PM †Vigil Gilberto Guajardo, †Arnoldo Tumchez Sr.

 **St. Peter**

### Saturday, October 25

4:00 PM †St. Peter Parishioners

### Sunday, October 26

8:00 AM †Elia "YaYa" Mendoza

### Friday, October 31

5:00 PM †Gilbert Guajardo, †Johnny Ortiz Jr., †Joey Garcia III

**XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***To Boast or Not to Boast***

**T**he Gospel makes it pretty clear that exalting yourself is not the way into the Kingdom. So it might sound strange to hear Paul saying he expects the winner's crown. So why is he any different from the Pharisee in the Gospel?

The Pharisee fasted and tithed, was not greedy or adulterous, but he misses the point. He thinks that being right with God comes from a person's accomplishments. He feels no need to ask for God's mercy. Yet if he relied on that mercy, he wouldn't boast about his good deeds. Instead, he would ask for God's mercy and then thank God by doing good or being generous. In other words, he thinks that God is waiting to be bribed with good deeds so that he can be justified. "After all," thinks the Pharisee, "what else are good deeds for if not to make me look good?"

St. Paul, on the other hand, looks at his life as a Pharisee and is amazed that God forgave his "good works" of keeping the law and persecuting Christians. His boasting is not about what he has done for God; it's more about what God has done through him.

Maybe you have examples of what God has done in your life: the people God sent to love you, the talents or abilities God gave you, the times God forgave your sins. Are you so grateful for what God has done that you want to do more for God? Or do you go to church, put your offering in the collection, and work a booth at the parish picnic so that God will be grateful to you? Remember that God loved St. Paul while he was still persecuting Christians, loved him enough not only to forgive him but to make him into a great apostle. Why waste your time trying to earn that love, when you could be doing whatever you can to thank God for it?

**Q** When you do good works, are you doing them to thank God, or because you hope to earn His approval?

**XXX Domingo Ordinario**  
***Alardear o no Alardear***

**E**l Evangelio deja muy claro que exaltarse a uno mismo no forma de entrar al Reino. Por eso, podría sonar extraño oír a Pablo decir que espera la corona merecida. Entonces, ¿en qué se diferencia del fariseo del Evangelio?

El fariseo ayunaba y daba diezmo, no era avaro ni adulteró, pero no entendía la esencia. Cree que estar bien con Dios depende de los logros de una persona. No siente la necesidad de pedir la misericordia de Dios. Sin embargo, si confiara en esa misericordia, no alardearía de sus buenas obras. En cambio, pediría la misericordia de Dios y luego le agradecería haciendo el bien o siendo generoso. En otras palabras, cree que Dios espera ser sobornado con buenas obras para justificarlo.

San Pablo, por otro lado, analiza su vida como fariseo y se asombra de que Dios perdonara sus "buenas obras" de guardar la ley y perseguir a los cristianos. Su alardeo no se centra en lo que ha hecho por Dios, sino más bien en lo que Dios ha hecho a través de él.

Quizás tengas ejemplos de lo que Dios ha hecho en tu vida: las personas que envió para amarte, los talentos o habilidades que te dio, las veces que perdonó tus pecados. ¿Estás tan agradecido por lo que Dios ha hecho que quieras hacer más por Él? ¿O vas a la iglesia, pones tu ofrenda en la colecta y trabajas en un puesto en el picnic parroquial para que Dios sea agradecido contigo? Recuerda que Dios amó a San Pablo mientras aún perseguía a los cristianos; lo amó lo suficiente no solo como para perdonarlo, sino como para convertirlo en un gran apóstol. ¿Por qué perder el tiempo intentando ganarte el amor de Dios, cuando podrías estar haciendo lo que puedas para agradecerle a Dios por ello?

**P** Cuando haces buenas obras, ¿las haces para agradecer a Dios o porque esperas ganar su aprobación?

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 25**

**Sunday, October 26**

*Youth Group Bake Sale after each mass  
No CCD Classes St. Peter 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | St. Joseph  
CCD Classes 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM | St. Joseph  
Women's ACTS Retreat Return Mass*

**Monday, October 27**

**Tuesday, October 28**

**Wednesday, October 29**

*Jim Well County Fair  
7:00 PM | St. Joseph  
Confirmation Preparation 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>*

**Thursday, October 30**

*Jim Well County Fair  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | St. Joseph Parish Hall  
Pastoral Team Meeting  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | St. Joseph  
Holy Hour*

**Friday, October 31**

*Jim Well County Fair*

# UPCOMING EVENT & NEWS

## All Souls' Day

*(November 2, 2025)*

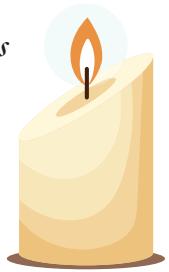
**B**efore our celebration of "All Souls Day" (November 2), you are invited to write the names of your loved one who has left this world in the *"Book of Remembrance"* which is in the foyer of our church on the left side as you enter our church. At every Mass during our Novena for All Souls, we will process in with this book of names and enshrine it before the altar of God along with the traditional "All Souls Day Novena" envelopes.

All parishioners are also invited on **NOVEMBER 2ND AT 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH** for our "Candle Light Service" for our faithful departed. We lift all of them up to God and ask that we may all be part of the Communion of Saints in heaven one day, when "all will be One through Christ" (Philippians 4:13).

As we remember those departed loved ones we hold in our hearts, the following prayer may be offered:



*Loving God, bear our prayer and console us as we remember our loved ones who have died.  
Help us to renew our faith in you and look to you for love and comfort.*



*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## 88th Annual Jim Wells County Fair

**Fair begins October 22-25, 2025**



**Scan QR Code to Register!**

St. Joseph Parish has been asked to work the gates again this year. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and your help is needed to make this a successful event.

**Sign ups will continue through the 21st.**

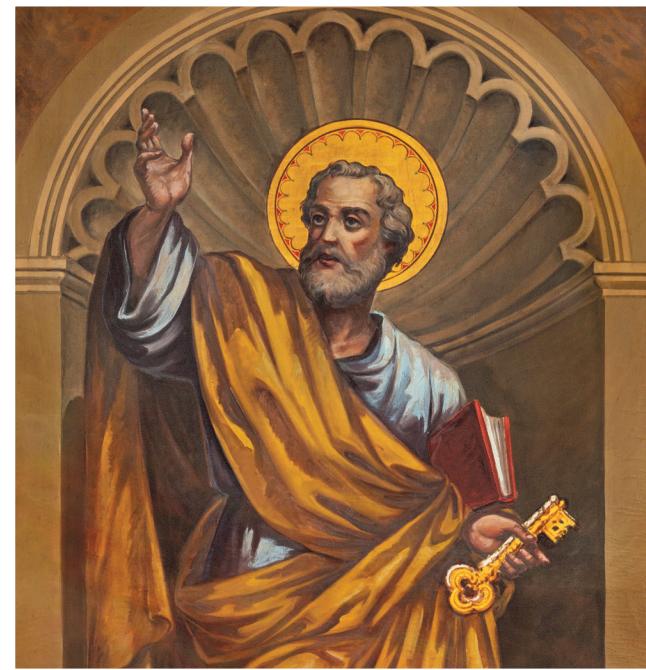
**You can use the QR code to sign up or call 361-759-4252 if you have any questions.**





Has a family member or friend ever expressed an interest in the Catholic Church? Or maybe you yourself have never been baptized, or have been baptized in another Christian tradition, and feel that God may now be calling you toward the Church. If so, the OCIA is here to help. This is a process that is concerned with the total formation of the individual considering membership in the Catholic Church. In OCIA we can meet people where they are on their faith journeys and help them to develop their relationship with God, His Church, and the community of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Peter Mission.

If you are interested in the OCIA program,  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT:**  
**(361) 664-7551 | [INFO@SJCATOLICCHURCH.ORG](mailto:INFO@SJCATOLICCHURCH.ORG)**



**At St. Peter Mission in Ben Bolt on November 8, 2025 during the 4pm mass, there will be an unveiling and blessing of the St. Peter statue. This statue was donated by Floyd & Eva Barrera and daughters.**



## Saint Museum

 St. Joseph Parish Hall  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Come visit our and expand your knowledge about our beloved Saints!**

The High School Confirmation preparation students will be available in the parish hall from 10am to 1pm to discuss what they have learned about the Saint that they have chosen.





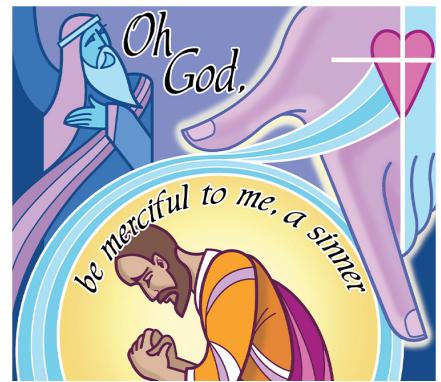
# DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

## A Message From the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in the United States, it should also be noted that ritual Masses are forbidden on All Saints Day (General Instruction of the Roman Missal {GIRM}, no.372).

While the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of marriage is forbidden, the Mass of the day with the ritual itself and the nuptial blessing could be celebrated. Alternatively, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day. (Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Soul's Day.)

As a reminder, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no 380).



## STEWARDSHIP

**Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 11-12, 2025**

### St. Joseph

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$5,061.00
Sunday Loose .....	\$3,010.00
Online Tithing .....	<u>\$1,540.50</u>
Total .....	\$9,611.50

Religious Education .....\$1,624.20

### St. Peter

Total .....\$1,292.00

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## EUCARISTIC CALENDAR

**Saturday, October 25**

5:00 PM  
Diana Reyna  
Sandra Cavazos  
Rose Bernal

**Sunday, October 26**

7:00 AM  
Michelle Ortiz  
9:00 AM  
Rose Espinoza  
Venessa Gonzalez  
11:00 PM  
Melissa Hernandez  
Ricky Hernandez  
5:00 PM  
Margaret Carvajal  
Juan Carvajal  
Pete Gonzalez

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### St. Joseph

**Saturday, October 25**

5:00 PM  
Maria Mendoza  
Raquel Vera

**Sunday, October 26**

7:00 AM  
Sofia Vera  
Virginia Chavez  
9:00 AM

Teresa Limon  
Norma Acuna  
11:00 PM  
Roberto Galindo  
Larry Martinez  
5:00 PM  
Monica Perez  
Onesimo Castillo

### St. Peter

**Saturday, October 25**

4:00 PM  
Gloria Rodriguez  
Betty Lamb

**Sunday, October 26**

8:00 AM  
Cecilia Ruiz  
Sonya Lozano