



ST. JOSEPH & ST. PETER CATHOLIC PARISHES



XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 26th, 2025



*HE HEARS THE CRY
OF THE POOR*

*ÉL ESCUCHA EL CLAMOR
DE LOS POBRES*

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

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Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 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 †Erasmus 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

The 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?

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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

El 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 adúltero, 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 quieres 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?

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 25

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Sunday, October 26

Youth Group Bake Sale after each mass

No CCD Classes St. Peter 1st - 8th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | St. Joseph

CCD Classes 1st - 8th

11:00 AM | St. Joseph

Women's ACTS Retreat Return Mass

Monday, October 27

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Tuesday, October 28

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Wednesday, October 29

Jim Well County Fair

7:00 PM | St. Joseph

Confirmation Preparation 9th-12th

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)

Before 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).

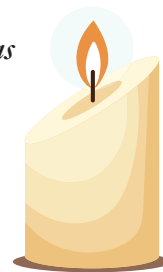
As we remember those departed loved ones we hold in our hearts, the following prayer may be offered:



Loving God, hear 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

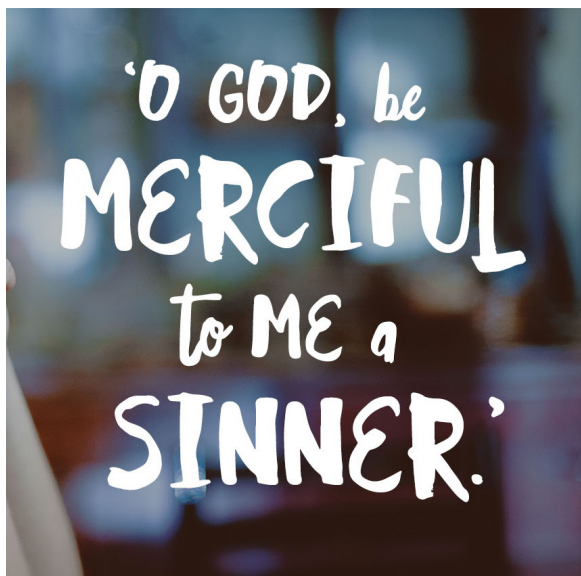


Scan QR Code to Register!

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.

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.






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 Misson.

If you are interested in the OCIA program,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT:
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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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EUCCHARISTIC 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