



# St. John of the Cross

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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 15, 2025

**The Most Holy Trinity (C)**

**Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15**



## Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Calvin and Hobbes comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons.** Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 6:00 PM**

**Sunday:**

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

**Daily Mass:**

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

**1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM**

**Adoration**

**Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM**

### Reconciliation

**Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

**Sunday: 5:30 PM**

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick**.

### Parish Office Hours

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:**

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**CLOSED FOR LUNCH**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

# Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sat.-14 6:00PM</b>	† Leroy and † Chris Foerster by Foerster Family † Praxedis Jimenez (Heavenly birthday) by Raquel S. Jimenez † Penny Lynch by Sharry Stipp † Joe Perez and † Tina Cornejo by Jana Robinson
<b>Sun. 15- 7:30AM</b> <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	† Marvin Gwosdz by His Family † Tom and † Laura Karkoska by Migura Family † Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family Healing of Kasen Merrell by Mar Cross Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadalupanas
<b>11:00AM</b>	† Jerry Cross by His Loving Family † Homero Garcia by Carranza Family † Alicia Facundo (1st anniv.) by Facundo Family † Maria and † Pablo Padron, Sr., by Janie Beltran
<b>6:00PM</b>	† Francis Cantu por Ted Garcia y Familia Las familias de la parroquia
<b>Mon.-16 8:00AM</b>	† Guadalupe Garza by Anita Bazan Veterans Father's Day Novena #1
<b>Tues.-17 8:00AM</b>	Unwed mothers Father's Day Novena #2
<b>Thurs.-19 6:00PM SPA</b> <b>6:30PM</b>	† Eulalio G. Bazan (Birthday) by Bazan Family Father's Day Novena #3 <b>ADORATION / HOLY HOUR</b>
<b>Fri.- 20 8:00AM</b>	Strength and comfort of widows and widowers Father's Day Novena #4

## Masses for June 21 & 22

<b>Sat.- 21 6:00PM</b>	† Leroy and † Chris Foerster by Foerster Family † Penny Lynch by Sharry Stipp † Tony Medrano III by Medrano and Silva Family † Marvin Mussman (8 yrs.) by Mussman Family † Ernestina Sanchez by Georgia Uribe † Father's Day Novena #5
<b>Sun.-22 7:30AM</b> <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross † Allen Migura by Migura Family † Freddy Serna by Forbes Family Father's Day Novena #6
<b>11:00AM</b>	Sylvia Almaguer by Family † Homero Garcia (8th anniv.) by Carranza Family
<b>6:00PM</b>	† Fortino Quintanilla, Sr., por Familia Franco Las familias de la parroquia Father's Day Novena #7



The sanctuary light is offered in memory of  
the 3rd anniversary of

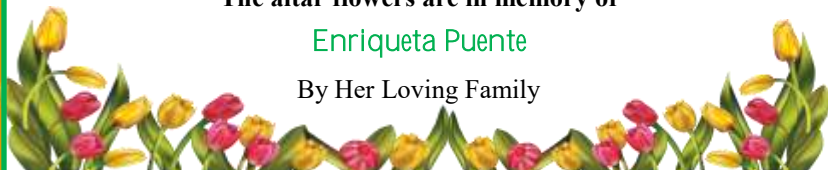
**Enriqueta Puente**

by Her Loving Family

The altar flowers are in memory of

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## Ministry Schedule for Mass

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**June 21— 6:00PM—Lector:** Kim Rokohl  
**EM:** Don Rokohl, Laura Adams,  
Luis and Nora Romanos

**June 22—7:30AM— Lector:** Ed Ortiz  
**EM:** Laura Gwosdz, Margie Svetlik,  
Luz Paiz, Volunteer

**11:00AM-Lector:** Jeri Alaniz  
**EM:** Janie Flores, Dee DeLeon, Dora Paiz,  
Karol Kocurek

**6:00PM-Lector—** Jesus Perez  
**EM—** Mariela Graciella, Esmeralda Castro

## PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

**Joe Acosta, Art Forbes, Angelica Frees,  
Cindy Lopez, Jose Martinez,  
Antonio Medrano, RJ Pena, Diana Sandoval,  
Amilia Nicole Smithwick, and  
Diana Villarreal**



*The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.*

*Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:*  
**Grace Hill, Theresa Laurienti, and Laura Perez**



## Praying for our Military

**We remember these service personnel in each  
'Mass for the Families of the Parish'**

**Air Force:** Preston Holliday,  
Christopher Randall Lauer II, Alayah Moore,  
Audrey Winstead

**Army:** J. W. Craig, Magdeleena Delaney,  
Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald,  
Jacob Madrid, Fernando Ramos III,  
Tyree Winstead

**Coast Guard:** Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

**Marines:** Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and  
Andre Rodriguez

**Navy:** Dominique Cardenas and Cory Elyasevich



**Military Care Packages Project** ~ We would like to honor and thank the service members on our Military prayer list by sending them care packages.

Please submit the A.P.O. address for the service member on our prayer list to the parish office.

We are asking for donations of non-chocolate snacks, hygiene articles, and reading material for the care packages.

We'd like to get the packages to the service members for **July 4**. Please submit addresses and donations by **June 20, 2025**.



## A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Corpus Christi will be blessed with ordaining three new priests for service in the diocese. By the time this letter is available for reading they will have been ordained and their new assignments will have been announced. In case you are thinking, none of them are being assigned to Orange Grove. The Sacrament of Holy Orders has changed little from the time of the first century. And like the Sacrament of Marriage, it is surrounded by many symbols, rituals, and traditions. And like a wedding, certain actions and certain persons then take on special significance that I want to share with you in this letter.



In all of the Sacraments, the candidate is dressed in white. The first time it is their white baptismal gown, later it is the white First Communion or Confirmation dress (or suit), and most known is the white wedding dress. For an ordination the white baptismal gown is the white Alb that is worn at Masses by the Priests, Deacons, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers. After the introduction rites, several prayers, and Litany of the Saints, the candidates kneel before the bishop, who imposes his hands on the head of each man. In the Ordination of Priests, every priest present also imposes his hands on the candidates. This is an ancient, traditional gesture of invoking the Holy Spirit, and it is a central act of the ordination rite. The communal laying on of hands by all of the Priests in the Ordination of Priests takes on a deep meaning and points to the men being ordained into the presbyteral college of the Church and is in keeping with an ancient practice of the Church. Following the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, these new priests are vested for the first time in the stole and chasuble as Priests of the Church. It is here that a quiet important gesture of the ordination often occurs and few persons realize it. The priests who actually do the vesting of the newly ordained are personally selected by the candidate to take on this singular honor – it would be closest to the selection of the Best Man or Maid of Honor at a wedding. These two persons are often the closest friends and strongest supporters for the Bride, the Groom, or the Priest as they enter into this new chapter of their lives. The Best Man or the Maid of Honor is the last person to check and be sure that the Groom and Bride are completely and properly dressed and ready to enter the church for the wedding, so too is the vesting priests' honor. This Saturday, Deacon Luis Lozano, Jr. (by then Fr. Luis) has asked me to help vest him in his priestly garments. It is an exciting honor and a humbling experience to be asked to be a vesting priest. Once vested, the vesting priest is often the very first to give the new priest a hug and a welcome into the Priestly Fraternity, even before the Bishop and all of the attending priests give the newly ordained the Sign of Welcome into the Presbyterate. It has been my greatest honor to have been the vesting priests for over six priests and five deacons. And if you attend the ordination, you will probably see me crying tears of joy at that very moment.

On the following Sunday, at the new priest's First Mass, there are two special duties of honor for a priest in assisting the new Priest in their first Eucharistic Liturgy – the Master of Ceremonies and Preaching the First Mass. The Master of Ceremonies stands next to the (very nervous) Priest and helps to guide him through the actions and prayers in this First Mass of Thanksgiving. You might see him whispering directions to the new priest – stand here, look over there, read this prayer, etc. – as the First Liturgy has so many items to remember and to perform in a proper sequence of actions that often overwhelm the newly ordained. And with all that he has to celebrate in this First Mass, while still experiencing his “ordination / honeymoon” joy, giving a great and inspiring homily on top of that is often just too much. So, the new priest often asks a Priest friend to preach at the First Mass. Like the Master of Ceremonies, to preach the First Mass is a great and special honor. So, this weekend, you will be having Fr. Richard Gutierrez celebrating the 9:15 AM Mass at St. Francis in Lagarto and the 11:00 AM Mass at St. John's in Orange Grove, as I have also been asked to preach Fr. Lozano's First Mass at St. Gertude's Church in Kingsville. Please say a prayer that I can offer a suitable homily and to not cry during it as that would be so embarrassing.

As I do these two special duties for Fr. Lozano, I recall the day of my ordination and the ordinations of all those I have vested or preached their First Mass, and I find myself renewing and recommitting myself to my own Priestly Ordination Promises. And I lovingly remember and envision my Mom's and Dad's faces on that Day of my Ordination, and I am once again filled with hope, happiness, and love for the forty-two years of being a Priest. Pray for me.

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Patrick



# Stewardship of Treasure

Week #46	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
5/18/2025	Envelope Collection	\$ (9,723.25)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,679.00	\$ (10,444.25)	\$ 110,400.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ (6,970.01)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,221.00	\$ (6,999.01)	\$ 57,500.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ (3,745.64)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,421.95	\$ (3,823.69)	\$ 69,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL Collection</b>	<b>\$ (20,438.90)</b>	<b>\$ 5,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,321.95</b>	<b>\$ (21,266.95)</b>	<b>\$ 236,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 215,633.05</b>



There will be a second collection for our **Vacation Bible School Program**. This year's theme is **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**. We rely on the generosity of our parishioners to offer this week long program to our youth who have fun while growing in faith.

## Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: JULY 7 @ 6PM

PARISH MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING: JULY 11 @ 2:30PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

### ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 19-21—Sharon Bartosch, Carol Burgeson, Shirley Syamken, Nelida Garcia, Melissa Padilla

June 26-28—Karol Kocurek, Kate Klatt, Odilia Salinas, Angela De Los Santos, Felicia Pacheco

All ladies of our parish, their spouses and children are invited to the new officer installation Mass and dinner on Monday, June 23, at 6pm. The catered dinner will include brisket, potato salad, beans, and tea. All former honorary members, current and incoming officers are invited to attend the event for free. Please contact the parish office to RSVP or leave a note and the money in the collection box by June 16.

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 16 @6PM



Hostess Group #2 Jennifer Alejandro

Corporate Mass—June 15 @ 7:30AM

Rosary @ 7:00AM

Leader: Anita Bazan

Offertory: Belinda Sanchez and Diana Deanda

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Belinda Ortiz and Mary Alice Perez

Please bring your Mother Teresa donations to the next meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: JULY 1

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building

Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY

MEETS TUESDAYS @ 9AM

Case de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Casa de Lucy had 60 quilts blessed this past weekend. Forty-three of them will be delivered to Driscoll Children's hospital.



## Works of Mercy



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

**St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, June 28**, at 9AM

**St. John of the Cross** on **Tuesday, July 1**, at 9AM

The next bread and pastries distribution

at SJoC will be on **June 25** at 9AM

and at SFOA on **Saturday, July 12**



## Vacation Bible School



Ages kinder thru fifth grade are invited to join us on a Northern excursion filled with fun and faith.

VBS 2025

July 14—18 5:30PM—8:00PM

**Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the parish office to learn how you can help!**



Please let the parish office know if you can help with supplies from the wish list on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



# Altar Servers

## New Altar Server Orientation and Training Saturday, June 28, at 9AM.

Any youth of the parish from 3rd to 12th grade wishing to join the Altar Server Ministry in the 2025/2026 school year should attend this orientation with a parent/guardian. To join, children must have received FHC and be a member of a registered SJC family. **Parents are asked to pre-register** for the orientation through the parish office or by contacting María Galván-Gordon (Server Coordinator). This will be the last New Server Orientation for the 2025/26 school year.

Please contact Maria Galvan-Gordon (361-207-0033) or the parish office with any questions.

SJC Altar Server Ministry congratulates our Class of 2025 Servers!

**Vincent Gordon and Logan Rodriguez**

We would also like to thank all the parishioners who donated to our ministry during this school year! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to continue our scholarship awards for the graduating servers and college servers. Servers are awarded between \$100-\$500 each based on their status and years of service. Our ministry has benefited greatly from your support; we are truly grateful!

## Diocesan News

Please join us for the  
50th Anniversary

Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD  
Bishop Of Corpus Christi



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 27, at 6PM at Most Precious Blood Church.  
A reception will follow at ST. Juilana Family Center. RSVP at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/religiousinvite>

## Community

### SAVE THE DATE

**St. John of the Cross BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, June 29 8:00AM—1:00PM**

All donors will receive a t-shirt and a blue bell ice cream voucher— while supplies last.

Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Scan the QR code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to book your lifesaving appointment.



St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

**SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANAS**

**BINGO IN JULY FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**Parish Hall**

Doors open at 12:00pm for Food and Drinks

BINGO starts at 1:00pm

\$20.00 for BINGO book for 10 Games (4 to a page)



# Dear Padre,

*What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?*

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



VATICAN MEDIA

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022**

### Monday

June 16  
Weekday  
2 Cor 6:1-10  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

June 17  
Weekday  
2 Cor 8:1-9  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

June 18  
Weekday  
2 Cor 9:6-11  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

June 19  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:1-11  
Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

June 20  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30  
Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

June 21  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
2 Cor 12:1-10  
Mt 6:24-34

### Sunday

June 22  
The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
Gn 14:18-20  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Lk 9:11b-17