



# St. John of the Cross

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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 13, 2025

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37



## Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

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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.-12</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	† Feliciano Borrego, Jr. by Dalia and Nina Borrego
<b>Sun.-13</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	† Tom and † Laura Karkoska by Migura Family † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family † Fermin Vasquez by Family † Karen Williamson by Gertrude Bruns and Family Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association
	<b>11:00AM</b>	† Don McCloskey (3rd anniv.) by Martha McCloskey † Nora Lee Nuñez (3rd anniv.) by Janie Flores Special Intention for Liza Ochoa and Family by Liza Ochoa
	<b>6:00PM</b>	Las familias de la parroquia
<b>Mon.-14</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	† Rendall Webb by Anita Bazan † Mary Wiswell by Family
<b>Tues.-15</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	† Maria Guadalupe Lopez by Anita Bazan
<b>St. Bonaventure, Bishop</b>		
<b>Thurs.-17</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	† Tyler Craddock por Anita Bazan
	<b>SPA</b>	
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>ADORACIÓN / HORA SANTA</b>
<b>Fri.- 18</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	† Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family † Rendall Webb by Anita Bazan

## Masses for July 19 & 20

<b>Sat.- 19</b>	<b>6 :00PM</b>	† Maria Magdalena Romanos (1st anniv.) by Family
<b>Sun.—20</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadalupanas † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family † Adolph Skrobarczyk (birthday) by Graham Family † Fermin & † Guadalupe Vasquez by Anita Bazan
	<b>11:00AM</b>	† Bobby K. Hughes by Eva Medrano Hughes † Carmen Ybanez (13th anniv.) by Lillie Rivera & Family
	<b>6:00PM</b>	Las familias de la parroquia

We continue to pray for rain for our farmers, crops, and water shed.

*God of Life, we look to you in our time of need.*

*Send us rain to heal the earth and to cleanse its face, water to quench your thirsty land.*

*Let the rains come so that we may know once more your care for us and all your creatures.*



**Sanctuary light and altar flowers** ~ The sanctuary light and / or the altar flowers may be sponsored in honor of or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for special intentions, or in celebration of special occasions like birthdays or wedding anniversaries. Please contact the office for more information.

## Ministry Schedule for Mass

### Ministry Schedule

**July 19— 6:00PM—Lector:** Sharon Bartosch  
**EM:** Mary Villarreal, Sharry Stipp, Luis and Nora Romanos

**July 20—7:30AM— Lector:** Lucille Klaevemann  
**EM:** Margie Svetlik, Luz Paiz, Laura Gwosdz, Quinton Smithwick

**11:00AM-Lector:** Kathleen Garza  
**EM:** Dora Paiz, Jeri Alaniz, Diana DeAnda, Karol Kocurek

**6:00PM-Lector—** Maria Esmeralda Castro  
**EM—** Joaquin Ordenez, Jesus Perez



## PRAYER LIST

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

**John Delaney, Art Forbes, Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Lopez Family, Georgina Marsey, Antonio Medrano, Diana Sandoval, Amilia Nicole Smithwick, Sissy Thomas, Diana Villarreal, and Mark Wofford**



*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:** Father Jim Craig, Magdeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, Tyree Winstead

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

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

**Navy:** Cory Elyasevich and Noah Vasquez



The altar flowers are in memory of

**William (Bill) Stipp**

by His Loving Family





# A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From last week's bulletin I quote, "The putting off of the job until it is "absolutely necessary" is common for most houses and even for companies. But when that decision comes that we can no longer put it off, we have to set up the plan and the budget to get these major renovations done. Well, that day has come for our parish and we are embarking on planning and budgeting."



The next project from the Master Plan Committee is the Church's-Stained Glass Windows – and we are so lucky to have two totally different types of stained glass: the traditional stained glass with pictures and backgrounds made of pieces of colored glass held in a "lead came" interlocking system of support as well as the large colored chunk pieces of glass held in concrete type frame windows on each side of the nave of the church. It is my understanding that the nave windows were installed in 1965 after Hurricane Betsy. Each type of window has their own problems and need of repair.



We have the traditional stained-glass windows from the 1950 construction of the church. These windows can be seen in the Sanctuary area, in the choir loft, and the small niches next to Mary and Sacred Heart. There are more of these traditional windows all around the church – even in the bathroom! These original windows from the 1951 construction of the church have two major problems. First is the rusting and deterioration of the lead cameing that holds the individual glass pieces together. This can be seen in an exterior shot of these windows and an interior picture of the lead came of the windows



The Second, is the extreme weight of the glass pieces in the upper part of each window that has caused the aged cameing at the bottom of the windows to "bow" outward from the original flat plane of the window frame. These two repairs to save the windows of our church require the complete removal of the metal frame of the window, disassembly of the window into individual pieces of glass, re-"cameing" (re-leading), then reassembly of all the pieces back into a new metal frame, and finally reinstallation back into the church wall. These two pictures show the deteriorated state of the lead came.



The multi-colored chunk glass windows on the nave of the church have two concerns. First is the totally wrong use of the plexiglass "protective covers" on the outside wall of the windows. These covers have trapped moisture and rain between the plexiglass and the window which caused the buildup of mold on the windows. This mold and the extreme South Texas heat have caused the plexiglass to "bow" outward and no longer give any protection to the glass window. The mold, moisture and rainwater have accelerated the deterioration of the window sills below each window. Since this is on the outside of the windows, there may be some additional repair work needed on these chunk glass windows which can only be evaluated once the plexiglass is removed

**SPECIAL NOTE:** There is a very special requirement with these renovations to the stained-glass windows! Remember that the exterior stucco work, mentioned in last week's bulletin, must be done at the same time that the windows are reinstalled! The exterior stucco work butts up and meets the window frame to create an air-tight seal between the window and the wall for the air conditioning and heating of the church. These two projects must be coordinated to occur and to be completed at the very same time. This requires some special coordination between the two projects both for the work and for the budgeting of the funds.

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Patrick

# Stewardship of Treasure

Week #1	COLLECTION	Totals Prior	Goal	Actual	Total Annual	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
7/6/2025	Envelope Collection	\$ (13,870.25)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$ (14,130.25)	\$ 127,200.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ (9,267.99)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,026.00	\$ (9,491.99)	\$ 66,250.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ (5,317.21)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,882.17	\$ (3,935.04)	\$ 79,500.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ (28,455.45)	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 6,048.17	\$ (27,557.28)	\$ 272,950.00	\$ 6,739.17



**Support the Texas Flood Victims** ~ Each parish in the Diocese of Corpus Christi is asked to take up a collection THIS weekend to support those impacted by the recent flood. The Diocese will send the money to the Catholic charities located within the impacted dioceses: San Antonio, Central Texas, and San Angelo.

Donations may be made online at <https://txcatholic.org/texas-bishops-offer-prayers-and-support-for-flood-victims/>

## Parish Organizations

### ALTAR SOCIETY

#### ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

**July 17-19**— Margie Svetlik, Kathy Mussman, Shanna Dunn, Kati Pesek, Samantha Everett

**July 24-26**— Anita Bazan, Glenda Rodriguez, Lestly Conchas, Maria Albina Resendiz

### SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

**Corporate Mass—July 20 @ 7:30AM**

**Rosary @ 7:00AM Leader: Norma Cornejo**

**Offertory: Jennifer and Jessica Alejandro**

**Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Gracie Alaniz and Bea Garcia.**



Thank you to all the ladies who donated items to the Mother Teresa Shelter, and a HUGE thank you to Father Patrick for delivering all the donated items!!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 5

### CASA DE LUCY



Casa de Lucy is taking the month of July off and will resume sewing on August 5.

## Works of Mercy



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

**St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, July 26, at 9AM**

**St. John of the Cross on Thursday, August 7, at 9AM**

The next bread and pastries distribution will be

at **SJoC on July 23 at 9AM** and at

**SFOA on Saturday, August 9.**



## Vacation Bible School

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



VBS

July 14—18 5:30PM—8:00PM



Registration forms are available at [st-johnog.org](http://st-johnog.org), in the church foyer, and the parish office.



## Diocesan News

**COMPASS ~ Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment** is changing. The new Safe Environment platform is now **COMPASS**. All individuals volunteering in the Diocese of Corpus Christi **MUST** complete the safe environment training.

In-person trainings will no longer be offered; all training must be completed through the online platform.

Once your certification expires, or nears its expiration, the diocese will send an email with a link and instructions to complete the training through the COMPASS platform.

No action is required until you receive an email from the diocese. If you did not provide an email when you last completed the training or your email address has changed, you do need to contact the parish office to update your contact information as the diocese will use email to communicate requirements and trainings.

If you need help navigating this new platform, feel free to call or come by the parish office. We'll be happy to help!



**SYNODALITY IN MOTION** ~ Explore the importance of listening, accompaniment, and communication with Synodality in Motion. This special monthly series will be presented on ZOOM and will focus on how we can utilize principles of synodality in our everyday lives and grow as the Body of Christ. This is a free seminar. The first session will take place on Wednesday, August 13.

Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/synodalitysessions>



The latest Young Adult Book Study will focus on *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love in the Family) by Pope Francis, every Thursday through July 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Helena of the True Cross Parish on Wooldridge Rd. Each participant is responsible for their own copy of the book. Come ready to learn, discuss and meet new friends in faith!

To RSVP or for inquiries, contact the Office of Young Adult Ministry: [soconnor@diocesecc.org](mailto:soconnor@diocesecc.org) or Sofia at [ycacctx@gmail.com](mailto:ycacctx@gmail.com).

## Community

### Patrice Adams Foundation—Benefit Dinner and Dance \* Live & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Orange Grove Rifle Club

Doors open at 6:00PM. Drawing begins at 6:30PM. Dancing from 8:00PM—12:00 midnight.

Donation: \$100 for two people

Website: [patriceadamsfoundation.org](http://patriceadamsfoundation.org)

Live music featuring  
Nashville artist:  
J.R. Castillo & Unwound



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,

*I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?*

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
St. Kateri	St. Bonaventure,	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday
Tekakwitha,	Bishop and	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Ex 3:13-20	Ex 11:10-12:14	Ex 12:37-42	in Ordinary Time
Virgin	Doctor of the	Mt 11:25-27	Mt 11:28-30	Mt 12:1-8	Mt 12:14-21	Gn 18:1-10a
Ex 1:8-14, 22	Church					Col 1:24-28
Mt 10:34-11:1	Ex 2:1-15a					Lk 10:38-42
	Mt 11:20-24					



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*This is the prayer that I suggest to you today.*  
*"Lord, that I might see and have compassion just*  
*like you see me and have compassion on me"—*  
*that we might have compassion on those whom*  
*we encounter along the way, above all on those*  
*who suffer and are in need....*

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 10, 2022**