

# St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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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

**Sunday: 9:15 AM**  
**St. John of the Cross**

**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 ~**

**Adoration ~**

**Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30PM**

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

### Reconciliation

**Thursday: 5:30 PM**

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

**Sunday: 5:30PM**

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

**St. John of the Cross**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., and 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun.-July 13 9:15 AM</b>	Birthday blessings for Elizabeth Hackfeld by Robert and Nancy Vial People of the Parish
<b>Sun.-July 20 9:15 AM</b>	People of the Parish

## PRAYER LIST

*May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:*

**Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider,  
Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik,  
Cheryl Marshall, Kyle Metz, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez,  
Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver**

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

*Please contact the parish office for any additions or deletions.*



## 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, Tyree Winstead

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

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

**Navy:** Cory Elyasevich

Please pray for our  
**ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!**



## Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	06/29/2025	CURRENT WEEK	07/06/2025
Collection	\$860.00	Collection	\$475.00
Peter's Pence	\$250.00	Retired Priests' Fund	\$50.00
June Online Giving	\$1,126.00		



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**Support the Texas Flood Victims** ~ Each parish in the Diocese of Corpus Christi is asked to 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 & ROSARY SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 5

**Rosary: 6:40 PM** at the KOC Building

*Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome*

## 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 occur  
at **SFoA on Saturday, July 12**, at 9AM  
and at **SJoC on July 23**.

# 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



# 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,  
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>

## 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)

## Liturgy & Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request – please call the office. Any person who is sick (either homebound or in the hospital) or about to have surgery, is encouraged to receive Anointing of the Sick. As current Federal Law prohibits hospitals from the release of any patient's name. Father will not know you are in the hospital unless you call the office.

**Baptisms of Infants: (0 to 5 yrs.):** Please bring the child's civil birth certificate to the parish office to register the child, their parents & the Godparents for the one-hour Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Godparents must be able to provide Certificates for Catholic Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, & if married, Marriage Certificate in the Catholic Church. Donation for the class and Baptism is \$30.00, for the class only is \$15.00. Date & time for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Baptismal Class.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confessions) is available on Thursday from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM and on Saturdays from 5:00 PM—5:30 PM and at any time by appointment with the Priest.

**Quinceañeras:** The honoree and their family must be registered and participating in the parish for two years prior to the year of the Quinceañera (or Quinceañero). The young person must have Baptism & Communion in the Catholic Church, & be attending the parish Religious Education Program. The family is strongly encouraged to contact the Church for **2 years** before the intended date.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made with the priest or deacon, preferably one year before the intended date, (minimum of six months in advance) to complete the necessary requirements. At least one person must be an active and registered member of this parish. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL diocesan requirements have been fulfilled.

**Blessing of Civil Marriages** – If you were married before a judge, or a non-Catholic minister, and wish to be readmitted to Holy Communion, there needs to be a Blessing of your Civil Marriage. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with Father Patrick so he can hear your particular situation and can guide you through the process. Father Patrick is always saying “Don’t wait! Start the process NOW!”



**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  
Sweets Auction and Raffle Drawings at Intermission

BINGO starts at 1:00pm

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

**"Please come and support us for a couple of  
hours of fun and fellowship!"**





# 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 Tekakwitha, Virgin	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 1:8–14, 22	Ex 2:1–15a	Ex 3:1–6, 9–12	Ex 3:13–20	Ex 11:10–12:14	Ex 12:37–42	Gn 18:1–10a
Mt 10:34–11:1	Mt 11:20–24	Mt 11:25–27	Mt 11:28–30	Mt 12:1–8	Mt 12:14–21	Col 1:24–28
						Lk 10:38–42



## 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**