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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. *One*, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? *Two*, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. *Three*, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. *Four*, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. *Five*, a sense of intense closeness and *being with*, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. *One*, memorized or rote prayer. *Two*, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. *Three*, commonly called "meditation" but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. *Four*, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. *Five*, a sense of simply *being with* God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God. ●

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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

Sat.-26 6:00PM Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	† Jerry Cross by Romanos Family † Dcn. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) by Eva Culpepper and Family † Jose Gonzales (4th anniv.) by Family † Maria Magdalena Romanos by Romanos Family
Sun.-27 7:30AM	† Dcn. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) by Eva Culpepper and Family † Allen Migura by Migura Family † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Anita Bazan
11:00AM	† Delfina Beltran by Janie Beltran † Dcn. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) by Eva Culpepper and Family † Ricky Gutierrez (Heavenly birthday) by Diane McBride and family Birthday blessings for Antonio Medrano, Jr., Mary Margaret Silva, Tony Silva, Denise and Payton Bishop, Stephanie and Miley Frees, Austin Flores, and Dubuque Sisters by David and Terrie Silva
6:00PM	† Dcn. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) por Eva Culpepper y familia Las familias de la parroquia
Mon.-28 8:00AM	Special Intention for Matt Schneider on his birthday by Schneider Family In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Anita Bazan
Tues.-29 8:00AM Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	† Carolyn Vanover (Heavenly birthday) by Dwayne and Carla Berry Birthday Blessings for Bethany Wanoreck
Thurs.-31 6:00PM St. Ignatius of Loyola	† Tomas Soto y las almas de purgatorio por familia Más vocaciones al sacerdocio ADORACIÓN / HORA SANTA
6:30PM	
Fri.- 1 8:00AM Saint Alphonsus Liguori	Newly ordained priests

Masses for August 2 & 3

Sat.- 2 8:00AM	† Gary Graham by Janet Graham
6:00PM	† Feliciano Borrego, Jr., Heavenly birthday by Dolores Borrego † Freddy Serna, Jr. by Romanos Family
Sun.-3 7:30AM	† Irvan Pierce by Dwayne and Carla Berry † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Anita Bazan † Charles Skrobarczyk by Joe and Mary Ortiz Living and Deceased Members of the SJoC Altar Society
11:00AM	† Estella Soliz by Janie Beltran
6:00PM	Las familias de la parroquia

Thank you for your time, talent, and treasure in cleaning the sanctuary and donating to the altar flowers,
Sharon Bartosch, Carol Burgeson, Kate Klatt, and Shirley Syamken

Ministry Schedule for Mass

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Aug. 2— 6:00PM—Lector: San Juanita Gaza
EM: Luis and Nora Romanos, Anita Bazan, Laura Adams

Aug. 3—7:30AM— Lector: Ed Ortiz
EM: Laura Gwosdz, Jose Isais, Luz Paiz, Volunteer

11:00AM-Lector: Mitch Hippensteal
EM: Jeri Alaniz, Diana DeAnda, Dora Paiz, Karol Kocurek

6:00P-Lector— Maria Graciela Ordonez
EM— Paulin Becerril, Jesus Perez

PRAYER LIST

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

John Delaney, Art Forbes, Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Antonio Medrano, Charlotte Pridgen, Ruben A. Puente, Diana Sandoval, Amilia Nicole Smithwick, Sissy Thomas, 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:
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, Eduardo Enrique Perales, 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

Please pray for our
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Usher ministry~ We will restore the usher ministry. Ushers will be needed for all four Masses. Those interested in helping with this ministry are asked to attend an informational meeting & training on **Saturday, August 9, at 9:30AM.**



A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



With the ongoing Capital Campaign Project list from the Master Plan Committee, this week I would like to share the status of the parish hall roof and its need for a total replacement. It is believed that this is the original roof from the 1960 construction of the hall and that there have been several repairs of the years. In the picture of the entire roof you can see the long white lines of the roof repair done in 2019 over the entire length of the roof ridge. This was to be a temporary repair to last about four years that is now almost seven years. The edges of this long repair have started to peel back and are no longer repairable.



On the southside of the roof is the worst damage from tree branches that accelerated the rust damage on over a third of the roof. In the closeup of the roof damage you can see from the 2019 repair the series of white dots that were a patch over each of the screws that are holding the metal roofing material to the roof. Each of those spots are



now points of rust where the patch has given way and the integrity of the roof is deteriorating. If you look closely at the long roof picture you can see that the series of rusted white marks goes the entire length of the roof. The rusting of the roof, while not visible in all of these photos, covers the entire roof. While there are no major visible leaks in the ceiling tiles, there are a few smaller stains in the ceiling tiles appearing each month. Even with our lack of heavy rains,



there still are the beginnings of leaks that we hope correct with a new roof. What is not known and can only be determined is the condition of the decking and the felt under metal sheets and any other damage to the rafters. It is the current opinion of the three companies that inspected the roof that a total roof replacement is the best course of action.



In December 2017, the new Religious Education Building was dedicated, right before I arrived to the parish in July 2018. On the eastside of the building in the grassy area is the electrical box of the fuses and breakers for the Religious Education Building. In the eight years since the religious education building has opened, this outside electrical box has rusted quite significantly and now needs to be replaced. The pictures show that the rust problem is over the entire box. The internal workings of the box are still operating well, but the rust problem has now significantly encroached on the interior of the box.



The electrical companies that did inspections first thought we might just need to replace the external covering, but that box covering needed is no longer available. It will require a completely new box with eight new main power switches needed for the eight sections of the prefabricated religious education building.



And while I am discussing the Religious Education Building, please see these pictures of two of the eight HVAC system units that are closest to complete failure. Last week we were able to get them back in a working state, but we were also warned that we should be getting ready for replacement for these two. The other six units are okay only with frequent freon recharging every few months, but they should also be on the replacement list in the coming years. The type of HVAC units that are used in the RE building are self-contained units that are currently costing around \$5,000.00 each. To convert these into split systems would be an additional cost. To be sure that the RE Building remains in a usable state, this repair is on the Master Plan List.



Keep praying for these parish repairs and the Capital Campaign Project. Now that the parish knows the enormous extent of the Master Plan, I hope to discuss how we as a parish need to respond to take care of these needs and the on-going infrastructure of our parish and its buildings.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Patrick

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #3	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
7/20/2025	Envelope Collection	\$ (135.00)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ (675.00)	\$ 6,300.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ (313.00)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 864.00	\$ (649.00)	\$ 3,600.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 2,198.12	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,250.97	\$ 3,049.09	\$ 4,200.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 1,750.12	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,674.97	\$ 1,725.09	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 15,825.09

Parish Organizations

ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 25 @6PM

August monthly procession on Sunday, August 3 ~ San Juanita Gaza

ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 1-2—Paid Professional

August 7-9— Juanita Murray, Mary Sanchez, Flor Vega, Rachel Pena, Betty Posada



SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 18 @6PM

Hostesses: Grp #3 Nora Romanos

Corporate Mass—August 17 @ 7:30AM

Rosary @ 7:00AM

Leader: Jana Robinson

Offertory: Diana McBride and Annette Rivera

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Pat Bernal



Carne Guisada Fundraiser ~ Sunday, September 7 - \$12 / plate: carne guisada, rice beans, and dessert

Drive-thru ONLY—11:00AM –1:00PM



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all who helped with the BINGO: those who donated prized, those who worked the fundraiser, as well as those who came to play! Thanks to you, our fundraiser was a HUGE success!!!

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

The next bread and pastries distribution will be

at **SJoC** on **July 30** at 9AM and at

SFOA on Saturday, August 9.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

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

St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, August 23**, at 9AM.



Flocknote

Keep in touch with us via email & text!

Text **SJCOG** to **84576**

Or Connect with us online at:

www.stjohnnog.flocknote.com

Social Media



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Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)

and 11:00 AM (SPA)

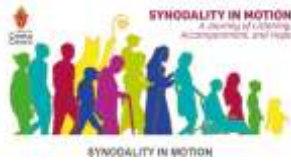
Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only).

Diocesan News

STATE OF THE DIOCESE ~ It's official! The **2025 State of the Diocese** is set for **Tuesday, October 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown.**

Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$7 for children 12 years of age and under. A sit-down meal is included.

To purchase tickets or for more information, scan the QR code.



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>

Rachel's Vineyard –Healing the pain of abortion—one weekend at a time.

RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER ~ This is a weekend retreat for women, men, families, and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage or abortion. This retreat is scheduled for the weekend of October 24 through 26, 2025.



Rachel's Vineyard retreats allow you to experience God's forgiveness, mercy, and compassion. The retreats offer a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem broken hearts.



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!

Community

COASTAL BEND BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE ~ Sunday, August 24 at St. John of the Cross from 8:00AM—1:00PM.



(A+) Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome!

Scan the QR code or visit our website at coasalbendbloodcenter.org.

Donors will receive a t-shirt.

While supplies last. Photo ID needed.



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

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Corpus Christi - \$10
Kingsville - \$14

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5 AM - 8 PM**

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• SAN PATRICIO • REFUGIO

Dear Padre,

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9–13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●



REMIATA SEDMANOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 28, 2019



PAUL HARRING

Monday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and
Lazarus

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35

Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 2

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21