

# St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house** down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

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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.) - 6:30 PM**

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

### Reconciliation

**Thursday: 5:30 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

**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.-Nov. 2 9:15 AM</b>	† Bob Keliehor by Robert & Nancy Vial † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler Altar and Rosary Society on their Communion Sunday People of the Parish
<b>Sun.-Nov. 9 9:15 AM</b>	In memory of the ordination of † Dcn. Jim Culpepper by Family † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler Sonny Mutins by Elizabeth Hackfeld 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, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver**

*Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:*

**MaryRuth Hart, Theresa Laurienti, and Amanda Smithwick**



## 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,  
Robert Ponce, 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, Diane Martinez, and Noah Vasquez

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

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service.



## Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	10/19/2025	CURRENT WEEK	10/27/2025
Collection	\$1350.00	Collection	\$609.00
Religious Education Fund	\$22.00		



The **SECOND** Collection THIS weekend supports the St. John of the Cross **Our Living Church Building Fund Capital Campaign**. We must collect one-half of the total required for each of the planned renovations before any renovations can be contracted and/or scheduled. Your continued support in restoring our parish buildings is appreciated and essential to the integrity of St. John of the Cross Catholic church buildings.

## Parish Organizations

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3 @ 2PM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335** NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4



**Rosary: 6:40 PM** at the KOC Building  
*Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome*

## Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM  
at **SFOA on Saturday, November 8** and  
at **SJoC on Wednesday, November 12.**



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at  
**St. John of the Cross on Thursday, November 6,** and  
at **St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, November 22.**

## Flocknote

Keep in touch with us via email & text!  
Text **SJCOG** to **84576**  
**Or Connect with us online at:**  
[www.stjohnog.flocknote.com](http://www.stjohnog.flocknote.com)

## Social Media



**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/  
Stjohnogtx](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogtx)

## Live Streaming

**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:**

**Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)  
and 11:00 AM (SPA)**

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only),  
KLUX 89.5HD, or Diocese of CC Website

## A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



November has arrived with two important Church Feasts – All Saints and All Souls. Each November 1<sup>st</sup> the entire Church remembers “All the Saints” of the Church. Most every day the church has on the liturgical calendar a particular saint to remember and an opportunity to share their example and story to inspire us in our spiritual journey. Saint Patrick is on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Joseph the Worker is on May 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Juan Diego on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and St. Miguel Pro on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. These are usually more known to us in the United States. But there are many more saints for different countries, nations, special needs, and times, each with their own feast day and story, but they might not appear on our US liturgical calendar. Saint Zhao Rong is more widely known in China, or St. Paul Mike in Japan, St. Mary MacKillop in Australia, or even Saint Kunegunda in Poland. And then there are the patron saints of different work/professions like St. Eligius for goldsmiths and blacksmiths and St. Isidore of Seville for database workers and one of the newest is Saint Carlo Acutis for computer workers. In the official Vatican list of canonized (officially recognized) saints, there are thousands for all of the days of the year. But then there are so many more saints that are in heaven who died in the state of grace but have no “feast day”. All Saints Day is the Feast where we are reminded that there are so many more “regular” saints known only to God who deserve to be recognized and honored. For me it is a day to envision that maybe one of those saints is my mother or father. Which family person or friend would you envision to already be in heaven? This is the day we give thanks to God for those who have lived and died in Christ and have attained their heavenly reward – even if there will never be a church with their name. “All the Saints, pray for us.”

And there are all of those others who lived and died following Christ but maybe not as well as they could have. I can think of several in my family and among my friends who would be in this category. Part of our confessions is to do a “penance”, some prayer or good action to make up and heal our souls from the spots of our sins. This is the main reason for our prayers and Masses for our deceased relatives – if they died but not necessarily in that “perfect” state of grace. We pray for them and in their name, that God be merciful and that our good intentions and prayers will make up and purify them of all their sins so they can enter into the fullness of heaven. Each week there are the Mass Intentions for various occasions- anniversaries, birthdays, special needs (rain, tests, etc.), but most often the intention is for the “Repose of the Soul of ...” by a family member. But what if there is no longer a child, or a family member or a friend who remembers them, and they still need prayers to move from that place of purification and into heaven? Or maybe there is that person who has no family at all; who prays for them? All Souls Day is that day we remember these “poor souls” who are in need of our prayers and have no one to pray for them. On “All Souls Day”, I pray for my family members who might be in need of these prayers, but I also bring to mind all those who have had a special place in my life. Is there a special teacher, doctor, priest, nun, or other person who helped you or guided you when you were in need? I always remember Bill Ropp – my high school best friend who died at fifteen in an accident, and Mrs. Burton – my favorite teacher who took special interest in me when my grades were failing, and Bishop Thomas Drury – the bishop who ordained me. And there are so many others on that list of special persons in my life, and some of them I don’t even know their name – the doctor who recognized my illness and performed my lifesaving surgery when I was only three weeks old. On All Souls Day, I encourage you to pray for those family members who died in need of prayers, for those special people who made a difference in your life, and for those unknown “poor souls” who have no one to pray for them. We pray that they might enter into the gates of Heaven, and then they can pray for me on my journey to Heaven. Say a prayer for these souls.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

P.S. – On Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, I had a medical procedure in a day-surgery facility and will be recovering in the rectory this weekend. Please say a prayer for a quick recovery and return to work with a full health.

Fr. Patrick



# Night of Worship to the Blessed Sacrament



**\* Eucharist \* Rosary \* Praise \* Personal worship \* Reflection**

## **November 8, 2025**

**6:00PM - Mass in English**

**7:00PM – 8:00 PM – Rosary in English lead by Anita Baza**

**8:00PM – 9:00PM – Praise**

**9:00PM – 10:00PM - Rosary in Spanish lead by Maria Ordonez**

**10:00PM – 11:00PM - Silent contemplation**

**11:00PM – 12:00AM - Rosary in English lead by Jose Isais**

**12:00AM – 1:00AM - Silent contemplation**

**1:00AM – 2:00AM – Praise**

**2:00AM – 3:00AM - Chaplet of Mercy lead by Maria Ordonez**

# Community



The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be at St. John on Sunday, November 2, from 8AM-1PM. All donors will receive a free Hunting for Donors long t-sleeve shirt and a pair of Ice Rays tickets - while supplies last.

Please scan the QR code call 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment.



## Diocesan News

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** Diocese of Corpus Christi—**Texas Education Freedom Account** in-person townhall meetings.

Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, for in-person town hall meetings to learn more about Texas Education Freedom Accounts. We invite all parents and community members interested in learning more about TEFAs and private education opportunities to attend. Four in-person Town Hall meetings are being offered to accommodate your schedule.

Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, for a webinar on Texas Education Freedom Accounts on Tuesday, November 4. Information sessions will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 6:30 p.m. Register today for the session that suits your schedule. These webinars will be offered in English and Spanish. Zoom link and details will be sent to you after you sign up.

See the church bulletin board for the townhall schedule and the link for the webinar.



The next Theology on Tap will take place on Tuesday, November 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Sal's Bronx Pizza, 5922 Yorktown Boulevard, Suite 106 in Corpus Christi. Guest speaker will be Fr. James Vasquez who will talk about prayer and discernment. Fees collected will benefit Young Catholic Adults (YCA) and Diocesan Young Adult Ministry. RSVP at [ycactx@gmail.com](mailto:ycactx@gmail.com).

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO CITY** ~ Registration is now open for the Young Adult Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City May 31st-June 6, 2026. Open to young adults of our diocese ages 18-39 only. Questions can be directed to the Office of Young Adult Ministry ([soconnor@diocesecc.org](mailto:soconnor@diocesecc.org)).

Please see the printed handouts on the church bulletin board.



### **COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCES**



The Area Agency on Aging Coastal Bend (AAACB) and its Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) are dedicated to providing one-on-one Benefits Counseling to persons 60+ years and Medicare beneficiaries of any age.

The Benefits Counseling program provides information, counseling, and advocacy.

For Family Caregiver support and / or Benefits Counseling— contact 361-883-3935 or [www.coastalbendcog.org](http://www.coastalbendcog.org)

AAA Family Caregiver webpage for more information



Benefits Counseling webpage for more information



**SECOND CHANCE INITIATIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID** ~ Our diocese has launched the Second Chance Initiative for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. This effort is in partnership with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid which will be offering is an opportunity to seal past criminal records in Nueces County through one of two legal processes: Expunction or Nondisclosure. Eligibility for these processes depends on the type of offense and the nature of community supervision. For more information or to see if you may qualify, visit [www.diocesecc.org/seconchance](http://www.diocesecc.org/seconchance) or scan the QR code. This initiative is open through the end of the 2025 year.



## 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!"



# Dear Padre,

*Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?*

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! “A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954–955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

### Monday

November 3

Weekday

Rom 11:29–36

Lk 14:12–14

### Tuesday

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop

Rom 12:5–16b

Lk 14:15–24

### Wednesday

November 5

Weekday

Rom 13:8–10

Lk 14:25–33

### Thursday

November 6

Weekday

Rom 14:7–12

Lk 15:1–10

### Friday

November 7

Weekday

Rom 15:14–21

Lk 16:1–8

### Saturday

November 8

Weekday

Rom 16:3–9, 16,  
22–27

Lk 16:9–15

### Sunday

November 9

The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22