

# St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 16, 2025

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## Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**It is the time of year when seasons turn** and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

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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. 16 9:15 AM</b>	Barbara Hamrick by Elizabeth Hackfeld † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler People of the Parish
<b>Sun.-Nov. 23 9:15 AM</b>	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler 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!**



The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 20, for professional development and will reopen Monday, November 24.

## Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	11/02/2025	CURRENT WEEK	11/09/2025
Collection	\$470.00	Collection	\$560.00
		Archdiocese for the Military	\$819.00

The **SECOND** collection supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people confront as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.



Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development

**SAVE THE DATE ~ SUNDAY, December 7, 2025**

Join us in celebrating

**Father Patrick Donohoe's 70th birthday**

from 12:00PM until 3:00PM in the St. John parish hall for a catered meal, music, photo backdrop, exciting decorations, and best of all camaraderie!



All the cool  
people are born  
in December!

## Parish Organizations

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335**

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 2**

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



The Knight of Columbus's Potluck Christmas party will be celebrated on December 2 at 6PM in the parish hall. KC's will provide brisket. Knights are asked to bring sides and/or desserts to share.



## CASA DE LUCY



**Casa 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.

## Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM  
at **SJoC** on **Saturday, November 29.**



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at  
**St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, November 22,** and  
**St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, December 4.**

## A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

First an update on my recovery from my surgery. I would say that I am recovering well as I had only two days with pain medications. I had been sleeping in my Lazy-Boy recliner with a pillow so I would not have to overexert myself or the sutures from the surgery. It is one of those types that will recline but also lift you into a straight up position to help you get out of the recliner. (I bought this for myself so when I get older, I can get out of the recliner.) A few days ago, I returned to using my bed. As my dad used to say to us all the time, "You always have better sleep -when you are sleeping in your own "crib." All the bandages and suture strips have been removed, and the skin is healing nicely. The first week required more exertion as bending over pulled on the incisions, but that has subsided and I am moving well. My walking has progressed from baby steps to toddler steps to almost regular steps. Stair steps are still a work in progress as I still feel a bit unsteady standing on the one foot, so I am going slowly and with handrail if it is available. I have been following my surgeon's strictest warning of "no lifting, pushing, or pulling" of anything of any kind of any substantial weight until he gives his okay. That also goes for wearing an abdominal surgical support device (usually called a tummy girdle) until the incisions are more fully healed. As with any surgery, the trauma to the body zaps your energy, so I have reduced my work schedule and appointments, taking more frequent breaks to go and rest in the rectory. Terrie and Laura in the office keep trying to get me to take it more easily, but that is difficult because of my Irish stubbornness and my dad's work ethic. I am listening to them, as well as to my body, and taking care not to overdo it. *Well, I'm sort of listening!* Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery. Full recovery for this type of surgery is six to eight weeks. Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick



In August of 2024, Bishop Michal Mulvey turned 75 years old and as is required by Canon Law, he submitted his letter of resignation to the then Holy Father – Pope Francis. Bishop Mulvey fully remains as our Bishop and the Ordinary (authority) of the Diocese until a new bishop is named to lead our diocese. With the death of Pope Francis in April 2025 and the election of Pope Leo in May 2025, the worldwide process for naming new bishops for the Catholic Church has been painfully slow. One major factor for this is that Cardinal Robert Prevost was the Cardinal in charge of the department in Rome that oversees the naming of new Bishops became Pope Leo XIV. With his election as Pope that whole office basically stopped most of its work for five to six months until the new Cardinal to lead the department was selected in October of 2025. In January 2025, Bishop Vasquez of Austin was transferred to the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. And it was eight months later that in September 2025, Bishop Daniel Garcia was installed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Austin. Therefore, we patiently wait for our new bishop to lead the Diocese of Corpus Christi to be named. At a recent meeting of the clergy of our diocese, a "Prayer for a new Bishop for the Diocese of Corpus Christi" was shared and we were invited to begin praying for him. So let us pray:

### ***Prayer for a new Bishop for the Diocese of Corpus Christi***

*Almighty and ever-living God, grant our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV wisdom in discernment as he chooses a new bishop for this local Church.*

*By your divine providence, grant us a shepherd, after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, whose benevolent care and kindly zeal will strengthen the People of God with the light of the Gospel and the grace of the Sacraments.*

*Lord, as you now prepare to call our new bishop to the Diocese of Corpus Christi, give him charity and openness to respond with a spirit of joyful hope.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



# Dear Padre,

## *Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?*

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●



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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

November 17  
*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday

November 18  
*Weekday*  
2 Mc 6:18–31  
Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday

November 19  
*Weekday*  
2 Mc 7:1, 20–31  
Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday

November 20  
*Weekday*  
1 Mc 2:15–29  
Lk 19:41–44

### Friday

November 21  
*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59  
Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday

November 22  
*St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*  
1 Mc 6:1–13  
Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday

November 23  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
2 Sm 5:1–3  
Col 1:12–20  
Lk 23:35–43



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025