



# St. Joseph's Church

R H I N E L A N D

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
January 31, 2021

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Saint Joseph

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

### Santa Rosa

Sunday 11:00 am

(Mass is Bilingual)

### BAPTISMAL Preparation

Third Sunday of the Month

Birth Certificate Required

Call: Leno Hernandez

940-782-6497

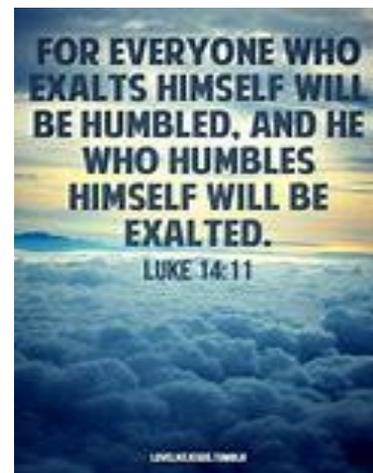


**Lectors:** Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday: John Myers & Mindy Myers  
 Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Leno & Sylvia Hernandez

**Servers:** Saturday: Natalie & Loran Miranda & Adam Myers  
 Sunday: Marion Llamas, Brooke Shahan & Lupe Marmolejo

**Altar Flowers:** This weekend's Altar Flowers were donated by:  
**An anonymous donor.** Thank you for your generosity.

Mon: 7:00 am Gilbert Kotulek by Cecil & Geneva Kuehler  
 Tues: 7:00 am Kenneth Groves by Mr. & Mrs. David Albus  
 Wed: 7:00 am Eddie Paul Birkenfeld by Bob Moore Family  
 Wed: 6:00 pm Nacho Mendiola by Bob Moore Family  
 Thurs: 7:00 am A.J. & Genevieve Kuehler by Stephen Kuehler Family  
 Fri: 7:00 am Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Johnny & Nancy Birkenfeld  
 Fri: 6:00 pm **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
 Sat: 6:00 pm Virginia Redder by Agnes Loran Family  
 Sun: 9:00 am Gerard Kuehler by Stephen Kuehler Family  
 Sun: 11:00 am Mass at Santa Rosa



January 24, 2021 **Attendance:** Saturday: 73 Sunday 98

Collection: \$1,922.00  
 Youth Ministry Collection: \$20.00  
 Church in Latin America: \$385.00  
**Thank you for your generous contributions**

Please pray for our sick and convalescing especially: Neva Gonzales, Nick Ptacek, Jim Williams, Kaitlyn Acevedo, Allen Brown, Jeanene Redder, Arleda Decker, Refugio Nunez, Jamie Welborn, Ethel Birkenfeld, Brittany Solano, Francis Brown, Bob Moore, Kolby Kuykendall, Paulina Mendiola, Dorothy Herring, Joe Castorena, Urban Bellinghausen, Geneva Pennartz, Diana Homer Essig, Angelica Lucas, Albert & LuRose Schumacher, Darlene Bellinghausen, Antonio Mendez, Jorge DeHaro Jr., Karymay Groves, Cory Almanza, Collyn Eldridge, Maria Mejia, and any others. Please remember all rest home and shut-in parishioners. Let us earnestly pray for all our sick and do whatever we can to help them.

**Please let us know if names need to be added or removed**

**125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

The 125<sup>th</sup> celebration will be rescheduled for a later date.

**FOOD PANTRY**

St. Joseph Parishioners are asked to bring **a can of vegetables or anything else**, for the January Food Pantry. Thanks to all of you who continually help feed the hungry in our community.

**REQUEST**

Photos with dates are needed from our Hispanic community on weddings, baptisms, deaths, quinceaneras (optional) to be included in the 125<sup>th</sup> book. **Also**, any active military members. Any of these events that occurred from 1995 to the present are in much need. Please email to [lauramyers21@gmail.com](mailto:lauramyers21@gmail.com). Thank you

**DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELF TO THIS AGE (PRO-LIFE ARTICLES)**

St Paul tells us, "Do not conform yourself to this age but ...discern...what is good and pleasing..."  
 Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of "chattel", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they.

They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own.

Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age.

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*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*



**JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> REGULAR**

**COLLECTION:** \$472.42

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:** \$280

**ATTENDANCE:** 68

**MONEY COUNTERS~**

JANUARY: Mary Escamilla and Anita Silva.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> :** Herlinda Guardado by Silva Family.

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> -**In memory of Dr. Juan Fitz by Joe & Maria Sloan

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Santa Rosa Catholic church is currently needing mass intentions, and if you would like to offer a mass for a family member- please contact our Secretary Miss Noelia Davila.

**LET US KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :**

Ray Lerma, Frankie Stinnet, Elda Garcia, Connie Garcia, Santos Gonzalez, Federico Monita, Bartolo Martinez, Margaret Martinez, Bob Lake, Connie Ramirez, Richard Espinosa, Victoria Medina, Connie Ledesma, Paulina Mendiola, Mary Ann Myers, Flora Lopez, and any others. Please remember all rest home and shut-in parishioners.

*Let us earnestly pray for all our sick for their healing and recovery and do whatever we can*

**SAVE THE DATE CHANGE**

St. Joseph will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> year on **April 17, 2021**. Make plans to join us for this special community celebration.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates for "virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/> For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

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