

## St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 16, 2020**

### Building Our Legacy

As you know, the "Building Our Legacy" fundraising efforts kicked off December 1, 2019. The fundraising team has been very active identifying opportunities that allows everyone to take part in building our Church Campus.

To date the following efforts are underway:

#### Targeted Giving –

Religious Education Building (REB) Needs  
 Parish Hall Needs  
 Rectory Needs

#### Construction Bits & Pieces Needed –

Paint, Sheetrock, Drywall, Nails, Doors

**Prints for Peace** – Beautiful photos by John Morris. If you are interested, please contact John Morris at (361)249-0783 or naples2tx@gmail.com  
 Flyers are in the foyer of the church with information and donor sheets.

**Memory Bricks** – An area in front of the Church Office/REB will have a garden, and the bricks will surround that area. Brochures are available in the foyer of the church.

As of July 28, 2020

Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$56,000.00	\$25,300.00
Rectory	\$8,900.00	\$7,450.00
Parish hall	\$12,700.00	\$9,700.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$4,960.00	\$4,960.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$22,367.16	\$19,367.16
	<b>\$105,572.16</b>	<b>\$67,422.16</b>
<b>Pledged Goal</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>26%</b>	

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	15th	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	16th	9:00 am	† <b>Neil Levy</b> By Debbie & Bob Wallace <b>In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	17th	8:30 am	For <b>Charlie Hutchins</b> (birthday blessings) By A Parishioner
Tues.	18th	NO MASS	
Wed.	19th	8:30 am	† <b>Neil Levy</b> By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Thurs.	20th	8:30 am	For <b>George Snell</b> (healing) By Carmen Cardenas
Fri.	21st	8:30 am	† <b>Richard Krummrich</b> By Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	22nd	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	23rd	9:00 am	† <b>Sarah Savigni Maxham</b> By Family
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

#### Sunday Collection Report-August 9

Loose Collection	\$ 713.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 550.00
Building Fund	\$ 958.02
Online Giving	<u>\$ 520.00</u>
Total	<b>\$2741.02</b>

#### **Please Pray For the Sick:**

George Snell, Jessica Lee McNair, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361) 749-5825.

**Pope Francis says:** When we pray, God expects that we also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus in Port Aransas are fundraising via a raffle to support two objectives. Seventy percent (70%) of the funds raised are to help St. Joseph Catholic Church rebuild its campus. Having experienced the ravages of hurricane Harvey, we, as a community want to build a campus that will serve the needs of everyone who lives in and visits Port Aransas. Currently, our parish hall is in disrepair from the storm. Additionally, the parishioners have a goal to build a multipurpose building for classrooms and parish offices. The remaining thirty percent (30%) of the funds raised will support the various aforementioned charities in the Coastal Bend.

You can support our parish in these endeavors by participating in our raffle. The prizes will include:

#### **1st Prize: Fall In Port Aransas for 4**

Jay's Seafood Spaghetti Works for 4

Woody's Island Queen fishing for 4

Hotel 3days/2nights

#### **2nd Prize: Fishing**

8 Hour Fishing Trip for 2 Provided by Deep Sea Headquarters

San Juan Taqueria \$50 Certificate

#### **3rd Prize: Channeling in Port Aransas for 4**

Dolphin Watch @ Woody's Sport Center

Port Aransas Pizzeria \$50 certificate

Fire It Ceramics Gift Certificate \$25

#### **4th Prize**

Port Aransas Museum Tour for 4 by Director, Cliff Strain

Phoenix Restaurant Certificate \$25

#### **5th Prize**

USS Lexington Museum & Whataburger \$50 Gift Certificate

\$5 per Ticket or 5 for \$20

**Need not be present to win.**

Drawing September 6, 2020 after 11:00 am Mass.

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Thank you.  
 In Jesus name. Amen

**Pastor's Note: A God of love who reaches out to all...** After feeding the five thousand in the Jewish territory, and having helped the Apostles to trust in God's power, in the midst of the storms of life, Jesus now moves to the territory of the Gentiles. This is a deliberate move from the part of Jesus. He has always stressed the fact that God loves everyone and that he himself has come to minister to the Jews and Gentiles alike. Both the first reading and the second focus on the theme of universal salvation God brings about. It was a historical fact that there existed an ethnocentric outlook on the understanding of salvation by the Jewish population. Since they experienced God's love, all through their history, they concluded that God has chosen them as special people. However, this then led to their belief that they are the only ones who are worthy to experience the salvific love of God. Jesus is helping them to come out of this exclusivity when it comes to God's love, and he is opening their eyes to the fact that God, who is the author of all life, also wants children of all races and languages to be saved. From an exclusive understanding of love, he is leading them to an inclusive understanding of love. This is not an easy task, as is evident in the Gospel passage. Prejudice and hatred perpetrated over many centuries were not something that easily could be overcome. And yet it is to this task of breaking the barriers that Jesus is calling attention to, when he praises the faith of this Gentile woman. This is not a stray incident in the life and ministry of Jesus. The very fact that Gentiles felt the courage to approach Jesus, shows the charisma and openness of Jesus. He looks at people not through the eye of conventional norms, but through the eye of mercy and generosity. He is able to display these characteristics, because he is led by love. Where there is love, there can be no discrimination. It is to be transformed by this love, that Jesus is inviting us. This is not easy, since we all are products of history. However, if we let Jesus lead us, then this task becomes easy, and the path a smooth one.

### **REMINDER**

The deadline for ordering your Memory Bricks is **September 30**. Forms can be picked up in the church office. St. Joseph Legacy Garden is created to memorialize the Families and their loved ones who are building our legacy for the future generations.