

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 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
	\$105,572.16	\$67,422.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	26%	

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	1st	5:00 pm	For Elizabeth Rose Everett (birthday blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces
Sun.	2nd	9:00 am	† Bruce Kennedy By Bob & Liz Conces
		11:00 am	For The Ross Family (anniversary blessings) By The Ross Family
Mon.	3rd	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	4th	NO MASS	
Wed.	5th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	6th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	7th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	8th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	9th	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday Collection Report-July 26

Loose Collection	\$ 341.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 170.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 465.00</u>
Total	\$1076.00

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:

Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that love will surely triumph one day, even if it be in times and ways we do not know.



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.

HAVE A LAUGH . . .

Getting on a plane, I told the ticket lady, "Send one of my bags to New York, send one to Los Angeles, and send one to Miami." She said, "We can't do that!" I told her, "You did it last week!"

Pastor's Note . . . A God who understands our needs.... Today the readings focus on the direct involvement of God in caring for the needs of the people. Our God is a merciful and gracious God. He comes to the aid of people every time they face difficulties and challenges. Because he understands their every need, he intervenes, when there arises a problem, which the people themselves cannot solve. And when God intervenes, the impossible happens. It is in the nature of God to be there to help his children and often this nature runs counter to the attitudes of human beings. This is especially visible in the Gospel passage today. People have travelled far to seek out Jesus and to be comforted by his message of hope. And since they are hungry, after having spent a day with Jesus, the solution his disciples can come up with is to send them back to the villages to purchase their own food. And here we see the realization of the promise of God in the first reading, from the book of Isaiah, to come and eat 'without paying and without cost'. Love is given without cost and since God is love, and because Jesus is the visible presence of this God of love, there happens a miraculous feeding. Jesus, who defeated the tricks of Satan, by saying that man does not live by bread alone, understands that the physical needs of the people are as important as their spiritual needs. It is not enough to preach to people, but is more important to show the preaching in action. This is what Jesus does, he feeds them with minimum resources and this goes beyond the expectations of the people. This extravagant generosity of God is further symbolized in the leftovers that was picked up, enough to feed the twelve tribes of Israel. Yes the hand of the Lord feeds us, because he acts with a heart full of love. Nothing can ever separate us from this love of God, because he had truly begotten us and transformed us. We can come to him and feel satisfied, and this experience should transform us, not only to trust God, but to become people who are able to feel with those who are suffering, and to become hands of God who will come to their aid. Thus the saying, 'the hand of God feeds us' will get realized in and through us.