

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 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. This opportunity concluded 9/30/20.

As of November 10, 2020

Summary Sheet

	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$68,500.00	\$36,600.00
Rectory	\$9,400.00	\$8,550.00
Parish hall	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$14,130.00	\$14,130.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$22,367.16	\$18,467.16
	\$129,242.16	\$92,592.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	32%	

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12	5:00 pm	†Mike Hopkins By Ida & Tom Pauken
Sun.	13	9:00 am	†Ritchie Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	14	8:30	For Drake Makus (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	15	NO MASS	
Wed.	16	8:30 am	†Elvia Daniels By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Thurs.	17	8:30 am	†Gary Fletcher By Ida & Tom Pauken
Fri.	18	8:30 am	†Mike Hopkins By Ida & Tom Pauken
Sat.	19	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	20	9:00 am	†Ernie Houdalshel By Ida & Tom Pauken
		11:00 am	For Lonnie Daniels (healing) By Debbie & Bob Wallace

Please Pray For the Sick:

Janie Fernandez, George Snell, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed 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:

Conversion is a grace that we need to forcefully ask God for. We are converted to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. Thus let us leave what is false and fleeting for what is true, beautiful and everlasting.



Blessing of New Building by Bishop Michael Mulvey

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
at 5:30 pm

We will have an open house that day from 9am to 5pm. COVID protocol is in effect. Feel free to take a tour of the newly built Religious Education Center and Parish Office. We will let you know when the Parish Office will move to the new building. Thank you for your continued support!

Advent Confessions

On Friday, December 18, there will be several priests to hear confessions at 4:30 pm.

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24 4:30 pm Christmas Carols

Thursday, December 24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25 8:30 am Christmas Mass

VFW Care & Share Christmas Food Drive

The VFW will be donating gift cards to Port Aransas families in need. You may sign up at the VFW Post December 8 & 15, between 10 am and 2 pm. The gift cards will be distributed December 18 between 10 am and 2 pm at the VFW Post.

Sunday Collection Report-December 6, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 724.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 835.00
Building Fund	\$ 658.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1045.00</u>
Total	\$3262.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Rope Will Help You Curse

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

Pastor's Note: Rejoicing in the Lord

always....The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday, because we are near the Lord's coming. The readings point to the reason for us to rejoice, and we are called to rejoice, because we have turned the corner when it comes to our preparation for Christmas. First Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah speaks about the power of God and the Spirit of God what is upon the Prophet, which enables him to be a messenger of freedom to the people of Israel. Beautiful things are about to happen, the Prophet proclaims, and they are about to see the redemptive work of the Lord. This is especially consoling to the people of Israel, since they are living as exiles in a foreign land. Their longing for freedom is about to be realized. Responsorial Psalm continues this theme of rejoicing, where we have the passage from Luke, which is commonly known as the Magnificat, where Mary sings the praises of God. God has been active and has been performing marvelous deeds in the world. Mary praises God for this active role to bring about transformation and change in the lives of the people. Looking at this from the point of view of the Feast we are about to celebrate, we are able to see the continued activity of God in and through the person of Mary, a lowly handmaid, and eventually in and through the person of Jesus. The Second reading asks us to remain blameless in the eyes of God, as we prepare to face the Lord. And the Gospel passage again focuses on John the Baptist preparing people to welcome Jesus, the Messiah. We are called to be ready to welcome the Lord and be assure of his positive intervention in our lives. We have to rejoice, because the Lord is near to us!

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.