

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 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.	5	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	6	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For Jim Koenig (healing) By Karen & Marvin Murray
Mon.	7	8:30 am	For Bob Conces (birthday blessings) By Liz Conces
Tues.	8	NO MASS	
Wed.	9	8:30 am	† Ernie Houdalshel By Ida & Tom Pauken
Thurs.	10	8:30 am	For Carmen Cardenas (birthday blessings) By Leticia Grounds
Fri.	11	8:30 am	† Raymond Welder By Ida & Tom Pauken
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

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:

Come, Lord Jesus, make our distracted hearts watchful.
Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.



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-November 29, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1084.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 395.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1220.00</u>
Total	\$ 2699.00

HAVE A LAUGH ... RUDOLPH

One Christmas eve, Pete and Jane were driving their Russian friend Rudolph back to his house. The weather outside was frightful. Jane asked Pete, "Do you think that's sleet or rain out there?" "It's rain, Jane" said Pete. "I think it's sleet, Pete," said Jane. Rudolph chimed in, "It's definitely rain, Jane." "No, I really think it's sleet, Rudolph" said Jane. "Don't argue with the expert, Jane," said Pete. "What do you mean, Pete?" asked Jane. Pete replied, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, Dear."

Pastor's Note: Called to herald his presence....Second Sunday of Advent brings us the good news of promise nearing fulfillment. Something beautiful is about to happen, and we are called to be ready to welcome this event. Because of the fact that John the Baptist takes center stage today, we have to look at the message of the readings from the perspective of John and his role in the redemptive mission. Definitely, John's role in this is in connection with Jesus, the Messiah. John was not an ordinary person. He was committed to the Lord, from a very early age. He was courageous and faithful and lived a simple life. He goes about enabling people to repent. Turning away from something also requires turning toward something. John gives us an indication of what we should turn toward. John is convinced that the role that he is called to play is one of preparing the people for the promised Messiah. Given the fact that, there was a lot of expectation of the promised Messiah, John could have proclaimed himself to be the one they were waiting for. In fact, a lot of people indeed thought and believed that John himself was the messiah, especially because of his austere lifestyle. When you have a great following and the ones who follow you are willing to do what you would ask them, there can arise a tendency to exploit the followers for one's own selfish needs. He would have elevated himself to the position of the Messiah. This is where John stands out as a truly committed person. He is committed to God and his values. He is not led by his selfish desires. What matters to him is to fulfill the role that he is given to play. He declares that the one who is coming after him will indeed be greater than him, and he will baptize them with the Holy Spirit. This is like moving on, when one has finished fulfilling the duty. It is to play this same role that we are all invited. Our role as disciples of Jesus is to use our lives to point others to Jesus. Nothing that we do should be to focus on our greatness, it should all be to lead others to Jesus, the true light of the world. We have to be heralds of Jesus.