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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 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 displayed in Church foyer.

Flyers are in the foyer of the church with information and donor sheets.

Campaigns soon to be available:

Memory Bricks - An area in front of the Church Office/REB will have a garden, and the bricks will surround that area. Brochure to be available soon.`

## Latest Financial Update -As of February 14, 2020

Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$28,200.00	\$11,700.00
Rectory	\$3,550.00	\$0.00
Parish hall	\$0.00	\$0.00
Engraved Memory Bricks		\$0.00
Prints for Peace		\$0.00
	\$31,750.00	\$11,700.00

To register for On-Line Banking go to the following link: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1896

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

Clavton Gard, Mike McBreen, Amy Pels, 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:**

In worship, we make it possible for the Lord to transform us by His love, to kindle light amid our darkness, to grant us strength in weakness and courage amid trials.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: FEB 2020

Date		Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 2/15	5pm	Dawn Gault/ Meade	Charlie Hutchins
Sun 2/16	9am	Marvin Murray	John Meyer
	11am	Leticia Grounds	Barbara Smith
Sat 2/22	5pm	Liz Conces	Ken Chesshir
Sun 2/23	9am	Stacey Mendoza	John Morris
	11am		Debbie Wallace

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign**

This is the end of our Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. The Ladies of St. Joseph would like to thank you for all your support. We will have the total amount donated in next week's bulletin!

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass



# **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent after 8:30 a.m. Mass, starting February 28.

Sunday Collection Report, February 9, 2020			
Loose Collection	\$ 2575.87		
Envelope Collection	\$ 1385.00		
Building Fund	\$ 330.00		
Candles Sold	\$ 249.69		
Online Giving	<u>\$ 395.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$ 4935.56		

## Pastor's Note: Being law-abiding by abiding in love...

Jesus continues his mission of preaching and teaching. Today we have a continuation of what is known as the sermon on the mount. Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses, who gives a refined set of laws for his disciples. To be a true disciple of Jesus means one has to go beyond sticking to the law and trying to fulfill all that the law demands. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be always abiding in love and thus to be led by love. Every law is a means for us to act with justice. This means that the law is always made meaningful in the context of a relationship, be it with God or with other human beings. And the basis of every relationship is love. Here Jesus is urging his followers to be rooted in love. When Jesus asks his followers to be led by love, he is confident that this will enable them to be compassionate and caring, beyond what the law prescribes. As Jesus would say elsewhere, all the concessions that were made to the Mosaic Law was because of the hardness of heart displayed by the people of Israel. The law that is written in every human heart will help them to be sensitive to the needs of others, and act with true mercy and compassion. To be led by love, is to be led by the Spirit of God. When that happens, his disciples will be children of mercy, like their Father who is merciful.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A nun who works for a local home health care agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it there was a station just down the street. She walked to the station to borrow a can with enough gas to start the car and drive to the station for a fill up.

The attendant regretfully told her that the only can he owned had just been loaned out, but if she would care to wait he was sure it would be back shortly.

Since the nun was on the way to see a patient she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. After looking through her car for something to carry to the station to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car two men walked by. One of them turned to the other and said: "Now that is what I call faith!"