

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 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.

Latest Financial Update As of May 31, 2020

Summary Sheet	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$54,800.00	\$23,900.00
Rectory	\$6,900.00	\$4,250.00
Parish hall	\$9,700.00	\$6,700.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$2,420.00	\$2,420.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$12,390.00	\$12,390.00
	\$86,855.00	\$50,305.00
Pledged Goal	\$400,000.00	% of Goal Pledged
		22%

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	12th	9:00 am	For George Snell (for healing) By Ken & Barbara Chesshir
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	13th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	14th	NO MASS	
Wed.	15th	8:30 am	For Mary Angel (birthday blessings) By A Neighbor
Thurs.	16th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	17th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	18th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	19th	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday Collection Report—July 5, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 799.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 785.00
Building Fund	\$ 381.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1020.00</u>
Total	\$ 2985.00

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:

Faith is either missionary or it is no faith at all. Faith takes us out of ourselves and toward others. Faith must be transmitted, not to convince but to offer a treasure. Let us ask the Lord to help us live our faith with open doors: a transparent faith.



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 . . . Senior Golf Game

An eighty-year-old man's golf game was hampered by poor eyesight. He could hit the ball well but he couldn't see where it went. So his doctor teamed him up with a ninety-year-old man who had perfect eyesight and was willing to go along to serve as a spotter.

The eighty-year-old man hit the first ball and asked his companion if he saw where it landed.

"Yep," said the ninety-year-old.

"Where did it go?" the eighty-year-old demanded.

The ninety-year old replied, "I don't remember."

Pastor's Note . . . Letting the Word take roots in us....

Jesus now focuses on the need to be responsive to his teaching. The word of God is powerful, the first reading reminds us today. It can create and brings about the desired change to the situations where it is spoken. This power of the word is connected to the response it receives from people. When people respond to the word of God, there comes about a transformation in favor of God's ways. Jesus knows that the effectiveness of the word of God is in proportion to the response of his listeners to the word. He is also aware that the response to the word of God varies, depending on the state of mind the listener is in. Therefore, he uses the parable of the sower. On the face of it, it is a simple parable. However, the deeper meaning of the parable is what Jesus wants us to focus on. In the longer version of the Gospel reading today, Jesus himself explains the meaning of the parable to the Apostles. Our daily concerns and cares and worries can affect the way we respond to the word of God. There are times, we are preoccupied with our daily concerns, and we fail to pay attention to it. There are other times we are well disposed to the message, and we respond in a very positive way, and really transform our lives. It is this transformation of our lives which is expected of a true disciple. When we respond with full commitment to the word of God, we experience the freedom and liberation from everything that holds us back. It is a matter of being willing and ready to respond to the power of the Word of God.

COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

Let us continue to rely on God to get over the difficulties caused by COVID 19 and do all we can to keep ourselves and others safe by wearing a mask and also by practicing social distancing.