

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

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 19, 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
	<b>\$86,855.00</b>	<b>\$50,305.00</b>
<b>Pledged Goal</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>22%</b>	

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	18th	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	19th	9:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	20th	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	21st	NO MASS	
Wed.	22nd	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	23rd	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	24th	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	25th	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun	26th	9:00 am	For <b>Allison Makus</b> (birthday blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces
	26th	11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

#### Sunday Collection Report—July 12, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1327.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 160.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>620.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2607.00</b>

#### 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:

On the Day of Judgment we will not be judged for our ideas, but for the compassion we have shown to others.



### 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 . . .** An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good", he answered.

### Pastor's Note . . .

#### **Living with compassion and mercy....**

Jesus continues to use the practice of agriculture to drive home the message of the Kingdom. He is trying to make the message simple enough for the people to understand. All the readings point to the compassion and mercy of God. God definitely has an expectation of each individual, because he creates each person with great love and instills in the person the ability to reflect the goodness of God. He is also aware that it is natural for human beings to make mistakes and not live up to the expectations he has for them. This is where the reality of God's understanding and compassion gets revealed. The first reading reminds us that he judges with clemency. Compassion is the hallmark of God, which is again underscored in the Responsorial Psalm, when we hail him as a forgiving God. It is this understanding of God towards his people that is again stressed in the second reading. We do not even know how to pray, but the Spirit intercedes for us, with 'inexpressible groaning'. And God is able to understand what we desire, and come to our aid. It is this understanding of our God that is expressed in the Gospel passage. The weeds that are allowed to grow with the wheat is an indication of God's leniency towards the imperfections of human beings. He hopes that there will come about a transformation in them, as they live with others and that the Spirit will enable them to respond to God's mercy. This is an invitation to all of us who are imperfect, to come to him with courage and experience his mercy and be transformed by it. Producing good fruits is key, and this will become possible when we are embraced by the love of God and allow ourselves to be transformed by this merciful love. This will in turn lead us on a path of compassion and mercy in our own lives.

### COVID-19

Let us be socially distanced and spiritually close  
and cover our faces and open our hearts.

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