

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

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord May 24, 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](mailto: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 March 12, 2020**

Summary Sheet	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$54,700.00	\$23,800.00
Rectory	\$3,700.00	\$1,050.00
Parish hall	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$11,840.00	\$11,840.00
	<b>\$79,485.00</b>	<b>\$45,935.00</b>

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

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	23rd	5:00 pm	†Michael McBreen by Bob & Sandie Little
Sun.	24th	9:00 am	†Sarah Savigni Maxham by Family †Michael McBreen by Bob & Sandie Little
Mon.	25th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	26th	No Mass	
Wed.	27th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	28th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	29th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	30th	5:00 pm	†Michael McBreen by Bob & Sandie Little
Sun.	31st	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For Holy Communion Candidates

There will be a second collection this week-end for  
Catholic Communications Campaign.

#### Sunday Collection Report—May 17, 2020

Envelope Collection	\$ 659.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
Total	\$1229.00

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

Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, and all who are in need of prayer.

**Please Pray For the Deceased:** Leroy Washington, father of Janice (Twennie) Washington.

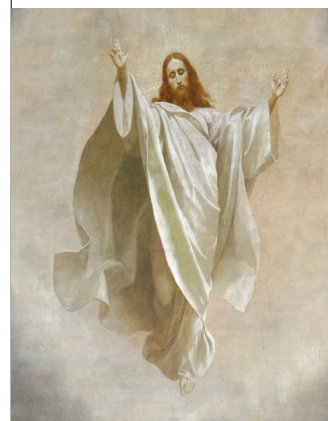
#### **Pope Francis says:**

May God have mercy on us and put an end to this tragedy, this pandemic, as well as the pandemics of hunger, war, and children without an education. This we ask as brothers and sisters, everyone together.



### Ascension of The Lord

Remember to keep your eyes on the prize in all this: heaven!! St. Thomas Aquinas, considered one of Christianity's most important theologians, if not *the* most important, wrote concerning the significance of the Ascension: "We might ask this question 'Of what use is the Ascension of Our Lord to us?' The Ascension of Christ is useful to us, first to increase our faith, which is of things unseen, secondly, to uplift our hope, and thirdly, to direct the fervor of our charity to heavenly things."



There's other good news in all this as well! As Bishop Sheen put it, one reason for the Ascension was that Christ "might plead in heaven to His Father with a human nature common to the rest of men."

In Jesus we have the most powerful and compassionate mediator, and He is always interceding for us with God the Father in Heaven. Having a human as well as a divine nature, Christ well understands our sinful proclivities.

And He fervently desires that we repent of our sins so that we may partake of His mercy! Besides sacrificing Himself for us at Calvary, Our Lord continues to give us Himself *every day* in the sacraments of the [Eucharist](#) and [Penance](#) (Mass and Confession).

#### **First Holy Communion**

May 31, 11:00 a.m.

(This Mass is preferably for the family and friends of the Holy Communion candidates.)

Let us pray for our children as they are receiving Jesus for the first time.

#### **Pastor's Note.... The Mission is now ours to continue...**

The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus is a great reminder to all of us. It is a reminder that Jesus believes in us to the extent of entrusting us with the continuation of his Mission. When Jesus tells his disciples, as he leaves them to go back to his Father, to be witnesses to him all over the world, he is manifesting his tremendous belief in our ability and commitment. Jesus came into the world to accomplish a Mission, entrusted to him by his Father. Even when it was not an easy task to accomplish, he did not turn away from fulfilling the Mission. He was led by love, both for the Father and for the people. And since he was led by love, nothing could break his spirit and he continued to do all he had to do. It was this love and commitment that won him the approval from his Father. And this appreciation of his life by the Father is what was visible in the Resurrection of Jesus. And now it is our turn. We have to proclaim the Good News of Salvation, and be people who are rooted in love. Love is the fulcrum of every Christian activity. When we live a life focused on love, we are indeed continuing the Mission of Jesus. It is not an easy task, but with him on our side, we will be able to do what we are called to do.

#### **We Can Still Find A Reason to Laugh . . .**

Until this week, I never fully realized how much I loved touching my face.

Does anyone know if we will get through this or not? Or if these times are certain or uncertain? No one is letting me know . . .

Pretty wild how we used to eat cake after someone had blown on it. Good times!

It's no longer 'what did you do today?', it's 'what did you eat today?'

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.