

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

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 15, 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
	<b>\$129,242.16</b>	<b>\$92,592.16</b>

Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged
<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>32%</b>

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	14	5:00 pm	†Ritchie Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty
Sun.	15	9:00 am	Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces †Sam & Lena Pantuso By The Family
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	16	8:30 am	Paul Swanson (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	17	NO MASS	
Wed.	18	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	19	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	20	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	21	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	22	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	†Mark Steele By Barbara & Ken Chesshir

#### 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:** The one who prays is never alone. In fact, Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus's name.



### 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!



#### Sunday Collection Report-November 8, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1256.50
Envelope Collection	\$ 995.00
Building Fund	\$ 195.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 585.00</u>
Total	\$ 3031.50

#### **HAVE A LAUGH . .** In All Things Give Thanks

A 4-year-old boy was asked to return thanks before Thanksgiving dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip.

Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

**Pastor's Note: Gratitude to God expressed in love...** Being ready for the Lord was the theme we reflected on, in last Sunday's reading. This preparedness we were called to reflect on, was rooted in the commitment to God's ways, which was explicitly demonstrated and preached by Jesus himself. It is this commitment to God's ways that we continue to reflect on in this Sunday's reading as well. All the readings talk about the need to be alive and active in doing good works. We shall not sleep, but be awake and active in doing the works of the light, rather than works of the night, as St. Paul reminds in the second reading. The Responsorial Psalm and the First Reading talk about the need to do good works as a sign of our fear of the Lord. This fear of the Lord, is not to be understood as being scared of the Lord, but reverential love of the Lord. A faithful woman (applies in fact to every human person) reaches out to the poor and shares the goods with the needy. Her works are to be praised as works of the Lord. Gratitude to God is to be expressed in the way we share the blessings we receive from him. This willingness to be actively using one's blessings is the theme of the Gospel passage. The master of the house, going on a journey entrusts his possessions with his workers. This shows the trust and confidence he has in them and their ability. However, not every one of the workers live up to his expectations. While two of them uses the talent to bring in more, the third one does not use the talent entrusted to his care. It is the willingness of the workers to be engaged and use the talents that wins the favor of the Master when he comes back. The unwillingness to use the talent brings the ire of the master. Since this is a parable that has implications on the second coming of Jesus and the faith and trust he has in his followers, as he departs this world, it is very relevant to each of the disciples of Jesus. He has entrusted us with many talents and blessings. We need to use our lives, in performing good works, so that we will truly be commended and rewarded for it. We must live a life of fruitful love.