

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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
	\$129,242.16	\$92,592.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	32%	

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	28	5:00 pm	†Raymond Welder By Tom & Ida Pauken
Sun.	29	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For David Brown (healing) By Karen & Marvin Murray
Mon.	30	8:30 am	For Lonnie Daniels (healing) By Bob & Debbie Wallace
Tues.	1	NO MASS	
Wed.	2	8:30 am	†Ritchie Marty By a Parishioner
Thurs.	3	8:30 am	†Elvia Daniels By Bob & Debbie Wallace
Fri.	4	8:30 am	†Gary Fletcher By Tom & Ida Pauken
Sat.	5	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	6	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For Jim Koenig (healing) By Karen & Marvin Murray

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.

Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting will be December 2, 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Garden. All are welcome! COVID protocol will be in effect.

Pope Francis says: We were not created to dream about vacations or the weekend, but to make God's dreams come true in this world. God made us capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life.



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 22, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1382.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 590.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	<u>\$ 198.00</u>
Total	\$ 2615.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . SOME THANKSGIVING WISDOM

A man in Chicago calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough. "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Dallas and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Chicago immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

Pastor's Note: Waiting with commitment and hope....It is time for a new beginning! The Season of Advent is the time we usher in a new Era of hope and joy. True, it is a time of waiting. But waiting is not a bad thing, if what we wait for is something that is going to bring us joy and change our lives for the better. Advent is a time for that kind of waiting. As we usher in a new Liturgical Season, we are called to be focused on things that will ultimately change the future of our very existence. The first two weeks of Advent have a definite focus on the final coming of Jesus and how that arrival of Jesus is going to change our lives for all eternity. He is going to change every affliction that the world is facing, both individually and collectively. Suffering, sickness and exploitation are going to be things of the past. This transformation we hope to experience, however, is not one that is going to be handed out to us without our active participation. We have to seek out the Lord and his ways, as the Responsorial Psalm reminds us. With deep faith and definite hope, we have to turn to the Lord. To turn to the Lord is not just about putting our faith in God and then living a life of passivity. We have to be actively involved in the world. We have to be harbingers of hope and comfort to people around us. We have to be bearers and champions of the values of the Kingdom. We have to be builders of the people, not slayers of the afflicted. This change that we are called to participate in, happens with our willingness to look within ourselves to see, acknowledge and part with, everything that is within us, that is contrary to God's ways. From this perspective, the Season of Advent is a time to get to work. A time for us to start working with ourselves first and foremost. This will then lead us to drive out the darkness of evil from within us and let the light of Christ shine in us. This is what we do symbolically in the lighting of the Advent candle. Little by little, we let the light of Christ brighten our lives, and with the power of this light of Hope, Love, Peace and Joy, we would be radiating the power of God in and through us. We begin this time of active waiting beginning this First Sunday of Advent.