

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 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.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	7	5:00 pm	All Souls Day Novena
Sun.	8	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez For Dawn Gault/Meade (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
		11:00 am	All Souls Day Novena
Mon.	9	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Tues.	10	NO MASS	
Wed.	11	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Thurs.	12	8:30 am	All Souls Day Novena
Fri.	13	8:30 am	Violet Makus (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	14	5:00 pm	† Ritchie Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty
Sun.	15	9:00 am	Mark Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces

All Souls Day Novena

A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed starting November 2. If you want your loved ones to be included, please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer.



Thank you for your commitment
to our nation. We owe you for our
freedom!

Pastor's Note: Being ready for the Lord always...

As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, we are also made aware of the need to be prepared and be ready to welcome the Lord. There was a great expectation that Jesus would return immediately to restore the world, among the disciples. It is this expectation that gets reflected in the Gospel passage today, and the second reading. Be prepared, we do not know when the Lord would arrive. Having instructed the disciples and all his followers about the values of the Kingdom, and the ways in which we are to live in this world, Jesus is asking them to be prepared. He asked them to store up treasures that will last, which nothing can destroy. It is this treasure that we each are told to have that gets represented in the flasks of oil that the wise virgins carried with them. The first reading talks about the need to seek wisdom with genuine desire. In the Bible Wisdom represents the Lord. We are called to desire for the Lord and constantly seek his ways, so that we will truly belong to him. This desire for the Lord has to be a deep thirst for him, as the Responsorial Psalm says. And once we desire him and thirst for him, we will also be prepared to welcome the Lord. Being prepared for the Lord means that we will be wise in our decision making. This wisdom will enable us to wait with patience, even as we do what we are called to do. As Jesus instructed us, we will be like trees that produce good fruits. And when we are called to meet the Lord, we will not be found wanting in the virtues that we are called to have. So the invitation is to be always ready for the Lord, by becoming true disciples of Jesus.

As of Sep 30, 2020

Summary Sheet

	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$63,500.00	\$31,600.00
Rectory	\$9,200.00	\$8,350.00
Parish hall	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$11,050.00	\$11,050.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$21,167.16	\$18,167.16
	\$116,762.16	\$81,012.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	29%	

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

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: Prayer for the deceased, raised in the trust that they dwell with God, extends its benefits to us too: it educates us in a true vision of life; it opens us up to true freedom, disposing us to the continuous search for eternal goods.



Sunday Collection Report-November 1, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 869.37
Envelope Collection	\$ 485.00
Building Fund	\$ 2124.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1320.00</u>
Total	\$ 4798.37

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A Bible group study leader says to his group, "What would you do if you knew you only had four weeks left before the great Judgment Day?" A gentleman says, "I would go out into my community and minister the Gospel to those that have not yet accepted the Lord into their lives." "Very good!" says the group leader. One lady speaks up and says enthusiastically, "I would dedicate all of my remaining time to serving God, my family, my church, and my fellow man with a greater conviction." "That's wonderful!" the group leader comments. One gentleman in the back finally speaks up loudly and says, "I would go to my mother-in-laws house for the four weeks." The group leader asks, "Why your mother-in-law's home?" "Because that will make it the longest four weeks of my life!"