

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 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 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>

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	11	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	12	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	13	NO MASS	
Wed.	14	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	15	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	16	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	17	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	18	9:00 am	† Sarah Savigni Maxham By The Family
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick:

George Snell, 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:

Belief in God, and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we actually live in a way pleasing to God. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 18, is World Mission Sunday. On this Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call—to respond as missionaries, saying, “Here I Am, Send Me.” Respond by supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. Thank you!

The second collection today is for
the Building Fund.

Sunday Collection Report-October 4, 2020

Loose Collection	\$ 1019.25
Envelope Collection	\$ 1125.00
Respect Life	R 326.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1395.00</u>
Total	\$ 3865.25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration started Wednesday, September 16. Parents may pick up registration forms in the church office for online classes.
For inquiries, call Carly Carlough, our Director of Religious Education. (361) 332-9273

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Time and Eternity

A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God", he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "In a minute."

Pastor's Note: A God who wants us to be with him....The parable Jesus presents today could be quite confusing. Here is a person who lets people who do not seem to be of his stature, into a wedding banquet. However, this is a true reflection of who our God is. We are called to be part of his banquet hall, not because we are of any particular social status, or part of a group, or because we belong to a specific race. We are called to enjoy the riches of God's love and mercy, because he is generous and understanding. The first reading talks about this goodness of God. People who are in need will find a savior in their God, who comes to their rescue. He not only reaches out to them, but also wipes their tears away and prepares a feast for them. Nobody will be outside the reach of the caring hands of God. The Responsorial Psalm also reminds us of the caring aspect of God. He is the shepherd who leads his sheep into green pastures. He sets a table of plenty for them to sit in company with even our enemies. And the second reading reminds us that the God of love will always bring us consolation, when we place our trust in him. And the Gospel passage is a reminder that everyone, not a select few, will enjoy the generosity of God. People were invited for the wedding banquet in advance. And since Matthew is writing the Gospel for a Jewish audience, he wants to tell them that they were the guests God invited initially, to join his banquet. However, many of the Jews refused to accept Jesus and thus rejected the invitation of God to enjoy the banquet. That is when, the host invites everyone to the wedding feast. Matthew wants to drive home the fact that, God's mercy is open to everyone who is willing to respond to him. Just like the host in the parable who is able to see the plight of the poor and outcast, who are invited to the feast, our God is able to see our situations and understand our needs and respond to us with generosity. What we need to have is an open mind and a trust in the generosity of God. God is so loving, that he want us to be with him always and enjoy his generous mercy.