

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

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 25, 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
	<b>\$116,762.16</b>	<b>\$81,012.16</b>
<b>Pledged Goal</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>29%</b>	

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

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	24	5:00 pm	For <b>Special Intention</b> By: Leon Matula Family
Sun.	25	9:00 am	† <b>Ritchie Marty</b> By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	26	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	27	NO MASS	
Wed.	28	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	29	8:30 am	For † <b>Patty Harley</b> By Jane Krone
Fri.	30	8:30 am	For <b>Special Intention</b> By Leon Matula Family
Sat.	31	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	1	9:00 am	† <b>Carlos Cardenas</b> (birthday remembrance) By: Carmen Cardenas
		11:00 am	† <b>Alberto &amp; Trina Ruiz</b> By: Nacha, Minerva, Rosie & Elvia † <b>Eloisa Vasquez</b> (heavenly birthday) By: Rosie & Elvia

#### **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 is the

centre of life. If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, becomes important. Those who adore God, love His children. Those who respect God, respect human beings.



### 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.



We continue to make progress on our Religious Education building. Thank you for all your support and prayers!

#### **Sunday Collection Report-October 18, 2020**

Loose Collection	\$ 816.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 710.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 302.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 545.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2413.00</b>

#### **HAVE A LAUGH . . . So Far, So Good**

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Thank you.

In Jesus name. Amen

#### **Pastor's Note: Love of God leading to love of neighbor....**

Jesus continues to be confronted by the Jewish religious leaders as a clear sign that they are not happy about teaching and way of life, promoted by Jesus. Here, in today's Gospel, again, we see them trying to trap Jesus in answering a question, which has the potential of Jesus getting into trouble, if he slipped up. The assumption of the Jewish leaders is that, the stress of Jesus on and his personal demonstration on being kind, merciful and forgiving, when it comes to dealing with people is a clear sign that, Jesus is not focused on love of God. Moreover, Jesus reached out to groups that were shunned by the leaders, because they belonged to a different ethnic background, convinced them that Jesus was not following commandments given by the God of Israel. What they fail to realize is that true religion is rooted in love of God and love of neighbor. And Jesus always demonstrated that true love sets no limits and is always willing to go beyond all boundaries. They probably would have expected Jesus to answer that love of neighbor is the first commandment, given the lifestyle of Jesus. This would definitely turn people away from following Jesus. However, Jesus silences them with his answer. He stresses that no Law is greater than the love of God. Jesus does not stop there. He stresses the need for the love of neighbor, which is also equally important for a faithful person. Jesus rooted his life and mission on his deep love of God. And because he loved God and was convinced of God's love for him, he was able to let that love flow through him to reach the ones who were unloved and uncared for. Jesus was not someone who went around preaching a feel good message. He was someone who was led by deep faith in God and who let that faith get manifested in his love for others. Love of God does not happen in the vacuum, it blooms and multiplies in the way one loves and cares for others. This is what the first reading also is talking about. Gratitude to God for his love has to be manifested in loving others and caring for them. Love of God is the font from which we drink and let others quench the thirst for love and fellowship.