

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

**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 4, 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.	3	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	4	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	5	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	6	NO MASS	
Wed.	7	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	8	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	9	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
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

### 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:**

Saint Michael, help us in the battle for salvation we are fighting.  
 Saint Gabriel, bring us the good news that Jesus has saved us, and grant us hope.

Saint Raphael, take our hands and help us along on the path of complete healing.

[#ArchangelSaints](#)



### RETREAT

Father George will be making his annual retreat and taking a short break from September 30 through October 9. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence E. White will be offering Masses in his absence.

The second collection today is for  
**Respect Life Collection.**

#### Sunday Collection Report-September 27

Loose Collection	\$ 1665.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 235.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 470.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2370.00</b>

### 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 . . .** A guy named Joe finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help.

He begins to pray... "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Joe again prays... "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well".

Lotto night comes and Joe still has no luck.

Once again, he prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Joe is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

"Joe, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket."

**Pastor's Note: Being accountable for what is received....** Jesus uses yet another parable about the vineyard, to drive home a very important point about discipleship. We have to be accountable to God at the end of the day. We are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for the vineyard and what is due to God, has to be returned to him. We cannot act out of selfishness and self-centeredness when it comes to living as true disciples of Jesus. As the parable says in its introduction, the landlord works hard to prepare the land and to plant the vines. This is a labor of love for him. And having done this work of creation, he then entrusts it to the tenants. This again is an act of trust. And since the landlord in this parable represents God, we have to realize that the real labor of love, God engaged in, is the act of creating each human being. It is with tremendous love that God created us. And then he cared for us. Then as a faithful person, he placed his trust in each human person, to bring out good fruits. What we owe God, as his creations, is faithfulness to his ways. We have to be rooted in truth and love and bring forth good deeds, that are worthy of God. It is the frustration that God goes through when he finds his people do not live up to his expectation that we find expressed in the First Reading of today. "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?" This frustration of God, in reference to the people of Israel shows his concern for them. He was always there for them, always came to their rescue, because he loved them tenderly. However, they did not pay back in the same token. They turned away from him and from his ways. It is the same lament God would be expressing, when we realize that we are his vineyard today. And yet all is not lost, as the second reading tells us. If we are willing to walk in his ways, by being faithful to truth, love and justice, the God of peace will be with us. We were created with tremendous love, and we have to be grateful for this love by living as worthy children of God. Because we have received a lot from God, we have to be always accountable for them.