

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 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. Brochures are available in the foyer of the church.

As of July 28, 2020

Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$56,000.00	\$25,300.00
Rectory	\$8,900.00	\$7,450.00
Parish hall	\$12,700.00	\$9,700.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$4,960.00	\$4,960.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$22,367.16	\$19,367.16
	\$105,572.16	\$67,422.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	26%	

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	13th	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	† Sam & Lena Pantuso By Family
Mon.	14th	8:30 am	† Patricia Swanson By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	15th	NO MASS	
Wed.	16th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	17th	8:30 am	† Shirley Kennedy By Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	18th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	19th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	20th	9:00 am	† Ritchie Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick:

George Snell, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration starts Wednesday, September 16. Parents may pick up registration forms in the church office for online classes. Carly Carlough is our Director of Religious Education.

Pope Francis says:

To love everyone, including enemies, is difficult – I would say it is even an art! But an art that can be learned and improved. True love, that makes us fruitful and free, is always expansive and inclusive. This love cares, heals and does good.



Knights of Columbus

The Quo Vadis K of C Council wants to thank all who participated in the summer raffle fundraiser. The winners were Tim Lockman, Heather Collins, Clare Guajardo, Leon Matala, and Rudy Gonzales. We appreciate your generosity! Thank you!

BRICK ORDERS

The deadline for ordering your Memory Bricks is **September 30**. Forms can be picked up in the church office. St. Joseph Legacy Garden is created to memorialize the Families and their loved ones who are building our legacy for the future generations.

The Second Collection today is for the
Catholic University of America.

Sunday Collection Report-September 6

Loose Collection	\$ 1688.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 1350.00
Building Fund	\$ 2307.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1455.00</u>
Total	\$ 6800.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Losing His Memory

The man looked a little worried when the doctor came in to administer his annual physical, so the first thing the doctor did was to ask whether anything was troubling him.

"Well, to tell the truth, Doc, yes," answered the patient.

"You see, I seem to be getting forgetful. No, it's actually worse than that. I'm never sure I can remember where I put the car, or whether I answered a letter, or where I'm going, or what it is I'm going to do once I get there -- if I get there. So, I really need your help. What can I do?"

The doctor mused for a moment, then answered in his kindest tones, "Pay me in advance."

Pastor's Note: No compromise on forgiveness... Jesus continues to challenge us to be willing to forgive, not just once, but over and over again. There is no compromise for Jesus, when it comes to forgiving. This is not because he does not bother about the offenses of people. The reason for Jesus insisting on forgiveness is because he believes in the inherent goodness of people. That we are created in the image and likeness of God is not just a concept, but a reality. And since we are in the likeness of God, our nature is rooted in goodness. And even when we do wrong and stray away from God and his ways, we can still come back to him, when we rely on the grace that is at work in us. And it is no surprise that our return to God will always be celebrated with great fanfare. Repentance is a gift that is placed at the doorsteps of each person. One only has to open and use that gift. And because we are gifted with the ability to repent, we are also assured of the forgiveness that God will grant us, when we return to him. Forgiveness is the visible expression of God's love for us. He never gives up on us. He is that prodigal Father, who is awaiting our return. To be a true child of God is to be like him. Forgiveness is a necessary precondition for us to experience his love. However, Jesus insists on the fact that we have to be always willing to forgive, if we are to receive forgiveness from God. It is this theme that the first reading, from the Book of Sirach, underlines. We have to forgive, if we are to receive it from God. St. Paul reminds us that we are God's children. And Jesus paid a price in order to redeem us and to make us his own. Therefore we have to live lives worthy of him. This means that the generosity with which Jesus gave his life for us has to be acknowledged by each of us who belong to him, by becoming people who are willing to forgive. We cannot have double standards when it comes to forgiveness. If we expect God to forgive our many sins, then we also should be willing to forgive those who sin against us. Passing on forgiveness is a sure sign that we ourselves have experienced, and are transformed by the forgiveness of God toward us. There is no compromise, we have to forgive.