

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

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 20, 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 Sep 14, 2020		
Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$59,900.00	\$27,200.00
Rectory	\$9,200.00	\$8,350.00
Parish hall	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$8,160.00	\$8,160.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$22,967.16	\$19,967.16
	<b>\$112,072.16</b>	<b>\$75,522.16</b>
<b>Pledged Goal</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>28%</b>	

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

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	19th	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	20th	9:00 am	† <b>Ritchie Marty</b> By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Mon.	21st	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	22nd	NO MASS	
Wed.	23rd	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	24th	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	25th	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	26th	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	27th	9:00 am	For <b>Vincent Everett</b> (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

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

#### **Pope Francis says:**

As many spiritual masters have taught us, heaven, earth, sea, and every creature have an iconic capacity or mystical capacity to bring us back to the Creator and to communion with creation.



#### **Knights of Columbus**

The Quo Vadis Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who participated in our summer raffle.

Approximately \$7,000 was raised from the proceeds. Of this, \$5,000 will be donated to the St. Joseph building fund, and the remaining money will be used to support various K of C charities. Thank you again for your generous support of our parish and local charities!

The winners were Tim Lockman, Heather Collins, Clare Guajardo, Leon Matala, and Rudy Gonzales.

The Second Collection today is for the Disaster Relief Collection.  
 Funds collected will be used in response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Laura & Sally and any other disasters that occur.

Sunday Collection Report-September 13	
Loose Collection	\$ 2280.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 440.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
Catholic University	\$ 243.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 345.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3608.00</b>

#### **HAVE A LAUGH . . . Rear Lights**

A farmer and his wife were driving back from a livestock auction late one night, when a police car pulled them over to the side of the road. The officer approached the driver, who rolled down his window.

“Are you aware that you’re driving without rear lights, sir?” asked the officer.

With that, the farmer flung open his door and ran around to the rear of the car, groaning and clutching his forehead. He was so upset that the officer took pity on him, and said kindly, “it’s not exactly a hanging offence, sir. In fact it really isn’t serious.”

“Of course it’s serious!” cried the man. “I’ve lost my trailer with my sheep inside it!”

#### **Pastor’s Note: Generous beyond measure...**

Having challenged us to forgive innumerable times, Jesus now goes on to show the generosity with which the Lord deals with us. This is in view of challenging us to be more like the Lord. The generosity of the Lord springs from his understanding and compassionate heart. He is near to all who call upon him, is what the Responsorial Psalm says. He sees the plight of everyone and is always willing to reach out to them, in a magnanimous way. The First Reading tells us that the thoughts of the Lord are not our thoughts. He goes beyond all human expectations and norms. It might even create jealousy in people. St. Paul asks us to conduct ourselves in a way that is worthy of the Lord. How are we to conduct ourselves, so that we will be worthy of the Lord? This is where the Parable of Jesus in today’s Gospel comes to our aid. The Parable shatters all perceived understandings of the concept of justice. The landowner in today’s Parable seems to act unjustly, when he treats the ones who worked only for an hour with those who worked the whole day. And yet he has a point. The ones who are hired at the last hour are treated with respect and an understanding that springs from true compassion. The landowner knows that the needs of the ones who were hired at last, is the same as that of the ones who were hired early. And he meets their need. Only a generous person can give without measure, and we are called to be like the Lord, generous beyond measure.

#### **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 bricks will be arranged around the entrance to the Religious Education Building once it is completed.