

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 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
	\$112,072.16	\$75,522.16
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	28%	

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	26th	5:00 pm	For Diana Robinson (healing) By Barbara Culp
Sun.	27th	9:00 am	For Vincent Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
			For †Eloisa Vasquez By Rosie Aguirre & Elvia Tamayo
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	28th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	29th	NO MASS	
Wed.	30th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	Oct. 1	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	2	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
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

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.

Pope Francis says:

The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended.



BRICK ORDER DEADLINE

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.

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.

Sunday Collection Report-September 20

Loose Collection	\$ 704.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 230.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
Disaster Relief Fund	\$ 464.00
Online Giving	\$ 545.00
Total	\$2243.00

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 . . . There was a very rich man who was just about to die and he wanted to take some of his wealth with him. So he started negotiations with God about the matter. God was not sure as it had never been done before and he did not want to set a precedence. Finally after long talks God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven.

Just a few days before he died the rich man converted all his money into gold bullion. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold bullion went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases and there was Peter. Peter told him he could not bring the suitcases into heaven. But the man said he had already spoken to God and he had said it was OK. So Peter got on the God phone and sure enough it was true. So Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven. Peter said, "Could I look in the suitcases?"

So the man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "Why are you bringing pavement to heaven!"

Pastor's Note: What is done matters more than what is said...

Jesus has always challenged his followers to have a new perspective and understanding, when it comes to being faithful to God. And since he was so true to his word always, and was always faithful to the will of the Father, he could even say with authority that he has 'come to fulfill the Law'. It is in the spirit of this commitment to truth and love that we should look at the readings today. Remember your mercies Lord, is what the Responsorial Psalm says. It is about being led by mercy and compassion that enables Jesus to say such shocking things to his listeners, as stating that the so called sinners would enter the Kingdom of God before them. This is because God always treats people with compassion and mercy. He trusts in the conversion and transformation of sinners. What he expects of us is being faithful to our words, not being hypocritical, when it comes to doing God's will. God does not use double standards when it comes to treating people with mercy. He does not look at the promises made, but at the actual change of heart. And those who think of themselves as being righteous and in reality are not faithful to God's ways, would not find favor with God. However, even the gravest of sinners who are willing to be converted will surely find favor with God. Yes, God looks at our actions, rather than our words. That is why St. Paul is urging us to have the same mind, united in love. He goes on to say that we should have the same attitude that is also in Christ, and do things not out of vainglory. Jesus did things not out of selfishness, or to make a show, but with deep love and compassion. When we are led by love, rather than selfish interests, we ourselves will become humble in acknowledging our sins, and thus be found worthy of the Lord. What we do matters more than what we say.