

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 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.	5th	5:00 pm	For Bertha & Victor Rodriguez (anniversary blessings) By Victor Rodriguez
Sun.	6th	9:00 am	For George Snell (healing) By Barbara & Ken Chesshir
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	7th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	8th	NO MASS	
Wed.	9th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	10th	8:30 am	For Lily Kathryn Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Fri.	11th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
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

Sunday Collection Report-August 30

Loose Collection	\$ 1216.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 670.00
Religious Education	\$ 55.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 2386.00

The Second Collection today is for the Building Fund.

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: Today we hear the voice of creation admonishing us to return to our rightful place in the natural created order – to remember that we are part of this interconnected web of life, not its masters.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus in Port Aransas are fundraising via a raffle to support two objectives. Seventy percent (70%) of the funds raised are to help St. Joseph Catholic Church rebuild its campus. The remaining 30% of the funds raised will support various charities in the Coastal Bend.

1st Prize: Fall In Port Aransas for 4

Jay's Seafood Spaghetti Works for 4

Woody's Island Queen fishing for 4

Hotel 3days/2nights

2nd Prize: Fishing

8 Hour Fishing Trip for 2 Provided by Deep Sea Headquarters

San Juan Taqueria \$50 Certificate

3rd Prize: Channeling in Port Aransas for 4

Dolphin Watch @ Woody's Sport Center

Port Aransas Pizzeria \$50 certificate

Fire It Ceramics Gift Certificate \$25

4th Prize

Port Aransas Museum Tour for 4 by Director, Cliff Strain

Phoenix Restaurant Certificate \$25

5th Prize

USS Lexington Museum & Whataburger \$50 Gift Certificate

\$5 per Ticket or 5 for \$20

Need not be present to win.

Drawing September 6, 2020 after 11:00 am Mass.

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.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Between The Pages

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

Pastor's Note: A life graced by love.... There are many places in the Gospel where we can very vividly notice the intervention of Jesus, to heal, to calm, to rectify or even to warn. There are other situations where we see Jesus expresses a very subtle side of himself. Even in such moments what comes to fore is the deep love with which Jesus responds to a situation. In today's Gospel passage we have a manifestation of such a subtle response by Jesus, in the form of an advice. Jesus wants to drive home the fact that we all have a responsibility for the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters. It is important to help others navigate the path of righteousness, when they stray away from that path. However, this concern and the attempts to correct them, should be rooted in love and graced by love. The wellbeing of the other person should always be the responsibility of each of us, because it is for the betterment of that person. This also means that the person we want to correct himself or herself should be told so with love. And this is because, as St. Paul says in the second reading, love is the fulfilment of the law. Every law has to be rooted in love. The laws that are not rooted in love have no purpose in the life of a society. Jesus demonstrates this with his periodic disregard for the way laws were very narrowly interpreted and implemented in the Jewish religious circles. That is why Jesus was often accused of breaking the Law. Since Jesus acted with love in all situations, he gave prime importance to the wellbeing of others, even if it meant showing disregard for the interpretations of certain laws. It is important to help others be better human beings, when they choose to do things that are wrong. Sometimes certain acts are the result of a lack of awareness. It is in such situations that we should personally intervene and help the person understand and correct the mistake. Sometimes we might be misunderstanding the situation and activities of others. Here we need to go to a third party to help us sort out things with the other. When this is done with love, we are actually gathering in the name of Jesus, for love is the hallmark of Jesus's life. Our lives have to be graced by love, always.