

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

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 1, 2021**

## BUILDING OUR LEGACY

St. Joseph Church "Building Our Legacy" fundraising continues. Our Church community has generously supported our efforts through donations that allowed us to build a new Rectory, a new Religious Education Building and Church office. Thank you for all your contributions. Our last goal is to rebuild our Parish Hall. Below are the latest fundraising efforts underway:

**Donations**—Parish Hall needs include: general construction supplies and kitchen appliances.

**Brick Campaign**—St. Joseph's Legacy Garden (in front of Religious Education Bldg.) is complete and has all the bricks installed from our last Brick campaign. We have started another Brick campaign July 15—Jan. 15, 2022. Flyers are available in the church foyer.

As of Jul 8, 2021		
Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$114,500.00	\$80,856.00
Rectory	\$9,450.00	\$9,450.00
Parish hall	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$14,130.00	\$14,130.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Lump Sum, Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$34,098.16	\$31,198.16
	<b>\$187,023.16</b>	<b>\$150,479.16</b>
<b>Pledged Goal*</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>62%</b>	

\* Father George reduced Goal based on current need.

## Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	31	5:00 pm	†John H. Schmitt By John H. Schmitt, Jr.
Sun.	1	9:00 am	For Elizabeth Rose Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces †Wilburn Schott By The Schott Family In Thanksgiving for the Annual Schott Family Coast Trip By: The Schott Family
		11:00 am	For Bob Wallace (healing) For Jennifer & Guillermo of the Roger Conway Family (healing) By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Mon.	2	8:30 am	†Bruce Kennedy By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	3	NO MASS	
Wed.	4	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	5	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	6	8:30 am	For Carol Lynn Brown Chandler & Louis Chandler (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Sat.	7	5:00 pm	For Jennifer & Guillermo of the Roger Conway Family (healing) By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Sun.	8	9:00 am	†Frances Guzman By Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	†Ritchie W. Marty By Janie & Wayne Marty For Bob Wallace (healing)

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Bob Behrens, Balu Thomas, Bob Wallace, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer.

**Please Pray For the Deceased:** If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pope Francis says:** It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?". He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.



## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE CENTER

Bishop Michael Mulvey has designated all the churches bearing the name of St. Joseph in the Diocese to be a pilgrimage center for the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph Port Aransas is, therefore, a pilgrimage center where people can visit to pray and to receive plenary indulgence by fulfilling all the requirements, which include a confession and the reception of Holy Communion. Every Saturday the church will remain open from 12 noon until the end of the Mass. St. Joseph pray for us. Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat 7/31	5 pm	Daniel Merchant
Sun 8/1	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Cliff Strain
Sat 8/7	5 pm	Liz Conces
Sun 8/8	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins

## Knights of Columbus Summer Raffle

KC Council #14739 is selling raffle tickets after all the weekend Masses. The money raised supports the St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund, Scholarships for students, and various local charities. The value of all prizes is over \$4,000. The cost for tickets is \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021. You do not need to be present to win. Information on the prize packages can be found in the foyer. Please consider purchasing tickets for a chance to win one of the prizes and to support our charities.

## BRICK CAMPAIGN

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The second collection this week-end is for the Building Fund.

## Collection for July 25, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2917.40
Envelope Collection	\$ 480.00
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$ 115.00
Online Giving	\$ 570.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4082.40</b>

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** A mother who was feeling poorly one Sunday decided not to go to church with her family. She asked her little girl to remember what the sermon was about so she could explain it to her mother. When the child came home she reported, "The preacher said, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.'" Of course the mother didn't understand the child's explanation, so she called the minister. He explained that the message was, "Fear not, thy comforter will come."

## Pastor's Note: Leading us to life eternal...

Jesus always did things with utmost care and concern. This concern he had for the people was not limited to their wellbeing here in this world. Because Jesus was sent with a purpose to lead us back to God, all his actions and words had an eschatological purpose to it. Last Sunday we saw Jesus responding to the weary people who had come to listen to him by feeding them with enough food to eat. This miraculous feeding of the five thousand was his way of elevating the dialogue about life in its fullness. Definitely, the feeding of the five thousand had its echoes from the past life of the people of Israel, which we hear in the first reading. The people of Israel started complaining about God leading them through a miserable life, as they journeyed through the desert. They were fed with manna, which indeed was a miracle for them. This miraculous feeding of the people always stayed with the people, and they always recounted this event with great gratitude, which is well expressed in today's Responsorial Psalm. The Lord gave them bread from heaven, is how they described it. But the real bread from heaven was actually coming to them in the form of Jesus. Jesus wants to lead people to understand who he is and what he has come to accomplish. Once the people are fed with bread and fish, and they were reminded of the feeding of the people in the desert in the past, Jesus leads them to a deeper understanding of life and its purpose. Bread made of grains serves as food as long as we are alive in this world, but our life has a destination beyond this world. We need food for that journey to the world of God, and Jesus tells them that he is the bread that would nourish them as they journey on. When we are fed of the bread that Jesus is, we become people who are transformed into his very being. Jesus was the embodiment of truth and love, and it is this rootedness in God which he always displayed, that we ourselves are invited to partake of. And that is why the second reading urges us to put on a new self that has been created in God's ways. Jesus showed us what it means to belong to God, and he is inviting us to be partakers of this life in its fullness by becoming people who belong to him by walking in his ways.