

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

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 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.	14	5:00 pm	For <b>Molly Nixon</b> (healing) By Patricia Littleton For <b>Carlos Alberto Cardenas</b> (birthday blessings) By Carmen Cardenas
Sun.	15	9:00 am	In <b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	† <b>Alberto &amp; Trinie Ruiz</b> By Elvia Tamayo and Rosie Aguirre † <b>Alan Hass</b> By Vincent Frangello
Mon.	16	NO MASS	
Tues.	17	NO MASS	
Wed.	18	NO MASS	
Thurs.	19	NO MASS	
Fri.	20	8:30 am	For <b>Carol Lynn Brown Chandler and Louis Chandler</b> (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Sat.	21	5:00 pm	For <b>Molly Nixon</b> (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Sun.	22	9:00 am	† <b>Sarah Savigni Maxham</b> (12th Anniversary) By: Her Family † <b>Frances Guzman</b> By Elvia Tamayo and Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For <b>Special Intention</b> By Mary Ann Hajek

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Bill 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:** Jesus Aguilar (father of Maria Huerta), Alan Hass

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

**Pope Francis says:** The external law cannot bring life because it does not change the heart. The radical newness of the Christian life is life according to the Holy Spirit who frees us from the law and at the same time brings it to fulfilment in the commandment of love.



### Vacation and Retreat for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation and retreat August 16 to September 10. Father will also be attending the Ordination of 2 of the Seminarians he taught. Please keep him in your prayers. **Father Santhosh**, a Capuchin priest, will be filling in for Father George.

### Bishops Appeal for Families

From the money collected for last year's Bishops Family Appeal, the Diocese distributed \$4,000 to each Parish. With this money, we were able to help 3 needy families from our Parish who were impacted by Covid 19. We thank you all for your generous support to Bishops Family Appeal.

### LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 8/14	5 pm	Daniel Merchant / Laura Merchant
Sun 8/15	9 am	Marvin Murray / Donata Morris
	11 am	Carly Carlough / Heather Collins
Sat 8/21	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann / Charlie Hutchins
Sun 8/22	9 am	Donata Morris / Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Kim Locus / John Locus

### 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.

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### Collection for August 8, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2132.06
Envelope Collection	\$ 745.00
Building Fund	\$ 175.00
Online Giving	\$ 670.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3722.06</b>

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** A Sunday-school teacher was telling her class about the Bible. She told them about the kings of the Old Testament and the queens who vied for attention. Then she told them there was a higher power and asked them if anyone could tell her what it was. One student raised his hand and said, "Aces!"

### Pastor's Note: Rewarded for a total yes to God...

Since August 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, we take a break from the Ordinary time and celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnities are the most important Feasts observed by the church, often celebrating and honoring various important persons of leadership in the Church. Today, the focus is on Mary, even though Mary tried to shift the focus away from her, all through her life, as we rightly see in the Gospel passage. The Feast of the Assumption is about celebrating the taking up to heaven, body and soul, of Mother Mary, after she finished her life here on earth. This is a Dogma promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950. This feast is one which gives all of us, followers of Jesus, both joy and hope. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is seen as a reward for her total faithfulness to God. Where she is taken is where we, as disciples, are hoping to go. The Second reading talks about the life we, as people belonging to Christ, would experience after our death. We belong to Jesus by virtue of our Baptism, and this belonging to Jesus involves an obedience to the teachings of Jesus and a total commitment to his ways. In fact, the readings and reflections of the past two Sundays were apt in reflecting on the life that Jesus gave to us, which we see celebrated in today's Feast. By belonging to Jesus, we will also rise with him. The Gospel Passage we have for today is about Mary's response to being chosen as the Mother of the Savior. The 'yes' Mary said, when she was going to be the mother of Jesus, was a total one. It is this total commitment to God that made her worthy of being taken up into heaven, following Jesus, her Son. Instead of basking in the glory of being chosen as the Mother of the long awaited Messiah, Mary gets to work, by serving others. Mary is so full of God, or pregnant with God, to be precise, that she becomes a person who is able to bring this God to others. This being full of God, is in other words her commitment to God, which she sings in the form of the Magnificat, even as the child in the womb of Elizabeth, leaps for Joy. Since Mary is able to make God present to others with her presence, she becomes a model to all of us, to be committed like her to God and to bring God's joy to people we encounter every day in our lives.