

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22

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 Aug 18, 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	\$36,188.16	\$33,388.16
	\$189,113.16	\$152,669.16
Pledged Goal*	% of Goal Pledged	
\$300,000.00	63%	

* 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.	21	5:00 pm	For Molly Nixon (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Sun.	22	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By Elvia Tamayo and Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For Special Intention By Mary Ann Hajek
Mon.	23	8:30 am	For Trent Moore (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Tues.	24	NO MASS	
Wed.	25	NO MASS	
Thurs.	26	NO MASS	
Fri.	27	8:30 am	For Carl (Toots) Moore (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Sat.	28	5:00 pm	For Molly Nixon (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Sun.	29	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For Tootie Barnes (healing) By Patricia Littleton

Please Pray For the Sick: Jim Koenig, 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, Glenn Rogers

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

Pope Francis says: It is good for us to ask ourselves if we still live in the period in which we need the Law (cfr Gal 3:23-25), or if instead we are fully aware of having received the grace of becoming children of God so as to live in 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.

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/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 8/21	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann /Charlie Hutchins
Sun 8/22	9 am	Donata Morris / Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus
Sat 8/28	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Julie Winkelmann
Sun 8/29	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Marvin Murray
	11 am	Leticia Grounds/Barbara Smith

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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Collection for August 15, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1282.14
Envelope Collection	\$ 1330.00
Online Giving	\$ 395.00
Total	\$ 3007.14

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A Sheepish Recovery

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

Pastor's Note: Committed to God always...

Not everyone understood, nor appreciated, the works and teachings of Jesus. There were people who followed Jesus because of the 'feel good factor' associated with a Teacher, who is able to perform miracles before your very eyes. Some of the teachings of Jesus were indeed challenging, and it required a lot of renouncing and introspection. It is this predicament of the followers we are called to reflect on, in today's readings. The God of Israel was there for the people always, coming to their rescue and answering all their pleas and putting up with all their grievances. In spite of God liberating them and leading them to a land of promise, the people were constantly murmuring against God and the leaders appointed by him. They even turned away from his ways and disobeyed his commandments and started worshiping other Gods. It is at this point, we see Joshua categorically states that the decision to follow the God of Israel is totally left to the people of Israel. They could choose to follow him or stick with the worship of other Gods. But as 'for him and his household, they will serve the Lord.' This is what recommits the people to worship and follow the God of Israel. The second reading is a difficult one, because, the longer version of the reading seems to insist that women should be subordinate to men. Even if we focus on the shorter version, avoiding that particular section, the reading seems to be talking about married life. However, the message Paul is trying to communicate is regarding our relationship with Jesus. There is a demand put on us, in following Jesus as his disciples, it can look very hard. Jesus was willing to sacrifice his life for the church, even though it was not an easy thing for him to do. Such was his love for the people (church). It is with this same kind of commitment that we should love Jesus and his teachings and make every effort to follow him. The Gospel passage reminds us that the teachings of Jesus can be difficult to follow, but it is very important to stick with him, out of love for him and also because he has the 'words of eternal life'. The teachings of Jesus, though tough, will actually be leading us on the path of eternal life.