

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29

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 | | |
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| 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

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| 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 |
| Mon. | 30 | 8:30 am | For Trent Moore (healing) By: Patricia Littleton |
| Tues. | 31 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | 1 | NO MASS | |
| Thurs. | 2 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | 3 | 8:30 am | For Larry Conces (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces |
| Sat. | 4 | 5:00 pm | For The Parishioners of St. Joseph |
| Sun. | 5 | 9:00 am | † Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre |
| | | 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:

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

Second Collection: A special collection to assist those in Haiti has been approved for collection during the weekend of August 28-29, 2021. This collection represents the Catholic community of faith at work in assisting those who are suffering from the destruction caused by this month's devastating earthquake.

Pope Francis says: Let us ask the Lord to help us be consistent and to courageously combat anything that can lead us away from the truth and from the faith we profess. Only thus can we truly build unity and fraternity.



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

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| 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 |
| Sat 9/4 | 5 pm | Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann |
| Sun 9/5 | 9 am | Donata Morris/John Morris |
| | 11 am | Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir |

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 22, 2021

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| Loose Collection | \$ 2179.50 |
| Envelope Collection | \$ 515.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 995.00 |
| Total | \$ 3689.50 |

HAVE A LAUGH . . .

The church was conducting its annual fund drive. One member of the congregation said, "I give ten dollars." Just then, a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling and landed on his head. He spoke up again quickly. "I give a thousand dollars!" The minister said, "Lord, hit him again!"

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

While it is always challenging to be faithful to God and his commands, as we heard from the readings of last Sunday, when we are faithful to God, it is always rewarding in the end. All the Readings talk about faithfulness to the commands of God, or, in other words, being dedicated to doing God's will. It is this 'doing God's will' part that can have varied understanding in the lives of the faithful.

Faithfulness to God is not about doing certain things for the sake of doing it, but making a radical change in our lives, so that whatever we do and say will be a reflection of our rootedness in God. This is more than mere obedience to the Law. Jesus was constantly criticized for his style of practicing the religion. While the Pharisees and Scribes had a way of practicing the Religion, Jesus differed from them in his understanding and obedience to the Law. As we would hear from the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, the instruction given by Moses to the people of Israel was that they be faithful to God's Commands. Most people practiced their religion out of fear for being punished and, thus, they lived with constant fear and guilt. However, what Moses told them was that, their faithfulness to the commands of the Lord, will make known to the world that their God is someone who comes to their aid when they are in need. In other words, their faithfulness to God and his commands should make them reflect the qualities of the God they believe in. It was, therefore, to live in faithfulness and love that God gave them the Law. Jesus has this same understanding of the Law and faithfulness to God. He always insists that a mere external practice of the Law will not be enough, there has to be a radical commitment to God's ways, which is always rooted in love, truth and justice. If we do not practice the mercy of God in our lives and are not led by love, the mere external practice of religion is meaningless. As St. James rightly points out, we have to be doers of the word, not just hearers only. Faithfulness to God is always about being guided by love, as Jesus was.