

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 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
	\$187,023.16	\$150,479.16
Pledged Goal*	% of Goal Pledged	
\$300,000.00	62%	

* 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.	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) By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Mon.	9	8:30 am	For Trent Moore (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Tues.	10	NO MASS	
Wed.	11	8:30 am	† Doris & Ray Stepanek By Dorie Cavins
Thurs.	12	8:30 am	For Carl (Toots) Moore (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Fri.	13	8:30 am	For Carol Lynn Brown Chandler & Louis Chandler (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Sat.	14	5:00 pm	For Molly Nixon (healing) By Patricia Littleton
Sun.	15	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	† Alberto & Trinie Ruiz By Elvia Tamayo and Rosie Aguirre

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:

Let us Pray Together for all priests so that, following the example of Saint John Vianney, they may bring to all their brothers and sisters in difficulty the living Gospel of their witness of love, mercy, and solidarity.



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 8/7	5 pm	Liz Conces
Sun 8/8	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins
Sat 8/14	5 pm	Daniel Merchant
Sun 8/15	9 am	Marvin Murray
	11 am	Carly Carlough

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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Thank You Note: Debbie & Bob Wallace would like to thank the Ladies of St. Joseph and Marvin Murray for all of the food which was provided to them and for the prayers lifted up for them in their time of need.

Collection for August 1, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1732.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 835.00
Building Fund	\$ 1019.00
Online Giving	\$ 1220.00
Total	\$ 4806.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Chicken Little

Mrs. Fleshman goes to the butcher shop to buy a chicken for the Sunday meal. The butcher has only one scrawny chicken left. He puts it on the scale.
 "Three pounds," he says.
 "That's too scrawny; don't you have something bigger?" Mrs. Fleshman asks.
 He pretends to rummage around, and then puts the same chicken back on the scale, while pressing with his thumb.
 "Three and a half pounds," he says.
 "That looks better," says Mrs. Fleshman. "I'll take them both."

Pastor's Note: A call to live in love...

Today we have a continuation of the Bread of life discourse in the Gospel according to John, which Jesus initiated in the Gospel passage, we heard last week. As the Jewish people find it difficult to understand what Jesus is trying to communicate, they find fault with him and they ridicule him as someone who is too ordinary. They are focused on his family, while Jesus tries to elevate the discourse to reflect on belonging to God and doing God's work. Faith in Jesus is about a transformation that one goes through, whereby one is able to live a life rooted in love and grounded in God. It is this new life St. Paul is talking about in the second reading of today. He urges us to be imitators of God, by living in love. Jesus always talked about leading us into eternal life, and the focus of the conversation today is rooted in that very concern Jesus has for his followers. Our life goes beyond this world, and if we require material food to sustain us for our existence in this world, we require spiritual sustenance to move on to the next. Jesus is that spiritual food we are fed with. To be in Christ is to be about a person committed to love. When Elijah was tired after the long journey and spiritually weak, God sends him an angel to revive his spirit. The bread and water that Elijah was given strengthened him to continue on his journey. The Responsorial Psalm urges us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord. What we see in the Gospel is this very goodness of God that we are called to taste. In Jesus we are able to experience love in its fullness. When he feeds us with his body and blood, which indeed is the Bread from Heaven, we see the sacrificial love of Jesus, who wants to lead us on to eternal life, with him. To consume the Body and Blood of Jesus is to be nourished and sustained by his life, death and resurrection, which is a summary of God's life and love. When we receive Jesus into our lives, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, who leads us on the path of truth and love. Anything contrary to love and truth cannot be a part of our lives, as St. Paul reminds us. We have to leave behind all that is not love and live as imitators of Christ, who was love personified. His self-gift is our sustenance on our journey towards fullness of life.