

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 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 will be starting 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.	17	5:00 pm	†Doris & Ray Stepanek By Dorie Cavins
Sun.	18	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez †Frances Guzman By Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	†John H. Schmitt By John H. Schmitt, Jr.
Mon.	19	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	20	NO MASS	
Wed.	21	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	22	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Friday	23	8:30 am	†John H. Schmitt By John H. Schmitt, Jr.
Sat.	24	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	25	9:00 am	†Doris & Ray Stepanek By Dorie Cavins
		11:00 am	†Sister Rosemary E. Sheehan, R.S.C.J. By Yen Khang Van

Please Pray For the Sick: Balu Thomas, Bob Wallace, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Arturo Lara, 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 for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.



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 7/17	5 pm	Dawn Gault-Meade
Sun 7/18	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins
Sat 7/24	5 pm	Dawn Gault-Meade
Sun 7/25	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.

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MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH: The men of St. Joseph Parish are invited to a "Dutch treat" lunch social at Kody's on July 19 at 12:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for both the men of the parish and visitors to get together to enjoy fellowship over lunch. See you there!

The second collection this week-end is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Collection for July 11, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 3385.25
Envelope Collection	\$ 495.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$ 470.00
Total	\$ 4550.25

HAVE A LAUGH . . . There was a rather ordinary traffic accident where one car had stopped for a red light and another car had bumped into it from behind. The first car was being driven by a minister and the second by a priest. A policeman named O'Malley came to the scene of the accident to determine who was at fault. After recognizing the status of the two men involved he said, "How fast would you say he was going when he backed into you, Father?"

Pastor's Note: A shepherd who truly cares... Jesus was not just a faithful Son, who always sought to do God's will for him, but also a person who was able to inspire others to do the same. Last Sunday we saw how he trusted the Apostles and sent them on a mission. This mission was not an easy one, as they were sent to a people who were often not receptive to them and, in some cases, hostile to them. Jesus knew that his work did not end with him sending the Apostles on a mission. Because he is a caring person, he is concerned about their wellbeing. After they return from faithfully carrying out the mission entrusted to them, the Apostles report what they did during their journey. We see in today's Gospel the sensitive nature of Jesus. He knew that they were tired from their journey and mission. Jesus leads them to a place for them to take rest and relax. A caring person is able to see the pain and suffering of others, even if they do not express it vocally. Jesus is that Good Shepherd, who is able to understand every sheep and care for them individually. In the first reading, we see how God promises shepherds who will truly care for the people of Israel. This was required, because the leaders of those days cared mostly for their own wellbeing. Jesus becomes that shepherd and the 'righteous shoot to David' who is able to transform the lives of the people for the better. The second reading reminds us that the concern of Jesus for the people is what prompted him to sacrifice his life for them, so that they could be reconciled to God once again. We are that people who have been brought closer to God, by virtue of this loving act of Jesus. Jesus cared more for the wellbeing of the people, and not so much for his own safety and security. This was because he felt compassion for the people, as they were like sheep without a shepherd. The people of his time are able to see the compassionate love of Jesus, and that is why we see them flocking to him, and Jesus looks at them and treats them with mercy. With a shepherd like Jesus, we need not worry about our lives, as he is the one who was willing enough to give his life for our safety. The Lord is our true Shepherd and we shall not want.