

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 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.	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
Mon.	26	8:30 am	For Allison Makus (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	27	NO MASS	
Wed.	28	8:30 am	For Juliette Makus (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces
Thurs.	29	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	30	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	31	5:00 pm	† John H. Schmitt By John H. Schmitt, Jr.
Sun.	1	9:00 am	For Elizabeth Rose Everett (birthday blessings) By Liz & Bob Conces † Wilburn Schott By The Schott Family In Thanksgiving for the Annual Schott Family Coast Trip By: The Schott Family
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

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: During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.



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 7/24	5 pm	Dawn Gault-Meade
Sun 7/25	9 am	Marvin Murray
	11 am	Carly Carrough
Sat 7/31	5 pm	Daniel Merchant
Sun 8/1	9 am	Donata Morris
	11 am	Cliff Strain

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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Saint James, apostle: James, son of Zebedee, disciple of Jesus Christ and later canonised as St James the Greater, is the patron saint of both Spain and Galicia. Saint James is known in Spanish as Santiago and he's also the patron saint of **Guatemala, Nicaragua and of fishermen.**

Collection for July 18, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 3068.57
Envelope Collection	\$ 650.00
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ 589.00
Give Us This Day	\$ 92.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 4844.57

HAVE A LAUGH ...

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

Pastor's Note: Feeding from a generous heart...

When Jesus looked at the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because he did not see them as mere numbers, but as individuals who had their own personal struggles and strife. He did not want to be a mere spectator to their plight, giving them mere advice and then move on. He wanted to personally intervene to bring comfort to them. Today what we see is this personal concern of Jesus for the people, which indeed is a manifestation of the care God shows for his people. 'The hand of the Lord feeds us', says the Responsorial Psalm. And what we see in the Gospel passage is this reality getting revealed in and through the person of Jesus. What we see significant in that episode is God intervening to grace the generous act of human beings and creating a miracle that brings comfort and consolation in the life of people. Jesus knew what he was going to do to bring relief to the afflicted people who had come to listen to him, and he, indeed, is capable of doing it all on his own. However, he wants people to be a part of his miraculous deed and, therefore, he asks his disciples to do something to feed the people. And they respond by spotting a boy who has some food. The willingness of the boy to share what he had, becomes instrumental in a miracle being performed by Jesus. Jesus wanted the generosity of the people to be an element in the miraculous works of God. God is a compassionate and merciful person, and that is what we got to experience in the incarnation. God, himself, comes to the aid of people, and he takes human form to change the plight of humanity that had lost its way. As a human being, Jesus becomes a perfect example of what we, as human beings, are called to do. Jesus feels for the people, and he does not stand as a mute spectator to the sufferings of people. Jesus, in turn, feels with them, and this compassionate outlook of Jesus is what we see getting revealed in the miracle of feeding the five thousand. God will always be able to see our sufferings, and he will never be deaf to our pleas for help. God is able to change things for the better, and what he wants from us is to use our individual blessings to transform the lives of others. When we play our part, God will do the rest. God often acts in and through the instrumentality of people who are willing to co-operate with him.