

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 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 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.	16	5:00 pm	†Michael Lee By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	17	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez †Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	18	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	19	NO MASS	
Wed.	20	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	21	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	22	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	23	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	24	9:00 am	†Sarah Savigni Maxham (12th anniversary) By: Her Family
		11:00 am	†Michael Lee By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick: Jim Koenig, Balu Thomas, Bob Wallace, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, George Snell, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, 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: Today (October 13) we remember the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. I entrust you all to the heavenly Mother of God. May she accompany you on your way and be of comfort in the trials of life.



Hope House

In honor of "Respect Life Month", The Ladies of St. Joseph are collecting baby items and monetary donations for the Hope House of Corpus Christi. This organization offers shelter and assistance to families and their children, babies born and unborn, when abused and abandoned, addicted, homeless and especially with a Crisis Pregnancy.

Items needed this month: FORMULA (sensitive newborn), Diapers Newborn and size 5

Monetary Donations may be dropped in the basket and checks may be made out to St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Memo line: "Ladies of St. Joseph". Thank you again for your generous support of the ministry!

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat	10/16	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Charlie Hutchins
Sun	10/17	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza
		11 am	Carly Carlough/Heather Collins
Sat	10/23	5 pm	Liz Conces/Nicholas Winkelmann
Sun	10/24	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes started September 29. Classes are held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, please contact the Church Office. We have many openings.

Flower Donations: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office.

Collection for October 10, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2422.40
Envelope Collection	\$ 800.00
Respect Life	\$ 55.00
Building Fund	\$ 1139.00
Online Giving	\$ 320.00
Total	\$ 4,736.40

HAVE A LAUGH . . . *The Frugal Lutheran*

The frugal Lutheran walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. "What happened, honey?" inquired his wife. "It's a great new idea I have to be a better steward of our resources," he gasped. "I ran all the way home from the stewardship committee meeting behind the bus and saved \$1.50. "That wasn't very bright," replied his flustered wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$10?"

Pastor's Note: God's love that saved us...

Jesus always talked about love as the hallmark of his disciples. When he talks about love, he always insisted on loving as he loved. Today, we focus on this love that enabled us to be once again called children of God. "Let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you", is what we will be praying as the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday. The first reading focuses on the mercy of God that can once again transform us to be children of God. We were created with tremendous love, and because of our sinfulness, we forfeited this love and lost our dignity as children of God. If he offers his life as an offering for sin, we will once again be his descendants. Such is the hope expressed in the reading from Isaiah. Who would be willing enough to do this for us? In Jesus Christ we have an answer to this question. In Jesus Christ, we have someone who truly came down from heaven and redeemed us. He is someone who is able to sympathize with us, because he was also tested like any of us, but was able to withstand those temptations and remain victorious. He is, therefore, able to come to our aid and, therefore, we should approach him with great confidence. What enabled Jesus to do this for us was his love for humanity. The Gospel focuses on this mission of Jesus, to redeem humanity. While the disciples fail to understand the teaching of Jesus on self-emptying and argue about receiving positions of power, Jesus focuses on humbling oneself and giving his life in total service. This total giving of Jesus was not an easy task, as we are reminded in the Gospel. It is a cup of suffering, which Jesus willingly chose to drink. Then he goes on to tell them what his mission was. This self-emptying and willing acceptance of the suffering was with the intention of saving us. He takes upon himself the sins of the whole humanity and leads us to life. The hope and aspirations expressed in the first reading and the Responsorial Psalm is fulfilled in and through the person of Jesus. His suffering brought us life and we can, with confidence, approach him and attain eternal life. There again is the love of God, expressed in and through Jesus, that brought us life. Love is always life-giving, because it seeks the good of others.