

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 12**

## 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
<b>Pledged Goal*</b>	<b>% of Goal Pledged</b>	
\$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.	11	5:00 pm	† <b>Greg Grounds</b> By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	12	9:00 am	For <b>Tootie Barnes</b> (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
		11:00 am	† <b>Ritchie Marty</b> By: Janie & Wayne Marty
			† <b>Greg Grounds</b> By: The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	13	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	14	NO MASS	
Wed.	15	8:30 am	† <b>Patricia Swanson</b> By Liz & Bob Conces
Thurs.	16	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	17	8:30 am	† <b>Shirley Kennedy</b> By Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	18	5:00 pm	† <b>Elizabeth Zych</b> For <b>James Zych</b> (50 year anniversary blessings)
Sun.	19	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	† <b>Frances Guzman</b> By Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
			For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Tootie Barnes, 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:** Greg Grounds  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

The second collection this week-end is for  
The Catholic University of America.

**Pope Francis says:** Our common home, creation, is not a mere "resource". Creatures have a value in themselves and each one reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness.



## 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

Sat 9/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun 9/12	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins/Barbara Smith
Sat 9/18	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun 9/19	9 am	Marvin Murray/Donata Morris
	11 am	Carly Carlough/Heather Collins

## Knights of Columbus Summer Raffle

The KC Council #14739 Summer Raffle was a big success.  
See bulletin insert for details!

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## Collection for September 5, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 3063.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 650.00
Building Fund	\$ 1396.00
Online Giving	\$ 1145.00
Total	\$ 6254.00

The Knights of Columbus will lead a **Rosary** on the fourth weekend of the month starting 30 minutes before each Mass. The entire Parish is invited to attend. The dates are September 25-26, October 23-24, & November 27-28.

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"

## Pastor's Note: Courageously bearing

**witness ...** Jesus has been with the Apostles for quite some time now, and they have personally witnessed the activities of Jesus. Now is the time to test their understanding of who Jesus is, and he starts with a non-challenging question first. "Who do people say that I am?" was an easy one for the disciples to answer. They tell him what others have said about Jesus. And then comes the hard part. He asks them what they think of Jesus. And, as usual, Peter is the one who speaks up. His answer that Jesus is the Christ, as we see soon enough, does not come from a perfect understanding of Jesus and his mission. Peter expected Jesus to be the glorified Messiah, who demonstrated his command of the situation with acts of chivalry. Therefore, to his shock, Jesus tells them that he was going to be arrested, tortured and killed, and that on the third day he would rise again. They did not understand the meaning of what Jesus just told them, and Peter objects to this. That is where Jesus tells them that the ways of God are different from the ways of human beings. God showed his power through utter humility, and this is because the power that Jesus God acts with, is the power of love. Love, as we would see all through the life of Jesus, is not about violent and brutal display of strength. Power of love is about one's willingness to do what is right, even when that involves suffering and being humbled. Jesus is the suffering servant who, described in the first reading from the book of Isaiah, willingly takes upon himself the suffering of others, lovingly carrying their load. When Jesus tells them that he is going to suffer greatly, he is not throwing in the towel. His willingness to suffer is a deliberate and courageous act to stick with doing what is right and truthful. Since Jesus is led by love, he does not mind being tortured for the sake of speaking the truth and caring for the marginalized. It is this same courage to live our faith as disciples, who stand for truth, justice and love, which is advocated in the second reading from the letter of James. To be faithful to Jesus is to be faithful in doing the right thing and treating everyone with respect. Such acts demonstrate that we belong to Christ, just as the loving act of Jesus showed that he fully belongs to God and his ways.