

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26

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.	25	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	26	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	27	8:30 am	For Vincent Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	28	NO MASS	
Wed.	29	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	30	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	1	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	2	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	3	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick:

Jim Koenig, Bill Behrens, 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: Saints are witnesses whom we venerate and who in thousands of different ways bring us to Jesus Christ, the only Lord and Mediator between God and humanity. They remind us that holiness can blossom even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin.



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 9/25	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Liz Conces
Sun 9/26	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Marvin Murray
	11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus
Sat 10/2	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun 10/3	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
	11 am	Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir

Religious Education Classes

Welcome back night and registration for Religious Education is **Wednesday, September 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the Religious Education Building.

BRICK CAMPAIGN

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Collection for September 19, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1,975.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 485.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$ 1,017.00
Online Giving	\$ 495.00
Total	\$ 3,972.00

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 little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...but please don't shove me either!'

Pastor's Note: A life rooted in love... Jesus spoke about the kind of leadership that he expects of the disciples, who were chosen to be his messengers. In his own life, Jesus demonstrated the kind of servant leadership that he wanted his disciples to emulate. Today, Jesus displays the attitude that a true leader of merit would demonstrate, when it comes to dealing with people. Often, as it happens in our life, leadership is about securing the leader's own safety. And this safety is often sought in increasing the numbers of followers. If you have a great fan following, then you consider yourself to be a great leader. The effort, therefore, is often to increase the number of people who follow you or who subscribe to your brand of ideology and leadership. A natural outcome of this attitude is the enmity that can develop between the ones who belong to a particular leader and those who do not belong to that group. Jesus has a different outlook on leadership and belonging. The Responsorial Psalm succinctly expresses the summary of leadership demonstrated by Jesus. 'The precepts of the Lord, give joy to the heart', means that it is all about the values what one carries within and lives by, that proclaims the commitment one has towards its leader. The Lord is good, and his laws are always about giving life and joy, since they are all rooted in love. If one lives by the values of Christ, then his or her life will always be a means for others to experience the joy of the Lord. Jesus did not belong to any group, like the Pharisees, the Scribes or the Sadducees. Often, Jesus questioned the attitudes of these groups, which often brought condemnation on himself by these groups. For Jesus, it was not about belonging to a group, but about basing one's life rooted in God and his Mission. Today, Jesus tells his disciples that if one is doing God's work and basing one's life on the values of the Kingdom, then that person is actually doing the work of God, and thus belongs to him. St. James clearly challenges the people who do not demonstrate the values of love, compassion and mercy, which is the hallmark of God. If we belong to Jesus, then we will also be expected to demonstrate that by not becoming a part of a group, but in and through the living of the values of Truth, Love, Peace and Justice, as inspired by the Spirit of God.