

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5

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.	4	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	5	9:00 am	† Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For Tootie Barnes (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Mon.	6	8:30 am	For Carl (Toots) Moore (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
Tues.	7	NO MASS	
Wed.	8	NO MASS	
Thurs.	9	NO MASS	
Fri.	10	8:30 am	For Lily Kathryn Everett (birthday blessings) By: Liz & Bob Conces
Sat.	11	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	12	9:00 am	For Tootie Barnes (healing) By: Patricia Littleton
		11:00 am	† Ritchie Marty By: Janie & Wayne Marty

Please Pray For the Sick: 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:

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 Building Fund.

Pope Francis says: Saint Paul invites us too to reflect on how we live faith. Does the love of Christ, crucified and risen, remain at the centre of our life as the wellspring of salvation, or are we content with a few religious formalities to salve our consciences?



Vacation and Retreat for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation and retreat August 16 to September 10. Father will also be attending the Ordination of 2 of the Seminarians he taught. Please keep him in your prayers. **Father Santhosh**, a Capuchin priest, will be filling in for Father George.

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 9/4	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun 9/5	9 am	Donata Morris/John Morris
	11 am	Cliff Strain/Ken Chesshir
Sat 9/11	5 pm	Liz Conces/Charlie Hutchins
Sun 9/12	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Javier Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins/Barbara Smith

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.

BRICK CAMPAIGN

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Collection for August 29, 2021

Loose Collection	\$1499.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 830.00
Collection for Haiti	\$ 551.00
Religious Education	\$ 210.00
Online Giving	\$ 540.00
Total	\$ 3630.00

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.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . Bloopers in a church bulletin: "The church had a going-away party for Pastor Rempel. The congregation was anxious to give him a little momentum."

Pastor's Note: Making our lives whole...

Jesus continues on his mission and goes around bringing comfort to the afflicted. The kindness of Jesus is always visible in the way he treats people and comes to their rescue. In Jesus, the people of Israel found a genuine fulfillment of the promises made by God in the past. God had promised, through Prophet Isaiah, as we hear in the first reading for this week, that God would come to save them and remove from them every affliction. God would remove every deformity from people and lead them to a place of joy and plenty. When Jesus heals the deaf and mute person, people interpret it as the fulfillment of the promises made by God through Prophet Isaiah. For Jesus, caring for the sick and reaching out to people who are rejected by main stream society was his way of communicating to them the all-encompassing love of God for them. In those days, people with deformities were not just suffering from the illness itself, but were always looked down upon and often ridiculed and ostracized. This was because of the belief that any kind of deformity is the result of sin, either of the person or that of the parents. Sickness was thus often associated with sin and, therefore, such people were labeled and kept away from the general public. This caused deep internal wounds in them, and they felt being less human. Jesus was so full of love, and this commitment to love enabled him to look at everyone with compassion and kindness. He never discriminated people based on their status and treated everyone equally. It is to this attitude of openness and love, which we find in Jesus, that James is inviting all the followers. A person of faith is always a person rooted in the love of God and because of this love, that person is able to see the goodness of every individual, irrespective of their status or physical appearance. He had to urge people to live that way because there were explicit discrimination displayed during his time, and he wanted people to get away from such acts. To be faithful to God is to be loving and caring like Jesus, and this means that we are all called to treat everyone with respect and love. Just like Jesus led people to experience fullness of life, we are also called to be in him and like him, and experience the wholesomeness of being children of God.