

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 8:30 am & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

or by appointment

ROSARY

30 minutes prior to Mass on weekends.

ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm

In the Family Life Center

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

- Lk 14:28, 33

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OUR MISSION

"Together we grow in faith through love for generations to come"

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

September 7, 2025 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 9/9

8:00 am Safe Travels

WEDNESDAY 9/10

8:00 am † Jerry Harlan

THURSDAY 9/11

8:00 am † Barbara Hampton-Anniversary

FRIDAY 9/12

8:00 am † Carl Koenig

SATURDAY 9/13

4:30 pm † Juan Avaloz

SUNDAY 9/14

8:30 am † Steve Kovalcik

11:00 am **All the faithful**

2:00 pm All the faithful



SACRED HEART ALTAR

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart Altar will burn in honor of Rose Tam's 100th Birthday. Requested by JoAnn Vojacek.

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

This week the candle on the Blessed Mother Altar will burn in memory of Talita Bourge. Requested by Clara Davis.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

If you would like to recognize a special person or group by having the flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burn for one week in the person's memory of honor, please contact Peggy Koenig, coordinator at 281-427-1834.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to present their child for Baptism may contact the church office at 281-420-3588 to enroll for a Baptism class.

MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to solemnize their marriage in this parish are invited to contact the pastor or one of the deacons not less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you, a family member, or a friend wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the church office at 281-420-3588.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Andrew Arceneaux
Peggy Ball
Eugene Bielamowicz
Richard Blanchard
Shane Buss
Skip Buttaccio
Keith Coburn
Jessica Coleman
Matthew Connealy
Governor Crawford
Antonio Deltoro
Janice Donnelly
Eric Emerson
Mervin Elmore
Faustino Flores
Debbie Friermood
Jan Giroir
Jim Giroir
Dee Gilbert
Paul Golla
Travis A. Goss
Eugene Grevenberg
Tammy Hoffeld
Edwina Hughes
Louis Hughes
Dr. Robert Hust
Lily Jenkins
Bily Jennings
Marie Juarez
Linda Kelly
Kathleen Koenig
Peggy Koenig
Frank Kotrola
Ed Kubicek
Stephanie Kubicek
John Lamonte
Moreno Lundy
Fred W. Marti

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Juan Marquez
Alyssa Mena
Dahlia Meza
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Join us as a guest at a Legion of Mary, we meet every Friday in the Convent at 8:45 am. For more information, please call Susan Wolff 713-542-8951 or Helen Motte 832-661-9969.

All ladies in the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Activity Bldg.

Join us for the 9-week Fall Semester on
Love Unveiled
Our first session is 9/23/2025

For more information, email stjosephsshe@gmail.com
Click the QR code to register



That Man is You (TMIY) returns to St Joseph on Monday, September 15th.

This year we will focus on The Fight of Faith! The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Men will discover and reclaim their identities as soldiers, saints, brothers, disciples, sons of God and friends of Christ.

Click on the QR code and join the St Joseph - Baytown TMIY group We meet Monday nights, 6:30-8:00pm. The first class is Monday September 15th.

Any questions contact Jerry Mortus at 832-571-7546 or at stjosephtmiy@gmail.com



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the eleventh annual

Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 20, 2025, from 10:30 am – 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe, St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland, and St. Theresa Catholic Church in SugarLand. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through Monday, August 11, as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/htx or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

From the Office of Family Life, we would like to invite you to collaborate in promoting our upcoming Training for Ministers of Consolation (in English), which will take place on September 10 and 11, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Cameron Retreat Center, St. Dominic Chancery (2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77021). The registration fee is \$150, which includes meals and materials. This training is a call to all those who wish to serve those who are going through a grieving process, accompanying them with hope, faith, and charity in the light of Christ's love. We ask for your valuable support in sharing this information in your parish communities. Your help is essential for this ministry to grow and for more people in mourning to receive the comfort and accompaniment they need.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7**

That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts. "Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33 When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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"I know who you are—the Holy One of God." (Luke 4:34)

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

Do you know that even the devil could quote Scripture?

A clear example could be found when he tempted Jesus, hoping to make him fall from the high place of the temple: "For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you...they will lift you up..." (Matthew 4:6). Their "knowledge" was not true understanding, but rather, a twisted and manipulative form of knowing, aimed at opposition to God rather than loving, worshipping, and proclaiming Him as the saving Lord. Is it true to make a statement that the devil is "knowing without knowing"?

True "knowing" of God requires authentic faith and worship, nurtured by prayer and communion with Him in the Eucharist. So, when engaging in religious action and adoration, each one of us is called to do so with sincerity and deep devotions, deepening our understanding of God each day.

Last week, we had a visiting priest who helped celebrate Sunday masses at our parish. This allowed me to visit a nearby parish to speak about our Capital Campaign for our church building loan.

1 I encourage you to continue contributing to our building fund for the church loan as we work together to strengthen our church community.

2 The parishioners of St. Hyacinth showed strong support for our church loan. Some parishioners who were baptized and married at our St. Joseph Church expressed their willingness to participate and contribute to this noble cause of the Capital Campaign.

3 I extend my gratitude to Fr. Truong Son for allowing me and some Capital Campaign members to visit his church and witness the spirit of generosity among his parishioners as they aid us with our loan.

May Almighty God continue to shower His blessings upon us for all our plans and endeavors as we work to restore our church building and repay our church loan.

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown



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WEEKLY DONATIONS

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Current St. Joseph Parishioners Update Your Family Information Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

- 1. Go to the following link <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>.
- 2. A New User Registration Form will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
- 3. Your request will be sent to St. Joseph to obtain confirmation.
- 4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.
- 5. If you are not already a registered parishioner, this will send an email to the office and once approved you may complete your registration online.

This system allows you to add family members, but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Natalia Charles at 281-420-3588 or charlesnatalia@yahoo.com.





ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to begin giving online, please scan the QR code below.



DSF SUMMARY REPORT

Parish Goal-\$28,000
Total Paid-\$ 19,779
Total Participants- 57
Total Households-310




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WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in Mass, Online and in the Office for the week of August 31, 2025.

Regular	\$ 6,621.50
Catholic Education	\$ 105.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 9.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 165.00
Gaza	\$ 340.00
Fall Festival	\$ 2,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 47,127.00
Total	\$ 56,367.50



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Safe Environment

As a condition of volunteer service with the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, all potential volunteers are required to complete the Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment training.

If you have not yet completed the training, please visit: <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org>

CMGConnect

FAITH FORMATION

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Faith Formation volunteers are still needed for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Classes have begun!
- Please call the Church office for any questions or to sign up.

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CATECHISTS

- Please remember to sign into Capernaum and select a course of your choice to take for continuing education.

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