

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY

## 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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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

September 14, 2025 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 9/16	
8:00 am	† Alice Araujo-Birthday
WEDNESDAY 9/17	
8:00 am	† Fr. Frederico Ablog, SSS
THURSDAY 9/18	
8:00 am	Ed & Stephanie Kubicek
FRIDAY 9/19	
8:00 am	Peace
SATURDAY 9/20	
4:30 pm	† Bernice & Steve Kovalcik-Ann.
SUNDAY 9/21	
8:30 am	† Maria
11:00 am	<b>All the faithful</b>
2:00 pm	All the faithful



### SACRED HEART ALTAR

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart 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	Marcelino Martinez
Peggy Ball	Juan Marquez
Eugene Bielamowicz	Alyssa Mena
Richard Blanchard	Dahlia Meza
Shane Buss	Jennifer Del Toro Mina
Skip Buttaccio	Paul Mitchell
Keith Coburn	Jeanne Marie Morlan
Jessica Coleman	Albert Motte Sr.
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Governor Crawford	Ann Nelson
Antonio Deltoro	Honour Netek
Janice Donnelly	Martina Paiz
Eric Emerson	Dcn. George Rincon
Mervin Elmore	Bertha Salazar
Faustino Flores	Herminia Salinas
Debbie Friermood	Richard Salinas
Jan Giroir	Charles Salinas
Jim Giroir	Alfred Santos
Dee Gilbert	Robert “Vance” Sherwood
Paul Golla	Pennylane St. John
Travis A. Goss	Wallace St. John
Eugene Grevenberg	Helen Stacy
Tammy Hoffeld	Roberto Vasquez
Edwina Hughes	Brenda Vojacek
Louis Hughes	Darrell Vojacek
Dr. Robert Hust	JoAnn Vojacek
Lily Jenkins	Michael Vojacek
Bily Jennings	Sharon Vojacek
Marie Juarez	Kent Wallace
Linda Kelly	Mary Williams
Kathleen Koenig	James Wroten
Peggy Koenig	Lee Wroten
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Stephanie Kubicek	
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**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](mailto:stjosephsshe@gmail.com)  
**Click the QR code to register**



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**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](mailto: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](http://togetherinholiness.org/htx) or email [TH@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:TH@forlifeandfamily.org).

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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.

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 14**

That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries. "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

September 14, 2025 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jesus went up on a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles. (Luke 6:12-13)

After a night of private prayer, seeking the will of the Father, Jesus selected those who would continue his redemptive mission. Some of his disciples were commoners like Peter and Andrew; some were wealthy and influential like the sons of Zebedee; some were intellectual like Bartholomew; and some did not have good reputations like Matthew. The standard Christ employed in choosing his disciples was not in accordance with human thoughts but a divine one. In all His actions, Jesus entrusted Himself with the Father's will, even when it contradicted human desires.

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

We too, with all our unique traits, are a continuation of the apostolic mission of Jesus. We are not individual apostles, but parts of the Body of Christ working harmoniously together in His Church.

We have shared a great joy with Holy Mother Church for the canonization of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlos Acutis. I would like us to reflect first on the life of St. Carlos Acutis - A digital apostle.

Carlo attended daily Mass and received Holy Communion because he believed it made him stronger each day. Carlo played soccer, loved tech, hung out with friends. Holiness means being fully ourselves while following Jesus. When ill, Carlo bore his pain for others instead of complaining. That's how you turn awful moments into powerful ones. Carlo didn't think he was too young to change the world, so he started a website at 11 and preached at 15.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our phone is in our pocket. Our school has lonely kids. Our talents are untapped. Our prayers have power. But the choice each day whether to follow God's will or not is ours. Make it count! Jesus has chosen us, just like the disciples in history, to go and make disciples, let's use what we have to do so, starting with something we always have on our hand, the cellphone!

Fr. Thuc Nguyen  
Pastor of St. Joseph 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](mailto: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-\$ 19,539  
Total Participants- 59  
Total Households-310




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## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in Mass, Online and in the Office for the week of September 7, 2025.

Regular	\$ 6,214.00
Catholic Education	\$ 161.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 10.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 637.00
Catholic University	\$ 227.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,406.00
Total	\$ 8,655.00



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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>

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## 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.



### CATECHISTS

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



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has partnered with **MyCatholicWill** to help our parish families with the most essential element of their estate plans.

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