

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | TWENTY-FIFTH 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

### CHURCH EMAIL

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## PASTORAL STAFF

### PASTOR

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

### DEACON

Deacon George Rincon

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### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Ms. Ruth Venegas

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Sr. Maureen Nwajobi, DMMM



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

September 21, 2025 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 9/23	
8:00 am	† All Souls
WEDNESDAY 9/24	
8:00 am	Thanksgiving
THURSDAY 9/25	
8:00 am	† All Souls
FRIDAY 9/26	
8:00 am	Joseph
SATURDAY 9/27	
4:30 pm	† Ben Araujo-Birthday
SUNDAY 9/28	
8:30 am	† All Souls
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 Jon Blake. Requested by Peggy Koenig.

### 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

Marcelino Martinez  
Juan Marquez  
Alyssa Mena  
Dahlia Meza  
Jennifer Del Toro Mina  
Paul Mitchell  
Jeanne Marie Morlan  
Albert Motte Sr.  
Mark Murphy  
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Alfred Santos  
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Pennylane St. John  
Wallace St. John  
Helen Stacy  
Roberto Vasquez  
Brenda Vojacek  
Darrell Vojacek  
JoAnn Vojacek  
Michael Vojacek  
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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)

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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## Impostor priest email/texting scams

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These reports are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests. To minimize fraudulent impact, pastors are encouraged to remind their membership that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Advise parishioners to notify the church office immediately if they receive any unfamiliar donation requests.

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21

That we recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously share our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world. "No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13 Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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"You cannot serve both God and money." (Luke 16:13)

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

Money holds great value in our daily life. Money helps us survive by giving us all necessities, provide for our families, enjoy life's comforts, contribute to society, and support the needy. Yet, its worth remains finite. The real abundance that leads to eternal life comes only from God. Placing Him first, we no longer chase fleeting desires but value heavenly treasures instead. However, if we let money dictate our lives, we become enslaved by it, forgetting the true source of happiness and freedom. What is then an invitation for us to reflect further? Consider this question: Would we rather be enslaved by earthly riches or use them as a means to get to Heaven?

One day, a young man came to boast to the saint: "I'm so happy, Father, I just got into university." The saint asked, "Then what?"  
"I will graduate."

"And then?"

"I will become a judge, run for office, and maybe even become president."

"And then?"

"Then I will die, what else?"

But the saint continued to ask, "And then?"

The young man could not answer.

The way the saint asked his questions shows us what our ultimate goal of life is. The fundamental choice in life as children of God is to choose God Himself.

Rev. Thuc Nguyen  
Pastor of St. Joseph Church

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9th Prize



## AUCTION WISH LIST

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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



## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in Mass, Online and in the Office for the week of September 14, 2025.

Regular	\$ 5,904.22
Infirm Priests	\$ 15.00
Catholic Education	\$ 165.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 32.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 215.00
Catholic University	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 8,844.00
Total	\$ 15,415.22





## COMMUNITY STAFF

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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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