

DECEMBER 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Deacon George Rincon

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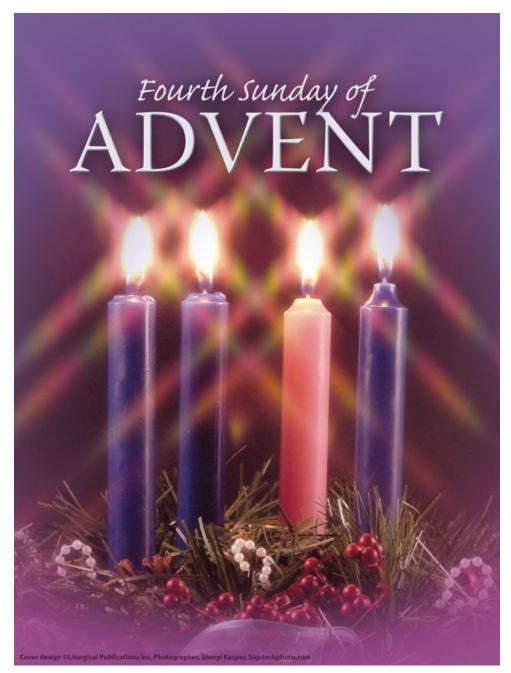
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OUR MISSION

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 12/28

8:30 am † Larry Lynch 11:00 am All the faithful 2:00 pm All the faithful



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

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

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- *Enrich your prayer life
- *Develop Catholic Friendships
- *Grow closer to Jesus and His Mother

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.

The Life After Loss Bereavement Support Group

will be on break through mid January, 2026. The Support group will resume meeting on Saturday morning January 24, 2026 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 816 Park Drive, La Porte in the education building. The support group is offered to adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Pre-registration is welcome but not necessary. For more information please contact Susan Wolff at (713) 542-8951.

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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That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24 Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart." (Matthew 11:29)

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church,

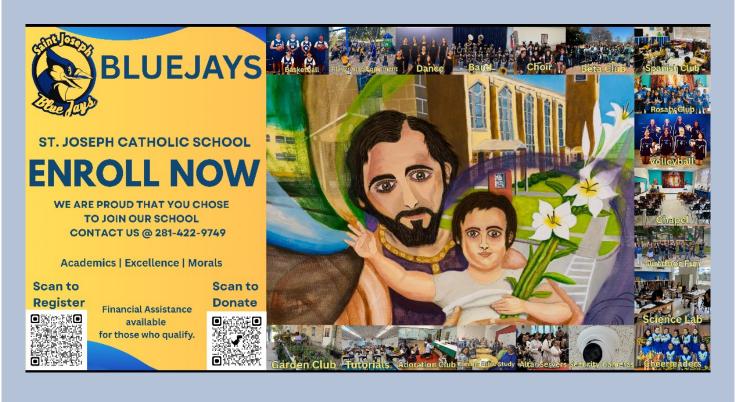
Religious founders and philosophers often emphasize a central teaching. If you were coming from the East, Confucius and Buddha were two prominent philosophers whose teachings shaped Eastern religions and philosophies. Confucius taught balance; Buddha taught renunciation.

Confucius emphasized the importance of maintaining balance and harmony in all aspects of life. He believed that a balanced society was necessary for a peaceful nation. To achieve this, he encourages individuals to practice moderation and respect for authority

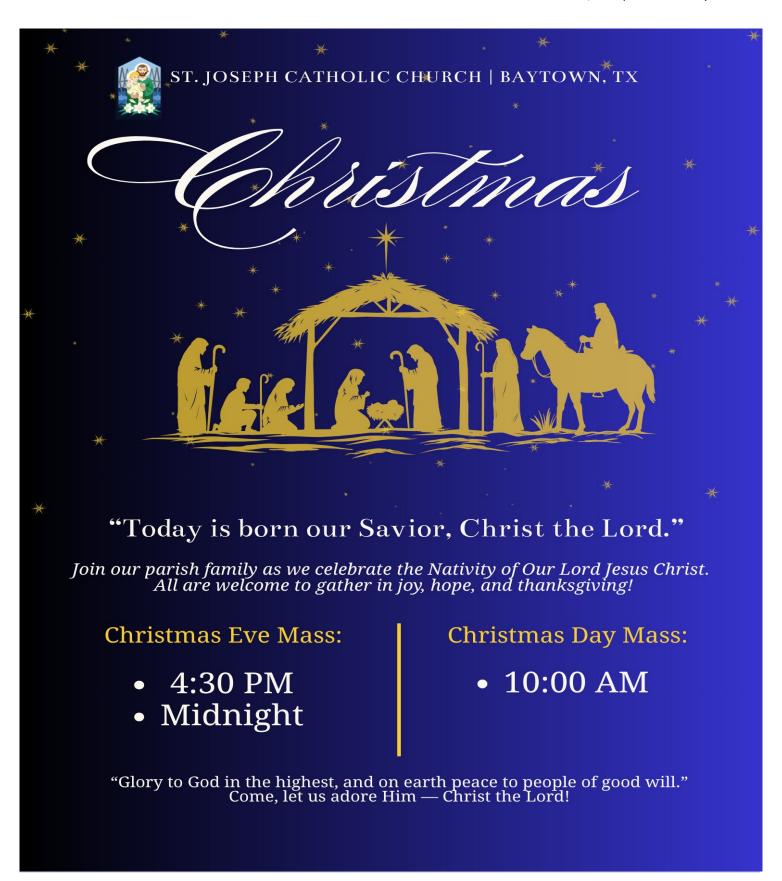
Buddha taught renunciation that suffering was an inherent part of human existence and that the path to enlightenment and liberation from suffering was through renunciation. He encouraged his followers to detach from material possessions, worldly desires, and even their sense of self. By renouncing worldly attachments, believers aim to reach a state of inner peace and enlightenment.

Jesus, however, focused on gentleness and humility. His disciples learned these virtues by observing His life, especially during His Passion and Crucifixion. Jesus' humility and gentleness weren't weakness—they were strength that conquered sin and death, saving humanity. We are called to reflect on Jesus' humility in the Gospels, especially at the Last Supper and during His Passion. Let His example inspire your own humility. When frustrated, commit to restraining anger and responding with patience and calmness instead.

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 businessmanager@stjosephbaytown.org



Capital Campaign
Parish Goal-2.1 Million
Total Given-411,115.63
Total Participants-144
Total Commitments Received-100
Total Households-271





WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

DSF SUMMARY REPORT
Parish Goal-\$28,000
Total Paid-\$ 22,454
Total Participants—66
Total Households-271





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

Regular	\$ 4,550.50
Building Fund	\$ 4,959.00
Catholic Education	\$ 2,535.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,183.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,071.00
Flowers	\$ 740.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 30.00
Children's Collection	\$ 27.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 15.097.50



PARISH INFORMATION

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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



MyCatholicWill

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

If you have not created your Last Will and Testament yet, the consequences for your loved ones could lead to unexpected burdens.

Nearly 70% of American adults have not prepared a last will. When a loved one passes without a will, families may face significant challenges to their financial stability. To address this need, the archdiocese is sponsoring free access to MyCatholicWill for all who may benefit.

Through this partnership with MyCatholicWill, we have made writing a will completely FREE for you. This is your opportunity to ensure your wishes are known and your family is protected. It is incredibly EASY. And it is a guided process that covers the needs of most adults and families.

Get started right now by going to MyCatholicWill.com/ArchGH. In as little as 20 minutes, you can protect your family by creating your Will today.

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.

Pray Rosary Daily.





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