

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## 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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### PASTOR

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

### DEACON

Deacon George Rincon

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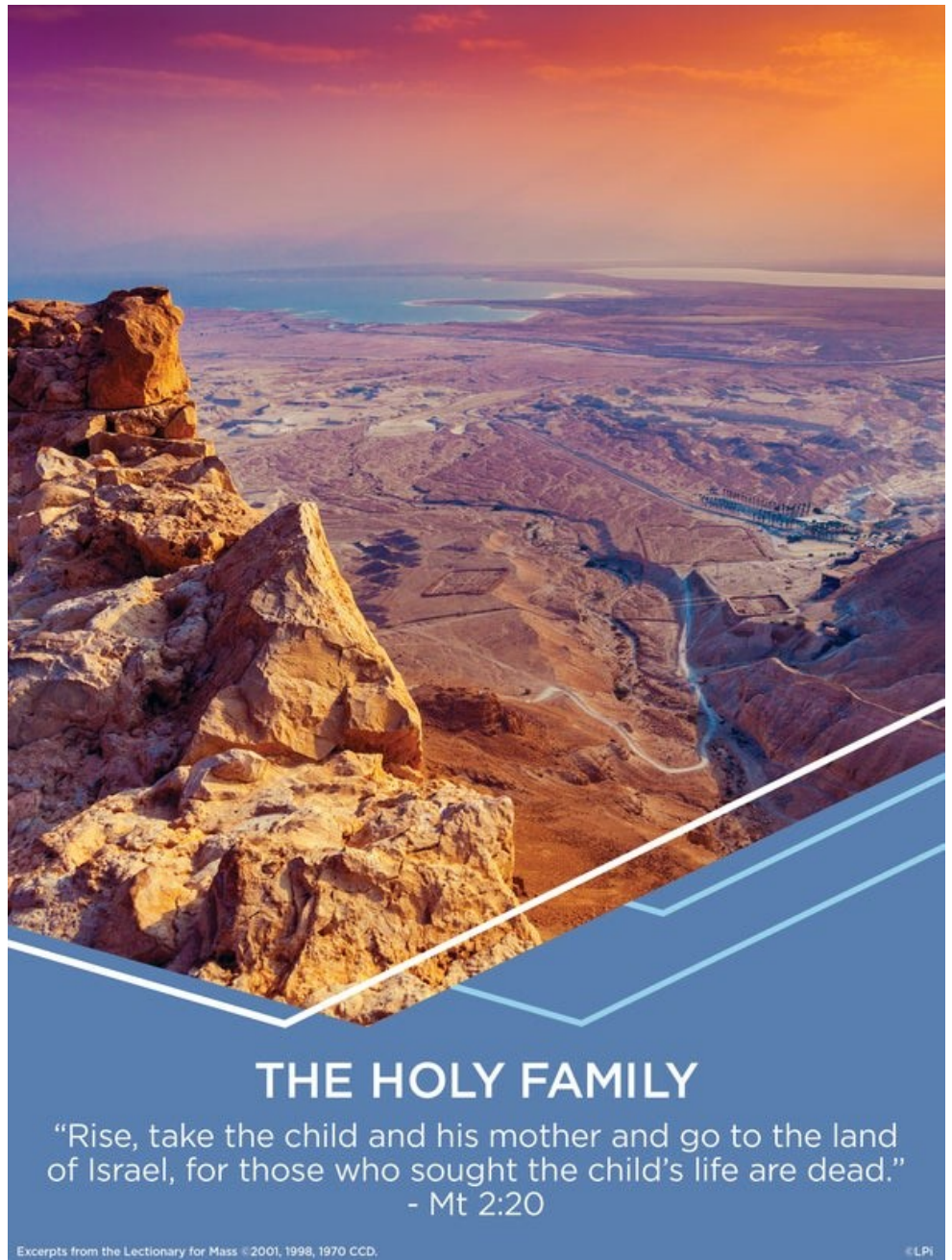
Mrs. Natalia Charles

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Ms. Ruth Venegas

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Sr. Maureen Nwajiobi, DMMM



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”  
- Mt 2:20

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

December 28, 2025 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 12/30	
8:00 am	
WEDNESDAY 12/31	
8:00 am	
THURSDAY 01/01	
8:00 am	† Florentina Dacquel
FRIDAY 01/02	
8:00 am	
SATURDAY 01/03	
4:30 pm	
SUNDAY 01/04	
8:30 am	† Larry Lynch
11:00 am	All the faithful
2:00 pm	All the faithful



### BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

This week the candle on the Blessed Mother Altar will burn in memory of Jessica Koenig. Requested by Peggy Koenig.

### SACRED HEART ALTAR

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart Altar will burn in memory of Karl Opryshek. 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	Alyssa Mena
Peggy Ball	Dahlia Meza
Eugene Bielamowicz	Jennifer Del Toro Mina
Richard Blanchard	Paul Mitchell
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Keith Coburn	Mark Murphy
Jessica Coleman	Ann Nelson
Matthew Connealy	Honour Netek
Governor Crawford	Martina Paiz
Antonio Deltoro	Dcn. George Rincon
Janice Donnelly	Bertha Salazar
Eric Emerson	Hermania Salinas
Mervin Elmore	Richard Salinas
Faustino Flores	Charles Salinas
Debbie Friermood	Alfred Santos
Jan Giroir	Robert “Vance” Sherwood
Dee Gilbert	Pennylane St. John
Paul Golla	Wallace St. John
Travis A. Goss	Helen Stacy
Eugene Grevenberg	Roberto Vasquez
Tammy Hoffeld	Brenda Vojacek
Edwina 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
Frank Kotrola	Margaret Wroten
Ed Kubicek	Brooke Zucha
Stephanie Kubicek	
John Lamonte	
Moreno Lundy	
Fred W. Marti	
Marcelino Martinez	
Juan Marquez	





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## 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.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2026

That just as Mary reflects the light of Christ, we, too, are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19 After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



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YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WILL HELP US SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:

Church Bazaars	Birthday/Anniversaries Receptions	Rectory Repairs	School Gala	Food for Families	Coats4Kids Program
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Public drawing to be held at the St. Joseph Church Family Life Center after all tickets are sold or February 8, 2026, whichever comes first.

Must be 18 yrs of age. Responsible for all taxes.  
Need not be present to win.  
All prizes must be claimed within 14 days of drawing.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

December 28, 2025 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

May the abundant grace of God be upon you and all your family members; and may your Christmas days be full of love and laughter: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

Christmas is truly a season of sharing - sharing our love with God and with one another. St. James reminds us, *"Never detach the gifts from the giver; every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). Therefore, the value of a gift does not depend so much on its material worth, but on the spirit of *"The Giver"*, advent is the season for sending cards and giving Christmas gifts. We send greeting cards to our loved ones and friends, but we also send social cards to those we may have met only once or twice.

Is there a card or a gift for those we don't know, for those we pass by without a second glance, for beggars on the streets, for the homeless, for those shivering from the cold or suffering from loneliness?

The most meaningful gifts are those that come from a heart filled with love and compassion.

Let's ask a deeper question - What does the heart full of God's love look like? To answer this question, we take a look at our Blessed Virgin Mary as we journey toward the Solemnity of our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God on January 01, 2025, which is the Holy Day of Obligation. *"When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."* (Luke 1:44) Mary carried Jesus, the word of God, in her heart, and she brought this greatest gift to her relative, Elizabeth, which filled her heart with joy, and even John the Baptist in her womb leapt for joy. Thus, God is the source of joy. Some joys are deeply personal, but when shared, that joy can spread to others. In fact, it's very hard to hide joy in our heart; sorrow can be hidden, but joy by its very nature is meant to be shared. The mystery of the Annunciation and the Christmas that we are about to celebrate carries this special meaning. How can we have God and how can God become our joy? We ought to learn from Mary: listen, obey, and act according to God's will. We are invited to reflect deeply on the mystery of Christmas that reveals to us about who God is, what God wants to tell us, and then reflect on what we must do to make this mystery more real in our lives.

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church Baytown



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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

"Begin the New Year under  
Mary's motherly care."

"Mary treasured all these things and  
pondered them in her heart." — Luke 2:19

NEW YEAR'S MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 01

St. Joseph  
Catholic Church – Baytown

MASS:  
10:00 AM

""As we welcome the New Year, we  
honor Mary—Mother of God—and pray  
for peace in our families and the world."

All are invited to celebrate this  
beautiful feast and fulfill our Holy  
Day of Obligation together as a  
parish family





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INVITES YOU TO A DAY OF PRAYER

# Abide in My Love

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love," -John 15:9

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
**8:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

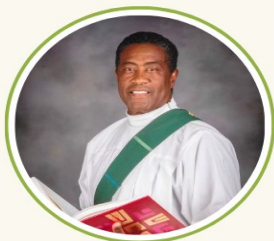
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Early registration \$20 through January 31, 2026.

# WEEKLY DONATIONS

December 28, 2025 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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](mailto:businessmanager@stjosephbaytown.org)

ParishSOFT

Capital Campaign  
Parish Goal-2.1 Million  
Total Given-421,210.63

Total Participants-144  
Total Commitments Received-100  
Total Households-271



DSF SUMMARY REPORT  
Parish Goal-\$28,000  
Total Paid-\$ 23,784  
Total Participants- 66  
Total Households-271



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## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

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

Regular	\$ 6,564.02
Building Fund	\$ 4,102.00
Catholic Education	\$ 100.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 90.00
Holy Days	\$ 220.00
Flowers	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 449.00
Children's Collection	\$ 44.00
Total	\$ 11,669.02

FINANCIAL  
BLESSINGS

## 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.

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.

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