



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

JANUARY 25, 2026 | THIRD 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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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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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

TUESDAY 01/27

8:00 am † John Lawrence

WEDNESDAY 01/28

8:00 am

THURSDAY 01/29

8:00 am † Peter Cushman

FRIDAY 01/30

8:00 am

SATURDAY 01/31

4:30 pm † Terri Blanchard Chism

SUNDAY 02/01

8:30 am † Mary Kubicek

11:00 am 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 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
Dee Gilbert
Paul Golla
Travis A. Goss
Eugene Grevenberg
Tammy Hoffeld
Edwina Hughes
Dr. Robert Hust
Lily Jenkins
Bily Jennings
Marie Juarez
Linda Kelly
Kathleen Koenig
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Frank Kotrola
Ed Kubicek
Stephanie Kubicek
John Lamonte
Moreno Lundy
Fred W. Marti
Marcelino Martinez
Juan Marquez

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Dahlia Meza
Jennifer Del Toro Mina
Paul Mitchell
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Jerry Mortus
Mark Murphy
Ann Nelson
Honour Netek
Martina Paiz
Dcn. George Rincon
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Hermenia Salinas
Richard Salinas
Charles Salinas
Alfred Santos
Robert "Vance" Sherwood
Pennylane St. John
Wallace St. John
Helen Stacy
Roberto Vasquez
Brenda Vojacek
Darrell Vojacek
JoAnn Vojacek
Michael Vojacek
Sharon Vojacek
Kent Wallace
Mary Williams
James Wroten
Lee Wroten
Margaret Wroten
Brooke Zucha



IMPORTANT NEWS

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Legion of Mary

Invites you to...

- *Learn more about the Catholic Faith
- *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.

January 24, Guilt and Anger



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Only 400 tickets will be sold.

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YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WILL HELP US SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:

Church Bazaars | Birthday/Anniversaries | Rectories | School Gala | Food for Families | Coats4Kids Program

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25

That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever He calls. "He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22 Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Healing and Hope Mental Health Ministry - Pastoral Formation

Healing and Hope offers a space for formation and dialogue to equip lay leaders and ministers to accompany individuals and families with compassion as they face anxiety, depression, addiction, trauma, or suicidal thoughts. Convened by Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, this formation provides practical tools to better understand mental health, recognize warning signs, and offer pastoral accompaniment rooted in faith and community. The session will be led by Deacon Ed Shoener, Founder of *Catholic Mental Health Ministers*.

Do you feel called to serve as a Mental Health Minister and help bring healing and hope to those most in need? Join us:

Saturday, February 7 from 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77025.

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Open House

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to kick-off Catholic Schools Week!
Sunday, January 25, 2026

1811 Carolina St.
Baytown, TX 77520

Open House
12:30 PM-2 PM
at school



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

As some of you requested the one-minute catechesis I shared during last week's Mass, I'm using this Pastor's Letter to provide it for your personal reference.

Most of us know when the offertory is during Mass because it's so obvious when we see ushers passing out the baskets of collection during Mass. While most Catholics think the Offertory is the "break" in the Mass, the offertory is one of the most mysterious and powerful exchanges between God and His people?

1. The Offertory is Biblical

From the Old Testament, God teaches His people to offer the work of their hands: Abel offered the "firstlings of his flock." Abraham offered bread and wine through Melchizedek. Israel offered gifts at the Temple as a sign of their life given back to God. So, the offertory is not a human invention, but rather it's the continuation of God's will for us.

2. The bread and wine are symbols of our entire week

The Church specifically chooses bread and wine because they represent human work. Bread does not fall from heaven. It comes from grain that is planted, harvested, ground, and baked. Wine does not appear by miracle alone. It requires pruning, crushing, fermentation, and patience. So when the priest lifts them up and says: "Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation..." He is also lifting up your work, your week, your sweat, your struggles, your victories, your hidden sacrifices, and your silent prayers. The Offertory is the moment you put your entire life on the altar, even things you never said out loud.

3. The offertory is your sacrifice united with Christ's.

At Calvary, Christ offered Himself completely to the Father. At Mass, that one sacrifice becomes present again. At Offertory, you place your own sacrifice beside His: Your pain, your marriage problems, your failures, your temptations, your job stress, your hopes for the future, your thanksgiving.

The Church teaches: "The faithful offer themselves with Christ to God." (CCC 1368) This is why the priest says: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable..."

This is why we should never come to mass empty-handed; not just money, which is needed for our church. But more importantly, a heart ready to be offered is crucial.

Many Catholic faithful wonder where the collections or offerings given during the Holy Mass actually go. The collection taken during Mass is used to support the mission of the Church, especially:

- The needs of the local parish (worship, utilities, maintenance, parish staff)
- The support of the clergy (stipends)
- Works of charity and assistance to the poor
- The diocesan and universal mission of the Church (when a second or special collection is designated)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

- "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities."

CCC 2043

Code of Canon Law

- "The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers."

Canon 222 §1

General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)

- The collection is part of the Preparation of the Gifts, expressing the faithful's self-offering and support of the Church's mission

GIRM 73

Rev. Thuc Nguyen
Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH | BAYTOWN



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



Deacon David Johnson

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

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SCHOOL GYM



Gina Waters



Rich May

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RECEIVING, AND RESPONDING IN THE EUCHARIST, WE
ENCOUNTER PERFECT LOVE; IN THAT LOVE, WE ARE
RENEWED AND SENT FORTH.

AGES: 18 AND OLDER



Kate Mims



To register please scan QR Code or
call the church office for more information - (281) 420-3588

Lunch will be provided. Limited Space- **100 seats only!**

Registration: \$25

Early registration \$20 through January 31, 2026.

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

ParishSOFT

Capital Campaign

Parish Goal-2.1 Million

Total Given-487,829.63

Total Participants-144

Total Commitments Received-100

Total Households-271

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAYTOWN

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OUR FUTURE

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



DSF SUMMARY REPORT

Parish Goal-\$28,000

Total Paid-\$ 24,009

Total Participants- 67

Total Households-271



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WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in Mass, Online and in the Office
for the week of January 18, 2026.

Regular	\$ 8,816.50
Building Fund	\$ 14,179.00
Catholic Education	\$ 502.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 145.00
Envelopes	\$ 25.00
Children's Collection	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 23,712.50

**FINANCIAL
BLESSINGS**

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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



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

Let us please pray for those who will be baptized, confirmed, or will do First Communion as we journey with them toward the encounter with Christ in the sacraments in The Easter Vigil.

Life-Giving Father,
you desire that we may be one in Christ,
so that all creation may give you praise.

Look kindly upon the catechumens and candidates you have called to the table of your Word.

We pray especially for:

Janelle Banda
Gisela Cardenas
Victoria Cerezo
Alan Etie
Tammy Moyers
Joseph Smith
Osmar Jaret Sustaita
Dalton Kane White



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