

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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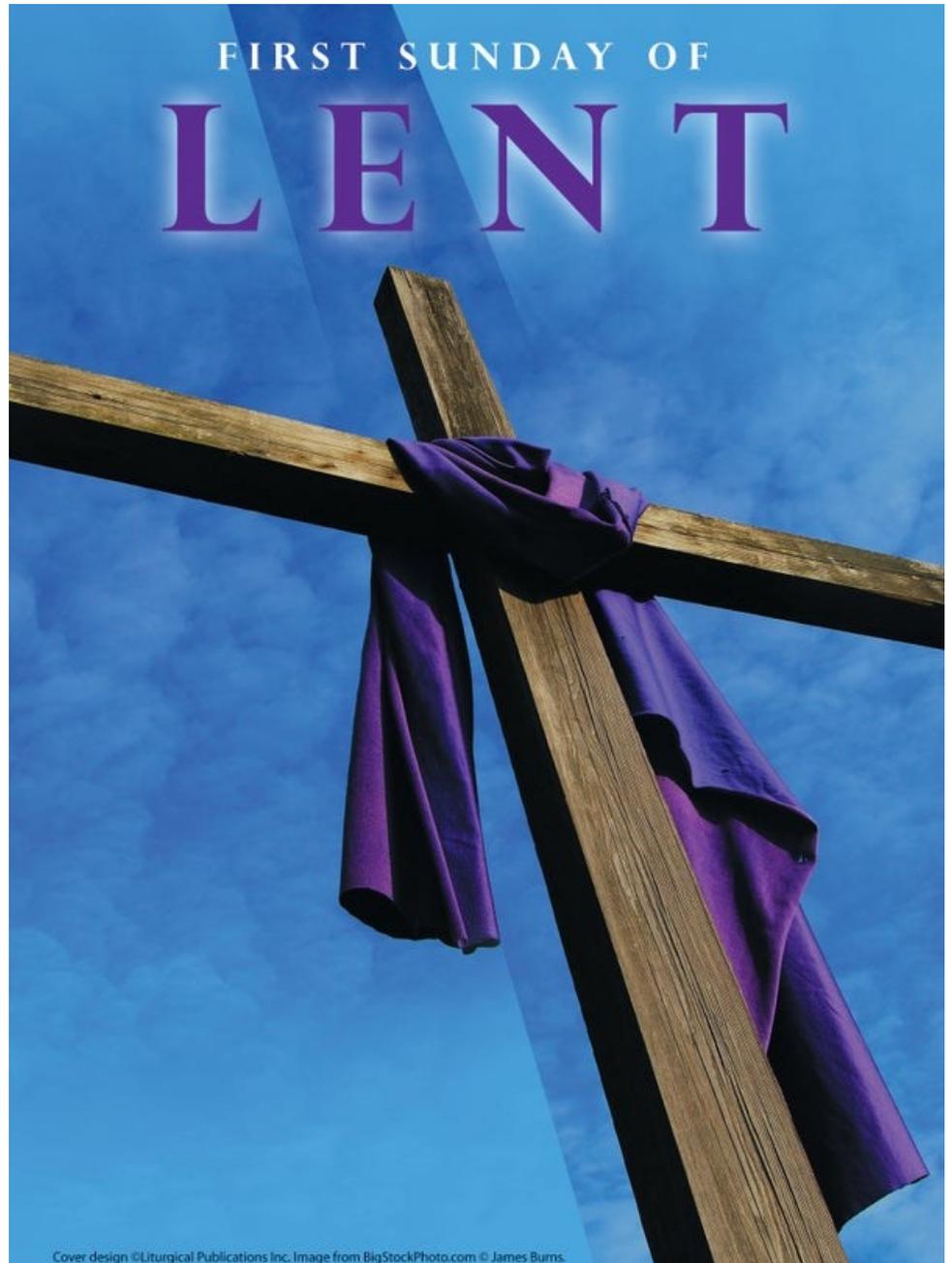
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 02/24

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY 02/25

8:00 am

THURSDAY 02/26

8:00 am † Keith Boudreaux

FRIDAY 02/27

8:00 am

SATURDAY 02/28

4:30 pm

SUNDAY 03/01

8:30 am † Henry Koenig

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
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
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Travis A. Goss
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Stephanie Kubicek
John Lamonte
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Marcelino Martinez
Juan Marquez
Alyssa Mena

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Helen Motte
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Bertha Salazar
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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.

February 28, 2026 Lessons in Grief, Part 2

Parish Day of Prayer – “Abide in My Love”

Join us at St. Joseph Baytown on **Saturday, March 28** for a Day of Prayer centered on the Eucharist and spiritual renewal as we prepare for Holy Week.

The day will include Mass, inspiring speakers, time for reflection and table discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, a procession to the Church, and the 4:30 PM Mass.

This retreat-style gathering is designed to help us deepen our understanding of Christ's Real Presence and grow together as a parish community.

Registration is now open. Space is limited.

Visit: <https://osvhub.com/st-joseph-baytown/forms/day-of-prayer-registration>

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)

Choose Catholic Schools Starting in the 2026 school year, Texas will launch a brand-new Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program with up to \$1 billion in funding to help families cover educational expenses for students in PreK through 12th grade. Parishioners who have wanted to send their children to Catholic school but were concerned about costs can now do so with tuition funded by the State of Texas. Texas has approved school choice, and the deadline to receive \$10,000+ per child begins February 4. Inform your parishioners now. Parents must apply during the February 4 - March 17 application period. Sign up to receive information on applying at www.choosecatholicschools.org/TEFA.

Catholic Grief Retreat

Butterfly Circle For you who have lost a loved one We invite you to the Butterfly Circle Grief Retreat, a sacred journey of faith where, with God's grace, sorrow is transformed into love. Even when the path is painful, God never abandons us; His love turns wounds into hope and the darkness of night into a promise of light. April 18, 8a.m.–5 p.m. at St. Martha Catholic Church, Faith Formation Center (3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339. Registration fee \$80.

Register at: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/GriefRetreat>

For more information, contact Juan Tinajero at jtinajero@archgh.org or 713-741-8711.

1st Sunday of Lent: February 22

That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things. “It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Matthew 4:10 Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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FR. THUC'S LENTEN MESSAGE

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, I invite each of you to pause and prayerfully reflect on three simple, yet powerful questions:

1. What are we giving up for Lent?

Many people choose to fast from social media, coffee, alcohol, desserts, or unnecessary spending. Others limit themselves to one simple meal a day. Still others take this opportunity to surrender something deeper — habitual sins or attitudes such as complaining, gossiping, impatience, or negative and judgmental thoughts.

Whatever you choose, remember: the purpose is not just self-denial, but spiritual renewal. When we give something up for love of the Lord, we make space in our hearts for Him.

2. What are we adding on for Lent?

Lent is not only about sacrifice; it is also about growth.

Perhaps some of us might commit to attending daily Mass, spending time in Adoration on Fridays, praying the Rosary each day, participating in the Stations of the Cross, or reading and meditating on Scripture daily. Others might consider making a sacrificial gift to support our parish mission, including our St. Joseph Church capital campaign. Still others may feel called to perform acts of service and kindness, reach out to someone in need, or return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation more regularly. For those seeking deeper renewal, I encourage you to register for our upcoming Day of Prayer. Priests will be available for Confession, spiritual directors will be present for guidance, and inspiring speakers will lead us in reflection and renewal. Lent is a beautiful time to take one step closer to Christ.

3. What are we praying for?

Who is God placing on our heart this season? Perhaps some of us are praying for someone who is suffering or ill. Perhaps we are carrying a difficult relationship that needs healing. We may be seeking the Lord's guidance as we discern marriage, the priesthood, or religious life. Or maybe we are facing an important decision and long for clarity and peace. Bring these intentions to the Lord with confidence. He hears us!

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph Church,

When we give something up, take something on, and pray intentionally for others, we offer our sacrifices and love back to God. In doing so, we grow in holiness together as one parish family. I personally encourage you to journey with us this Lent. Stay connected through our parish communications and social media, and let us walk this sacred season side by side. May this Lent be a time of grace, renewal, and deeper intimacy with Christ.

Blessings,

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown





ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



My St. Joseph family,

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee, we would like to provide all of you an update. As we near the end of February, we are closing out the second quarter of the Capital Campaign. There are many new faces who have joined our family in faith. For our new family members, welcome. St. Joseph Catholic Church launched our Capital Campaign back in August of 2025. The goal of this campaign is to raise the needed funds to repay a loan which was provided by the Archdiocese to complete much needed renovations on our church building. If you would like to receive more information, please pick up a Capital Campaign brochure, which contains a commitment card, from the tables in the front lobby area or meet with one of the Capital Campaign Committee members after Mass. We would be happy to provide you with more details. For all of the parishioners that have donated funds towards the Capital Campaign or made campaign commitments, we thank you and are deeply moved by your generosity. The love we have seen exhibited by our fellow parishioners warms our hearts and reminds us the loftiest goals are accomplished by adding up all the individual steps taken towards our journey. Your future contributions will continue to move us closer to our finish line. I am happy to announce that your generosity raised a total of \$204,096.43 in the second quarter. This brings our total amount of funds raised for the Capital Campaign to \$557,333.63! This is an amazing accomplishment in the first six months. We are forever grateful for all of the contributions from individual parishioners, the Fall Festival Core Team, the Spring Crawfish Festival Core Team, the sponsors of all our events, and the community members who attended those events. Continued support of these events adds tremendous value towards the accomplishment of all the Parish's goals. As I look across the room at the family in faith before me, I have no doubt we will continue to press forward and realize our goals. They say it takes a village to raise a child. I believe the also applies to our St. Joseph Parish. It takes parishioners like all of you to nourish a Parish. When the call to provide was made, you all answered. Our certain return to our beloved church building lies ahead of us. The completion of our Capital Campaign lies ahead of us as well. Neither of these could be accomplished without the many contributions from all of you. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to looking across our renovated church building at all of you during mass and reminiscing about how we all came together to bring our house of worship back to glory.

With love and gratitude,
Capital Campaign Committee
Belinda Gonzalez
Dianne Bonczynski
Eric Filyaw
Janie Cardenas
Jennifer Burianek
Teri Alvarez



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-\$557,333.63
Total Participants-160
Total Commitments Received-100
Total Households-271

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAYTOWN

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DSF SUMMARY REPORT
Parish Goal-\$30,100
Total Paid-\$
Total Participants-
Total Households-

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received Online and in the Office for the week of February 15, 2026.

Regular	\$ 6,532.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,930.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 77.00
Catholic Education	\$ 107.00
Social Ministries	\$ 60.00
Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Latin America	\$ 5.00
Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 8,734.00

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>



FAITH FORMATION



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.

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
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