

MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND 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

### CHURCH EMAIL

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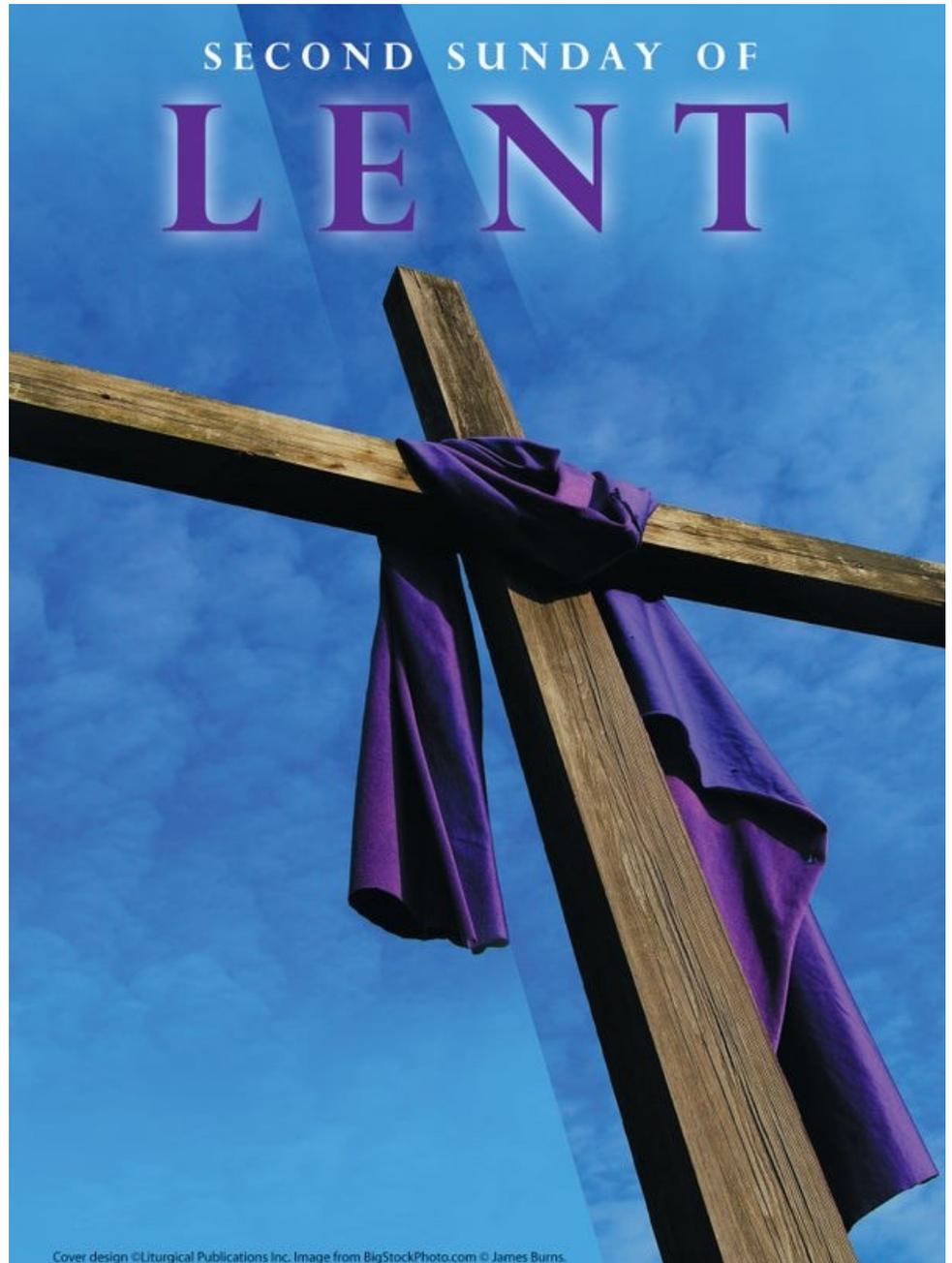
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 03/03

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY 03/04

8:00 am

THURSDAY 03/05

8:00 am

FRIDAY 03/06

8:00 am

SATURDAY 03/07

4:30 pm † James Giroir

SUNDAY 03/08

8:30 am † Jon Dizon

11:00 am **All the faithful**



### SACRED HEART CANDLE

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart Altar will burn in memory of Henry Koenig. 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  
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 Frierhood  
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  
Peggy Koenig  
Frank Kotrola  
Ed Kubicek  
Stephanie Kubicek  
John Lamonte  
Moreno Lundy  
Fred W. Marti  
Marcelino Martinez  
Juan Marquez  
Alyssa Mena

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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.

## March 7, 2026 Heaven

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## 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](http://www.choosecatholicschools.org/TEFA).

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## 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](mailto:jtinajero@archgh.org) or 713-741-8711.

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent March 1

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need. “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“The serpent asked the woman, ‘Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?’ The woman answered the serpent: ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman: ‘You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.’” (Genesis 3:1-7)

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

Have you ever wondered why the Bible says a serpent talked to Eve? A talking snake? It sounds like something out of a fairy tale, right? But here's the real question: Why did the Bible say that? Why would it mention a snake having a conversation with a human being?

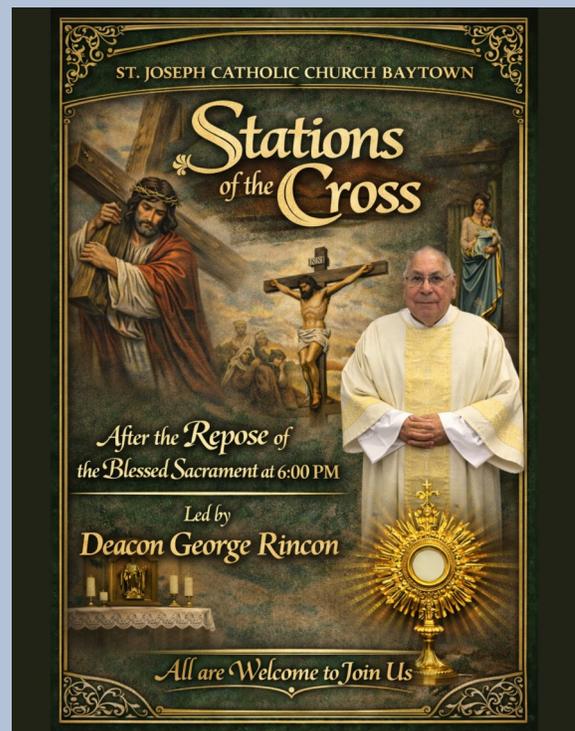
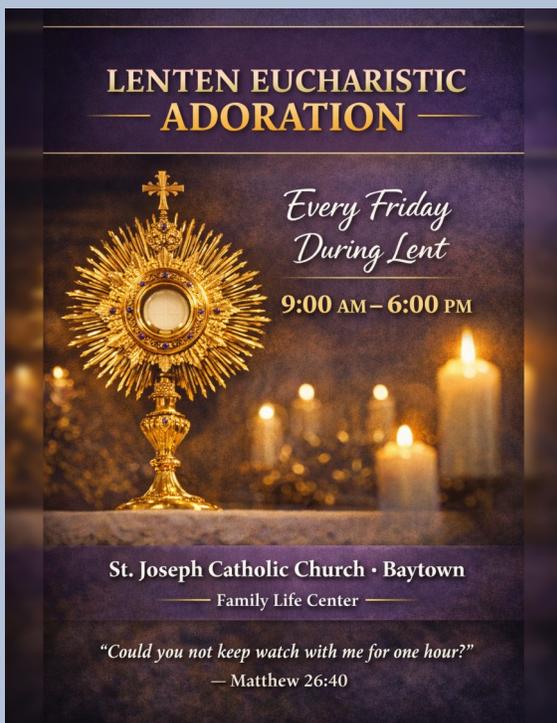
The serpent isn't just a snake. It's a symbol, a symbol of temptation, deception, and evil. In the ancient world, serpents were often associated with danger and sin. This serpent wasn't meant to be a literal talking snake, it's a way of showing the evil force at work behind the scenes. So when Genesis talks about the serpent speaking, it's showing us that evil doesn't just act on us, it speaks to us. It engages with us. It whispers lies and doubts into our hearts. That's the real enemy, not the snake, but the voice behind it. In this case, the serpent “speaks” to show the internal struggle every human faces when confronted with temptation.

Eve's conversation with the serpent a dialogue with evil. The serpent's speech shows how temptation works: It doesn't force us, but invites us into a conversation. It makes us question God, doubt His goodness, and believe we know better.

Think about it: Temptation today doesn't come at us with a red devil shouting at us. It comes in quiet whispers, thoughts that make us question God's Word, make us doubt His plans, or make us want something more. That's the real battle we face every day. May we have a blessed Lent, reuniting our heart and mind to Christ Jesus. Amen!

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown





## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAYTOWN

# SPRING CRAWFISH FESTIVAL AUCTION REQUEST ITEMS NEEDED:

- Tickets and parking for major events like sports games, concerts, musicals, and theater.
- Unique experiences such as guided tours, excursions, and outings.
- Date night packages that offer hotel stays and dinners.
- Travel vouchers for airlines or cruises.
- Access to a beach house, lake house hunting lease or lodge.
- Family fun packages that include bowling, cinema, or arcade outings.
- **\*NEW\*** Items for kids, such as new scooters, bicycles, or games.
- **\*NEW\*** outdoor sports equipment (soccer, volleyball, football)
- **\*NEW\*** Health & wellness equipment (yoga, Pilates, running equipment)
- **\*NEW\*** Outdoor cooking equipment tools. (Pizza, BBQ, etc)
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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](mailto:businessmanager@stjosephbaytown.org)



**Capital Campaign**  
**Parish Goal-2.1 Million**  
**Total Given-\$584,187.63**  
**Total Participants-160**  
**Total Commitments Received-100**  
**Total Households-281**



## DSF SUMMARY REPORT

**Parish Goal-\$30,100**  
**Total Paid-\$ 705**  
**Total Participants- 7**  
**Total Households-281**



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## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

**The totals received Online and in the Office for the week of February 22, 2026.**

Regular	\$ 8,036.64
Building Fund	\$ 24,924.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 55.00
Catholic Education	\$ 70.00
Social Ministries	\$ 274.00
Children's Collection	\$ 4.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 202.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,004.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,604.64</b>

**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](https://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  
Tammy Moyers  
Joseph Smith  
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