



# St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD 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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### PASTOR

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Deacon George Rincon

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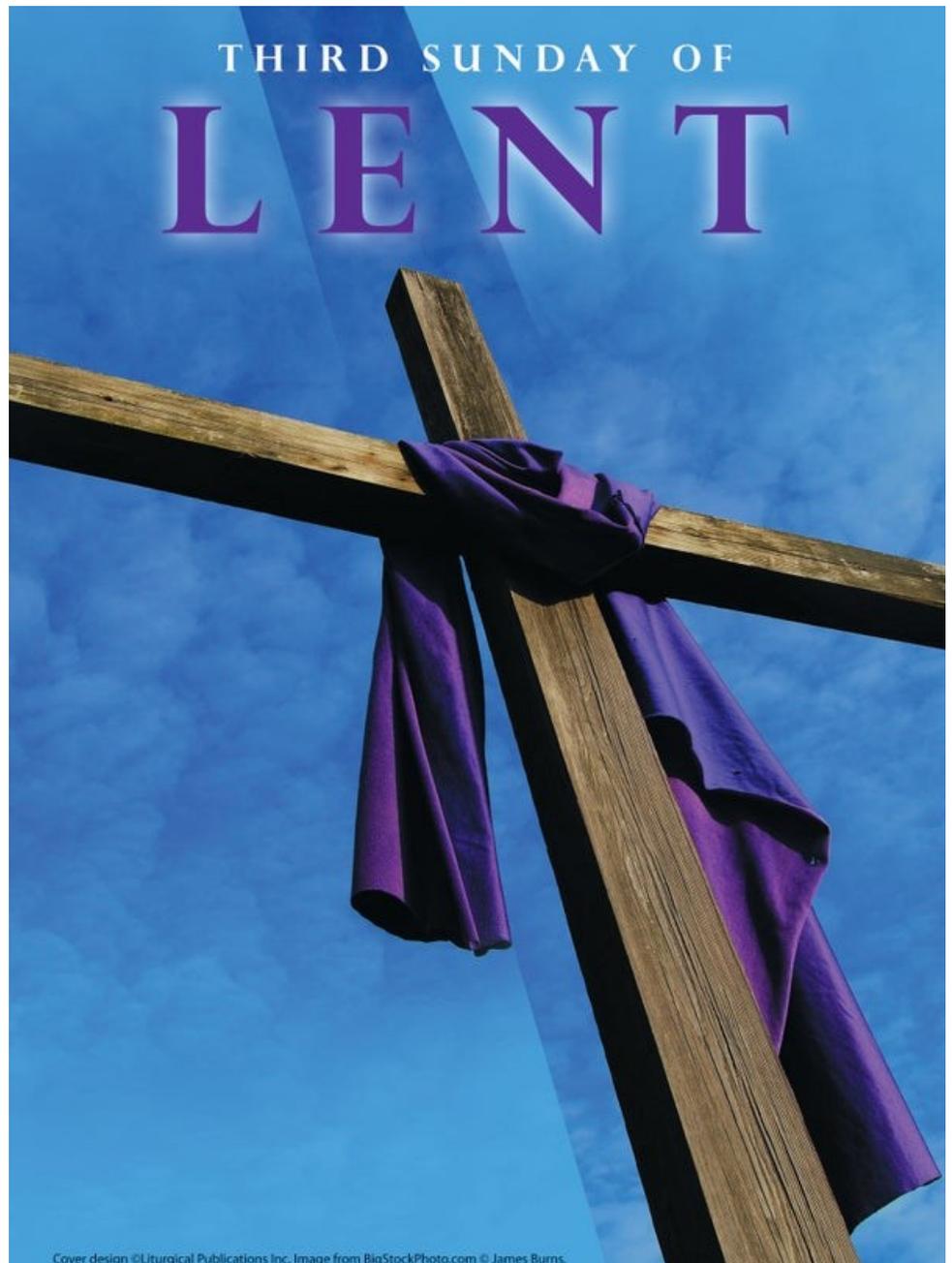
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 03/10

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY 03/11

8:00 am

THURSDAY 03/12

8:00 am † Carl Koenig

FRIDAY 03/13

8:00 am

SATURDAY 03/14

4:30 pm

SUNDAY 03/15

8:30 am

11:00 am **All the faithful**



### SACRED HEART CANDLE

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart Altar will burn in memory of Carl Koenig. Requested by Peggy Koenig.

### BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

This week the candle on the Blessed Mother Altar will burn in honor of Darrell Weaver's Birthday. Requested by Nan Weaver.

### 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

Dahlia Meza  
Jennifer Del Toro Mina  
Paul Mitchell  
Albert Motte Sr.  
Helen Motte  
Jerry Mortus  
Mark Murphy  
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Martina Paiz  
Dcn. George Rincon  
Bertha Salazar  
Herminia 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  
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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 14, 2026 What do I have to live for Now?

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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, 8 a.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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## 3rd Sunday of Lent March 8

That we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” in our daily actions and decisions. “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God centered” and less “self-centered.”

# 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,

Just a recap of last week that the serpent isn't just a snake. It's a symbol, a symbol of temptation, deception, and the evil one. 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.

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.

This week is to deal with this question: Why did God allow this to happen? Why didn't He just stop the serpent right there? The answer is our own free will. God didn't want robots. He wanted human beings who could choose to love Him and follow Him. That's why the serpent engages Eve in a conversation. It's a moment of choice. Eve wasn't forced into sin, she chose sin, after being tempted to doubt God.

The serpent's "talk" is about showing us how temptation works in our hearts and minds. The evil one whispers doubts, makes us question, and then invites us to turn away from God. The talking snake represents the deceitful voice of temptation, the enemy who tries to lead us away from God. Satan doesn't need to come with lightning strikes or fire; he just needs to get us to doubt God's goodness and follow our own desires.

So, what does this story really mean? The serpent didn't really talk to Eve. The serpent is a device, showing us that temptation doesn't come with force or anger, but with lies and deceit. Today, the serpent speaks to us in the same way. It's not some magic snake; it's the lies, the doubts, the temptations we face. And just like Eve, we have a choice. We can choose to listen to the serpent's whispers or trust in God's promises.

Evil doesn't always come with force; sometimes it comes with a quiet voice.

Temptation isn't always obvious; sometimes it just makes us doubt, question, or desire more.

We have a choice, just like Eve did. Temptation isn't about an outside force forcing us to sin. It's about our own free will.

Trust in God's Word: when we are tempted, remember, we have a choice. The enemy doesn't have the power to force us into anything. We get to decide who we listen to.

At the bottom line - The story of the talking serpent isn't just about an animal, it's about the battle we all face every day. But it's the choice we make that determines the outcome.

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)
- Monetary donations or gift cards.
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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 March 1, 2026.**

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular                            | \$ 6,813.70        |
| Building Fund                      | \$ 1,722.00        |
| Maintenance & Repair               | \$ 335.00          |
| Catholic Education                 | \$ 50.00           |
| Social Ministries                  | \$ 20.00           |
| Children's Collection              | \$ 30.00           |
| Flowers                            | \$ 50.00           |
| <u>Black &amp; Indian Missions</u> | <u>\$ 40.00</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$ 9,060.70</b> |



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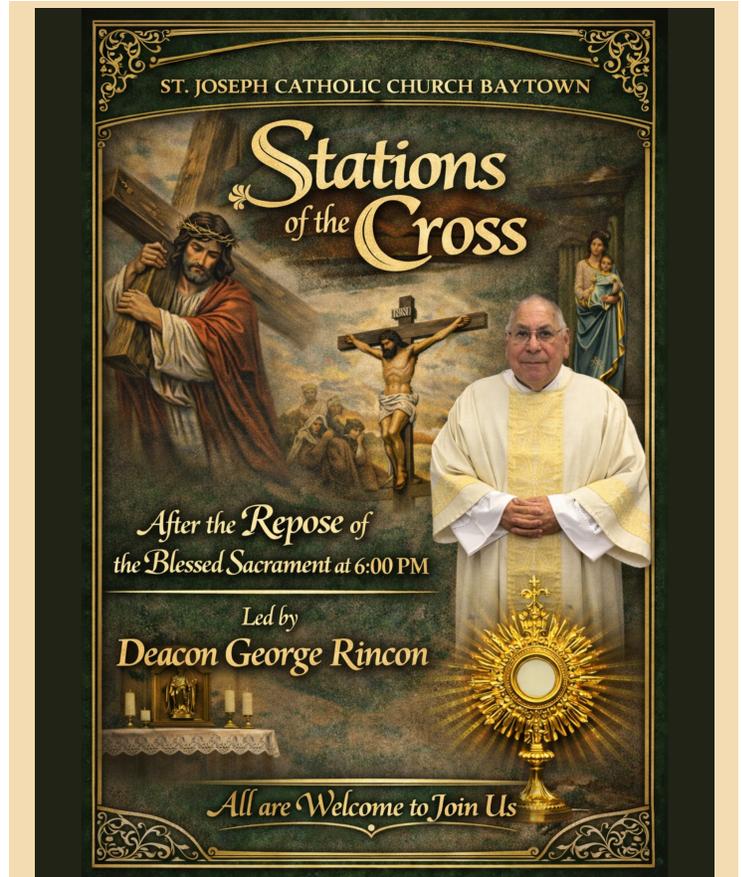
The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has partnered with **MyCatholicWill** to help our parish families with the most essential element of their estate plans.

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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