



# St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

MARCH 22, 2026 | FIFTH 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

st\_josephbaytown@stjosephbaytown.org

## PASTORAL STAFF

### PASTOR

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

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Deacon George Rincon

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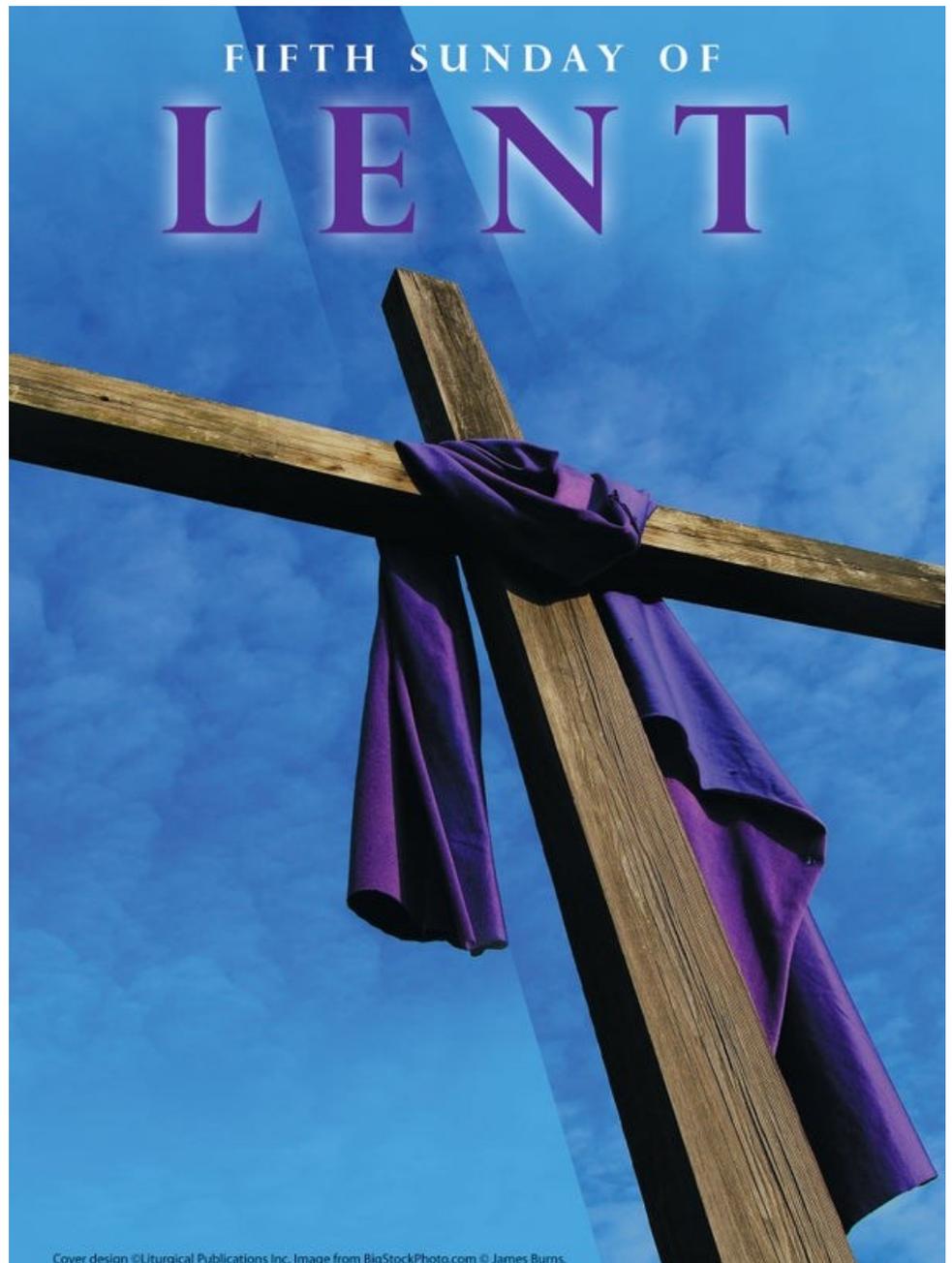
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

March 22, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

## MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 03/24

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY 03/25

8:00 am

THURSDAY 03/26

8:00 am † Andres & Nicolasa Tabita

FRIDAY 03/27

8:00 am

SATURDAY 03/28

4:30 pm

SUNDAY 03/29

8:30 am

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 Frierhood  
Jan Giroir  
Dee Gilbert  
Paul Golla  
Travis A. Goss  
Eugene Grevenberg  
Tammy Hoffeld  
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Bily Jennings  
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Dcn. George Rincon  
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Herminia Salinas  
Richard Salinas  
Charles Salinas  
Alfred Santos  
Robert "Vance" Sherwood  
Pennylane St. John  
Wallace St. John  
Helen Stacy  
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Brenda Vojacek  
Darrell Vojacek  
**Jerrell Vojacek**  
Michael Vojacek  
Sharon Vojacek  
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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>

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

That we open our hearts to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and become “partakers of the divine nature.” “Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40 Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

## 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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### EMHC Formation Session

**April 25**

Join us Saturday, April 25 for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Session. The Office of Worship is hosting a formation session in both English and Spanish. Learn more about the English workshop. Early registration is \$30 until Sunday, April 19 at midnight.

To register, please visit:

<https://capernaum.leadlms.com/course/3239>

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

March 22, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Afterward, Jesus found the man in the Temple and said to him, *"Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you."* (John 5:14)

Along the pool of Bethesda, many sick people suffering from all kinds of illnesses lay there, waiting to be the first to step into the water so that they might be healed. "There was one man who had been ill", he had been lying there for 38 years. It seemed he had been abandoned by everyone; no one helped him into the pool, and he himself had no means to save himself. So he remained there in hopeless resignation.

The man lying by the pool for 38 years is a powerful image of some of us who may be experiencing spiritual dryness. Spiritual dryness is not always dramatic. It often looks exactly like this man's life: nothing seems to change, prayers feel empty, and God seems distant or silent. Like him, a person who experiences spiritual dryness may not be "paralyzed" in a visible way. This man had been waiting for healing for 38 years. That is what spiritual dryness can do. A person may still believe in God, still show up to Mass, still try to pray, but deep down, they feel stuck.

### **They might think:**

- "Nothing is happening."
- "God is not listening."
- "Why keep trying?"

And the most difficult part: the man had no way to heal himself. This reflects a key truth about spiritual dryness; it reminds us of our dependence on God. The turning point of the story is not the man reaching the water—it is Jesus coming to him.

### **So too, for someone in spiritual dryness:**

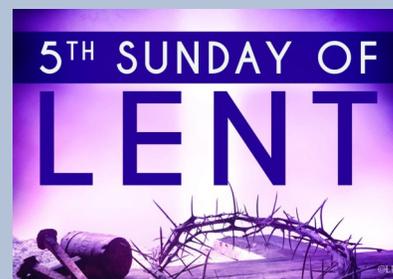
- Your waiting is not wasted.
- Your silence is not empty.
- Your inability is not the end.

Sometimes, the very place where you feel most stuck is the place where Christ chooses to meet you, not because you reached Him, but because He came to you.

The Lord's warning reveals many important things. First, the man's illness likely had its roots in sin. Remaining in sin for a long time can cause a person to lose hope, and therefore not want to rise up and abandon sin anymore. When Jesus says, "Stop sinning," He wants to heal completely, not only physical illness but also the soul. Lent is a fitting time for repentance. The Lord's command, *"Rise, take up your mat and walk,"* is an invitation to cooperate with God's grace, to be converted, and to make a new beginning.

Today, visit and care for an elderly person or someone who is sick, especially a brother or sister who has grown spiritually cold.

Rev. Thuc Nguyen  
Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown





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# Fish Fry



**Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and Drink**

**April 3, 2026**  
**Tickets - \$15 Each**  
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**All Proceeds benefit our parish and school.**

# 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**

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**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 15, 2026.**

Regular	\$ 6,180.00
Building Fund	\$ 7,828.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 365.00
Catholic Education	\$ 2,957.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 269.00
Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,676.00</b>

**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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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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.

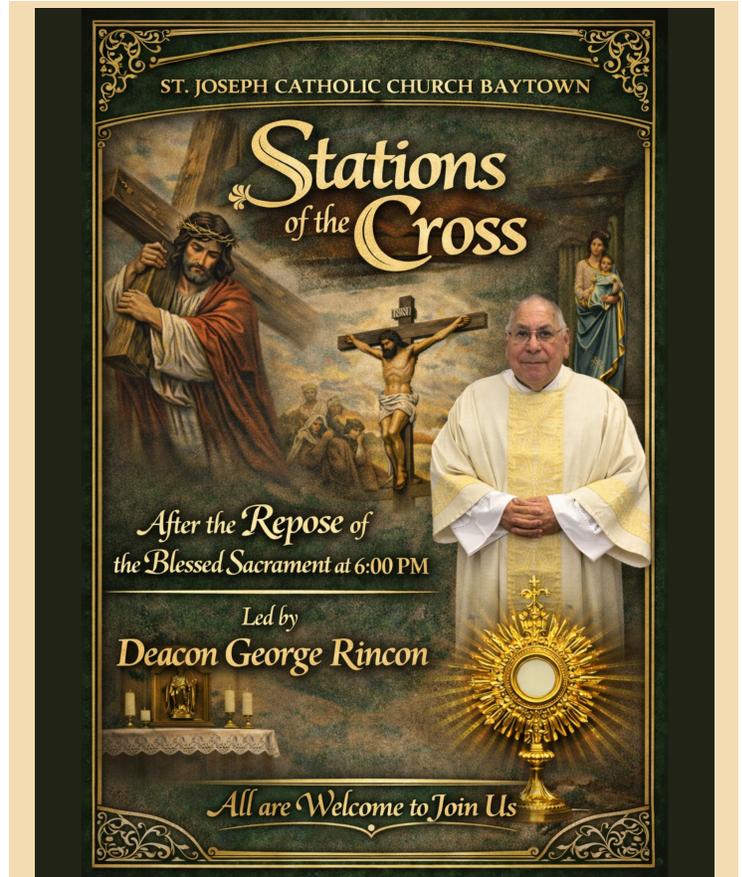
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