



AUGUST 2, 2026 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES IN FLC

Saturday - 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 8:30 am, 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES IN THE FLC

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE FLC

Saturday: 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm
or by appointment

ROSARY

30 minutes prior to Mass on weekends.

ADORATION IN FLC

Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm

In the Family Life Center

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thursday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am— 12:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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 08/04

8:00 am † Miguel Medina

WEDNESDAY 08/05

8:00 am † Kathleen Koenig

THURSDAY 08/06

8:00 am † Leon Torres

FRIDAY 08/07

8:00 am † Concepcion Torres

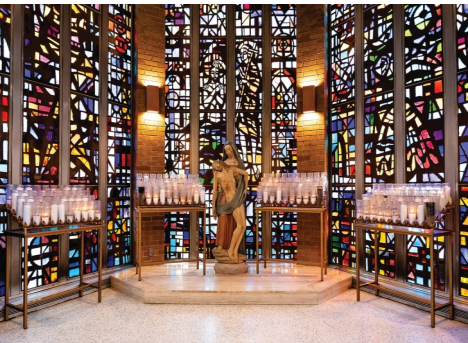
SATURDAY 08/08

4:30 pm † Kevin Steer

SUNDAY 08/09

8:30 am † Ron Assell

11:00 am All the faithful



BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

This week the candle on the Blessed Mother Altar burns in memory Kathleen 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
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
John Hubbard
Edwina Hughes
Dr. Robert Hust
Bily Jennings
Marie Juarez
Peggy Koenig
Frank Kotrola
Ed Kubicek
Stephanie Kubicek
John Lamonte
Moreno Lundy
Elisa Magill
Fred W. Marti
Marcelino Martinez
Juan Marquez
Alyssa Mena
Dahlia Meza
Jennifer Del Toro Mina

Paul Mitchell
Albert Motte Sr.
Helen Motte
Jerry Mortus
Ann Nelson
Honour Netek
Martina Paiz
Dcn. George Rincon
Herminia Salinas
Richard Salinas
Charles Salinas
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Pennylane St. John
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Roberto Vasquez
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Darrell Vojacek
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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat of post-abortion healing on the weekend of August 7-9. This retreat is part of Project Rachel's ministry. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, please contact Zulema at the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3445.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 2

That we recognize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God and to listen for His voice every day. "...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" - Matthew 17:5 When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

Archdiocesan Catechist Day Save the Date Archdiocesan Catechist Day – Saturday, September 26

All catechists and catechetical leaders are invited to mark their calendars for Archdiocesan Catechist Day on Saturday, September 26, hosted at St. Thomas High School. This day of learning, prayer, and fellowship will feature over 70 workshops available in both English and Spanish, alongside lunch and community networking. We are thrilled to welcome two incredible keynote speakers: Kelly Henderschedt (Archdiocesan Director of Faith Formation and Parish Life for the Diocese of Hartford, CT) and Juan Carlos Moreno (Director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life for the Diocese of Dallas, TX). Keep an eye out for upcoming registration details!

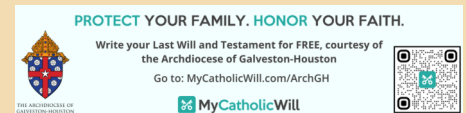


The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has partnered with **MyCatholicWill** to help our parish families with the most essential element of their estate plans.

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.



WEDDING JUBILEE MASS 2026

50TH WEDDING JUBILEE

Sunday, September 20, 2026
Celebrant: Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez

25TH WEDDING JUBILEE

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Celebrant: Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas 77002

Check in opens at 2:00 pm

Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 pm
Couple photo with celebrant after Mass

For more information and registration:
www.archgh.org/weddingjubilee

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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"From Maintenance to Mission"

Imagine stepping into a boat without knowing where it is going. No matter how hard everyone rows, they may never reach the destination. The same is true for a parish. Without a shared vision rooted in Christ's mission, even the busiest parish can drift instead of grow.

This year Parish Engagement Conference has really deepened my zeal for the Gospel of Christ and my love for the Church as I continue to become an instrument of God's love and mercy through the sacramental life of the Church and her ministries.

"From Maintenance to Mission" is the vision that continues to guide my prayer, reflection, and leadership. Jesus did not establish His Church simply to maintain buildings, preserve traditions, or keep parish activities running. He founded the Church to continue His mission: **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."** (Matthew 28:19) Every parish is called to be more than a place people attend on weekends. It is meant to be a living community where people encounter Christ, grow in faith, and are sent forth to bring His love to the world. For this reason, every parish needs a clear vision. A vision helps answer an important question: **Where is God leading our parish?** While that vision ultimately belongs to Christ, God entrusts pastors with the responsibility of discerning, communicating, and leading the parish toward that mission. But a vision cannot remain in the pastor's heart alone. It must be shared, understood, embraced, and lived by the entire parish family.

A beautiful vision without committed disciples remains only words on paper. Parishioners who sincerely love their parish but do not know its direction often end up maintaining ministries rather than advancing the mission of Christ.

The Church flourishes when pastors and parishioners walk together with one faith, one mission, and one purpose. The question is no longer, "What is my parish doing for me?" Rather, it becomes, "How is God calling me to help accomplish the mission of my parish?"

Moving "from maintenance to mission" begins with a change of heart. We stop seeing ourselves as spectators and begin living as missionary disciples of Christ. We no longer ask only what needs to be done; we ask whom God is calling us to reach, serve, and bring closer to Christ.

Questions for Reflection

- Does our pastor have a clear vision for where God is leading our parish?
- Has he clearly communicated that vision so every parishioner understands our mission, priorities, and goals?
- Do I know not only what our parish is doing, but why we are doing it?
- Am I simply attending Mass and helping maintain the parish, or am I actively participating in Christ's mission of making disciples?
- What gifts, talents, time, or resources has God entrusted to me that can help fulfill the mission of our parish?
- How can I personally support, encourage, and collaborate with my pastor and other parishioners in building God's Kingdom?
- What is one concrete step I can take this week to help move our parish from maintenance to mission?

Let us Pray:

That our Lord Jesus gives all our pastors the wisdom and courage to lead according to His will

That the Holy Spirit open our hearts, deepen our faith, and inspire all of us to embrace humility, generosity, and joy the mission Christ has entrusted to our parish family.

That the Holy Spirit helps us never to be satisfied with merely maintaining what exists, but inspire us to become missionary disciples who proclaim the Gospel with joy, serve one another with love, and work together for the salvation of souls.

May everything we do lead others closer to Christ. Amen!

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown



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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



Capital Campaign
Parish Goal-2.1 Million
Total Given-\$811,649.50
Total Participants-175
Total Commitments Received-100
Total Households-322

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAYTOWN

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DSF SUMMARY REPORT
Parish Goal-\$30,100
Total Paid-\$ 13,415
Total Participants- 44
Total Households-322

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received Online and in the Office
for the week of July 26, 2026.

Regular	\$ 8,253.35
Building Fund	\$ 8,505.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 100.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 21.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 105.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Catholic Education	\$ 105.00
Total	\$ 17,139.35

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

O.C.I.A. Is For All to Participate

Forming Christian adults isn't an isolated activity. The entire life of the parish influences and affects how adults are formed. The OCIA process needs a parish of faithful disciples who make their parish a place of lively faith. Efforts in the OCIA involve an entire community. The parish helps shape the faith of those seeking Christ. Catechumens and candidates are joining Christ, and the only way to be joining Christ is to belong to the people of God. As parishioners we should become more attentive to how we are living as Christians, especially when catechumens and candidates are around.

Are we modeling Christian teaching in an inviting behavior and a positive attitude?

Conversion happens here in the Midst of the Community



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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