



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY FIRST 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

CHURCH EMAIL

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PASTORAL STAFF

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DEACON

Deacon George Rincon

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Ms. Ruth Venegas

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Sr. Maureen Nwajobi, DMMM

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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OUR MISSION

"Together we grow in faith through love for generations to come"

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

August 23, 2026 | Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 08/25	
8:00 am	
WEDNESDAY 08/26	
8:00 am	† Cade Hill
THURSDAY 08/27	
8:00 am	
FRIDAY 08/28	
8:00 am	
SATURDAY 08/29	
4:30 pm	Socorro Barajas
SUNDAY 08/30	
8:30 am	Joseph Cu
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
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
Alfred Santos
Robert “Vance” Sherwood
Pennylane St. John
Wallace St. John
Helen Stacy
Cindy Vancleave
Margarita Verastegui
Roberto Vasquez
Jerrell Vojacek
Michael Vojacek
Sharon Vojacek
Kent Wallace
Mary Williams
James Wroten
Lee Wroten
Margaret Wroten
Brooke Zucha





What Is The Legion of Mary?

It is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with over 3 million members worldwide.

It makes its members better Catholics through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as he operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. The Legion transforms Catholics into soldiers / evangelizers for Mary. It gives Catholics an opportunity to do something positive for the Church while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic Faith.

We meet every Friday morning in the Convent dining room from 8:45 - 10:00 am. Please consider attending one of our meetings to see if the Legion is for you. For more information, contact Susan at 713 542- 8951, or Helen at 832 661- 9969.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 23

That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase. "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

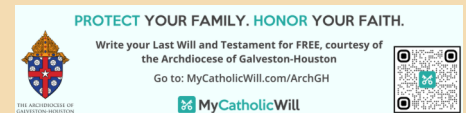


The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has partnered with **MyCatholicWill** to help our parish families with the most essential element of their estate plans.

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

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

25TH WEDDING JUBILEE

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Celebrant: Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S.

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

August 23, 2026 | Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

How can we treasure poverty as a way of drawing closer to God when everyone around us seems to want to become wealthy?

As I reflect on this question, I think of this truth: Poverty takes many forms. Thus, each one of us needs to ask ourselves, **"What is my poverty?"** Is it a lack of money, emotional stability, someone to love us, security, or self-confidence?

Every person has a place of poverty within them, and I believe **that is precisely the place where God desires to dwell.** Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). This means that sometimes our blessing is hidden precisely within our poverty.

We tend to hide our poverty, deny it, or pretend that it does not exist. But when we do so, we may miss the opportunity to discover the God who meets us precisely in our poverty.

How about looking at our poverty as **a field in which a treasure has been buried?**

Imagine someone who appears to have everything together. They have a good job, a beautiful home, nice clothes, and an active social life. Their social media is filled with smiles, vacations, and accomplishments.

But when they come home and the door closes, they feel deeply lonely. We often think, **"Once I get what I'm missing, then I'll be happy."** Our poverty is not always something God immediately removes. Sometimes it becomes the empty space in which we finally realize how much we need Him. Understanding this, We change the question from: **"God, why haven't You taken this emptiness away?"** to: **"God, what do You want me to discover about You in this emptiness?"** Jesus does not say that suffering, loneliness, insecurity, or material poverty are good in themselves. Rather, He reveals that **even the places where we feel poorest can become places of encounter with God. Our poverty may feel like an empty field, but sometimes the treasure is buried exactly there.**

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown



St. Joseph's FAITH FORMATION

Growing Together in Faith!

*"Let the little children come to me..."
(Mt 19:14)*

CHILDREN YOUTH CLASSES

- 1 CONFIRMATION**
Sunday at 12:15 PM – September 13th
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**
Wednesday 5:30 PM – August 19th
- 3 KINDERGARTEN TO 8th GRADE FAITH FORMATION**
Wednesday 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM – August 19th
- 4 FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**
Sunday September 13th 12:15 PM
(after 11 AM Mass)
- 5 BAPTISM PREP-CLASS**
3rd Thursday at 6:00 PM – August 20th

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- 1 ADULT CONFIRMATION**
Thursday at 6:00 PM – September 17th
- 2 O.C.I. A**
Tuesday 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – August 4th

REGISTER NOW!

If you desire to become a catechist or would like to register for Faith Formation classes, call our Church Office at **281-420-3588**

📍 St. Joseph Church - 1907 Carolina St. Baytown, Tx 77520





ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

AUCTION WISH LIST

- GIFT CARDS FOR RESTAURANTS/COFFEE SHOPS/LOCAL STORES LIKE HOME DEPOT, HOBBY LOBBY, ULTA, ETC.
- GUIDED FISHING TRIP
- DATE NIGHT PACKAGES - HOTEL/FOOD
- DESIGNER PURSES
- FIRE PIT/S'MORES KIT
- FAMILY FUN PACKAGES
- JEWELRY FROM KENDRA SCOTT, BRIGHTON, JAMES AVERY
- SIGNED MEMORABILIA AND SPORTS GEAR
- PHOTOGRAPHY PACKAGE
- KIDS ACTIVITIES/BICYCLES/GAMES
- TICKETS TO SPORTING EVENTS/CONCERTS/THEATER
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- SPA DAY PACKAGE
- AIRLINE MILES/AIRLINE GIFT CARDS
- MONETARY DONATIONS/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



Capital Campaign
Parish Goal-2.1 Million
Total Given-\$818,597.50
Total Participants-185
Total Commitments Received-100
Total Households-322

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH BAYTOWN

RESTORING OUR CHURCH

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

"Together we grow in faith through love for generations to come"

DSF SUMMARY REPORT
Parish Goal-\$30,100
Total Paid-\$ 14,215
Total Participants- 46
Total Households-322

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received Online and in the Office
for the week of August 16, 2026.

Regular	\$ 6,205.89
Building Fund	\$ 2,465.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 86.00
Infirm Priests	\$ 32.00
Catholic Education	\$ 457.00
Total	\$ 9,245.89

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

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

Everyday of the year is when the parish community participates “in the OCIA.” Be attentive to the seekers, you may meet them in your daily life or in the parish. Remember to offer genuine hospitality to the seekers. Here are some ways the church envisions all of us doing: Show examples of the spirit of the Christian community. Welcome seekers in homes. Welcome seekers into personal conversation. Welcome seekers into community gatherings. None of these tasks require any training. Just simply offer guest hospitality. Let’s all make Christ’s message made known to the world by word and deed.

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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