



JULY 27, 2025 | 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday - 8:30 am, 11:00 am
2:00 pm (Spanish)

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

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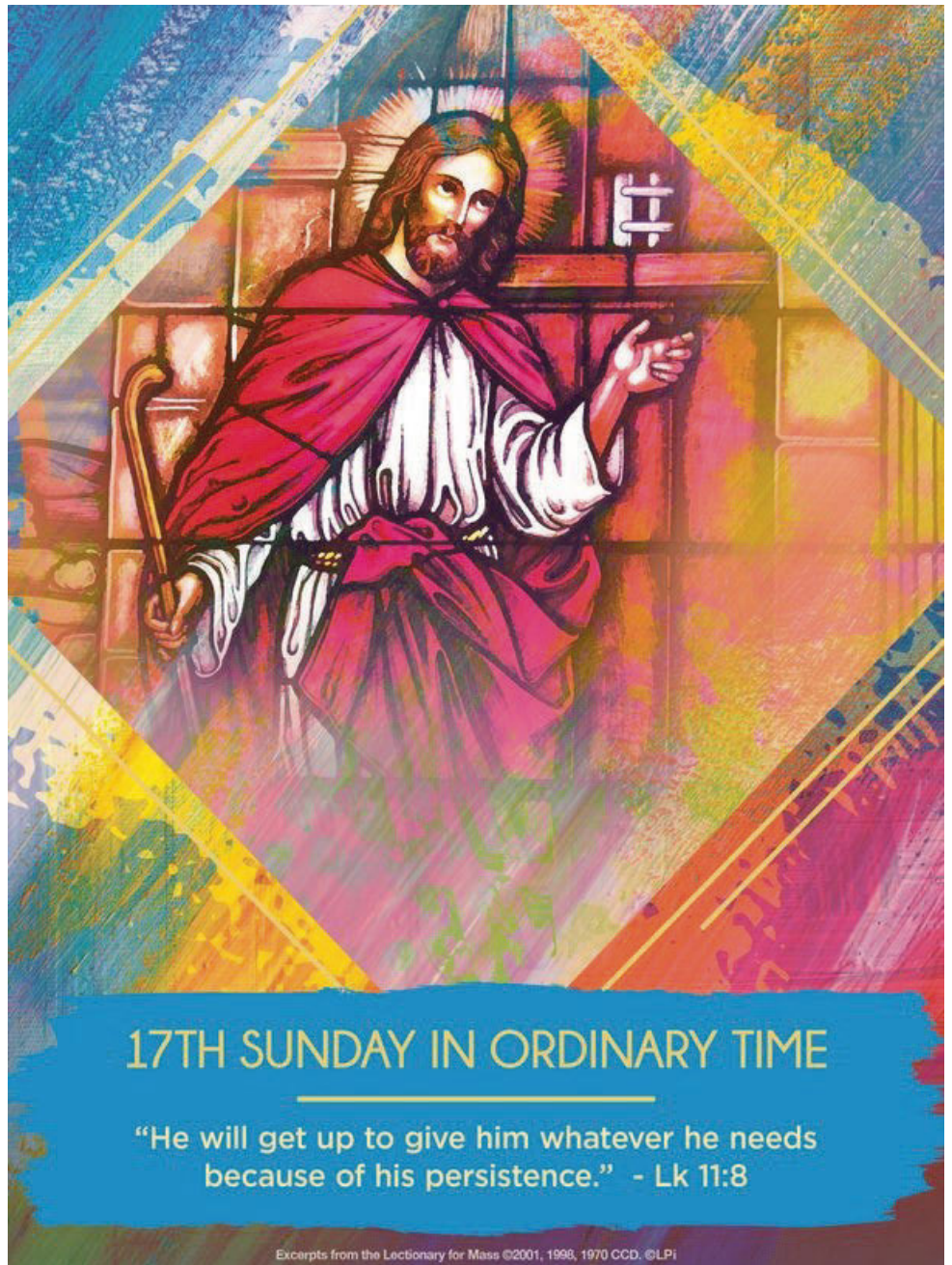
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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OUR MISSION

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 7/29	
8:00 am	
WEDNESDAY 7/30	
8:00 am	
THURSDAY 7/31	
8:00 am	
FRIDAY 8/1	
8:00 am	† Lourdes Chua
SATURDAY 8/2	
4:30 pm	
SUNDAY 8/3	
8:30 am	† Blakely McCrory
11:00 am	All the faithful
2:00 pm	All the faithful



SACRED HEART ALTAR

This week the candle on the Sacred Heart Altar will burn in memory of Alvin Bourge. Requested by Clara Davis.

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	Marcelino Martinez
Peggy Ball	Juan Marquez
Eugene Bielamowicz	Alyssa Mena
Richard Blanchard	Dahlia Meza
Shane Buss	Jennifer Del Toro Mina
Skip Buttaccio	Paul Mitchell
Keith Coburn	Jeanne Marie Morlan
Jessica Coleman	Albert Motte Sr.
Pat Concha	Mark Murphy
Matthew Connealy	Ann Nelson
Governor Crawford	Honour Netek
Antonio Deltoro	Martina Paiz
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Faustino Flores	Richard Salinas
Debbie Friermood	Charles Salinas
Jim Giroir	Alfred Santos
Dee Gilbert	Robert “Vance” Sherwood
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Travis A. Goss	Wallace St. John
Eugene Grevenberg	Helen Stacy
Tammy Hoffeld	R.R. “Buster Treude
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Louis Hughes	Brenda Vojacek
Dr. Robert Hust	Darrell Vojacek
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- *Learn more about the Catholic Faith
- *Enrich your prayer life
- *Develop Catholic Friendships
- *Grow closer to Jesus and His Mother

Join us as a guest at a Legion of Mary, we meet every Friday in the Convent at 8:45 am. For more information, please call Susan Wolff 713-542-8951 or Helen Motte 832-661-9969.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the eleventh annual

Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 20, 2025, from 10:30 am – 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe, St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland, and St. Theresa Catholic Church in SugarLand. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God’s plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through Monday, August 11, as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/htx or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

Impostor priest email/texting scams

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These reports are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests. To minimize fraudulent impact, pastors are encouraged to remind their membership that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Advise parishioners to notify the church office immediately if they receive any unfamiliar donation requests.

If you have any pictures of the Church throughout the years could you please submit them to:

businessmanager@stjosephbaytown.org

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 27

That we may learn to see the difference between the things we need and the things we want. “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9 Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Domingo 17o del Tiempo Ordinario

27 de julio Que podamos aprender a ver la diferencia entre las cosas que necesitamos y las cosas que queremos. “Pidan, y se les dará; busquen, y encontrarán; llamen, y se les abrirá la puerta” Lucas 11:9 Jesús nos asegura que, si le pedimos, Dios se ocupará de nuestras necesidades. El problema es que nuestra cultura a menudo confunde lo que realmente necesitamos y lo que simplemente queremos. La verdad es que muchos de nosotros necesitamos muy poco. Sin embargo, ¡usualmente queremos mucho más! Corresponsabilidad es simplemente estar agradecido por todo lo que somos y por todo lo que se nos ha dado, y compartir generosamente con los demás todos los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado. La generosidad es un don que abre puertas a nuevas relaciones con los demás y con Dios.

Catechist Workshop: The Art of Childhood Catechesis

Archdiocesan Curriculum, and Lesson Design Offered on: Saturday, August 23 | Saturday, September 20 This opportunity is designed to support Catechists in their Catechetical ministry with practical, simple ways of passing down the Faith while using the Archdiocesan Curriculum and Lesson Design. These hours of training will be counted as electives toward your Catechist record. This event is free to all. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, for space is limited. Click here for flyer to see locations and click here for more information or to register.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

July 27, 2025 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:42)

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

Last week, on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, I shared a reflection with you on prayer and action through the example of Mary and Martha as they welcomed Jesus into their home. I would like to include my homily in this week's bulletin for us to continue contemplating this message.

When reading this Gospel passage, we often contrast Mary and Martha. Depending on our personal inclinations, those of us who love prayer would understand Mary better, while those who prefer action relate to Martha. But that is not what Jesus wants to teach us today from this Gospel. Jesus neither favors Mary nor criticizes Martha. In fact, Jesus frequently calls us to action and not just lip service: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

However, if we look more closely to the Gospel passage, we will notice that Martha receives a gentle correction from Jesus because she was "anxious and worried about many things," not because she was actively serving, but she was agitated seeing Mary, his sister, simply sitting near to Jesus and listening while she herself was going all the serving. Both prayer and action are necessary and must be in harmony with each other. Without prayer, our work becomes restless noise. Without being nourished by prayer, everything we do turns mechanical, dry, and soulless.

The message for each one of us is To Be Both: Martha and Mary

There was a parish priest in the countryside whose housekeeper was named Martha. Every time she heard this Gospel, she would grumble, "Of course, Mary is right and Martha is wrong. But who swept the floors, cooked the food, and washed the dishes? Who went to the market, did the laundry, cleaned the kitchen? If I didn't do those things, who would? If I just sat, thought, talked about spiritual things, and went to pray alone in church, wouldn't everyone be starving at mealtime?" Isn't this thought of "that Martha" the same as many of us? How can we explain this Gospel to people like her?

Both Martha and Mary are symbols of two ways of life: While Martha symbolizes active life, Mary symbolizes contemplative life. Love to God loses its mystery in active life if teaching and guidance don't lead to contemplation. These two sisters represent two attitudes that a complete disciple, like us, cannot separate. But action must always be directed toward contemplation and prayer. St. Augustine explains with a metaphor: Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus into their home, which represents the Church. Martha symbolizes the Church Militant; Mary, the Church Triumphant. Serving is good. Sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to Him is even better. But the message is not to choose one and reject the other—it's to choose both: service and prayer, with prayer taking the lead, the better part for the disciples of Christ.

We all can agree on this fact: real life is busy. Some of us don't always have time to sit at Jesus' feet for long for many different reasons. So, how about letting Jesus sit in your mind for all day activities? If we can't sit long at His feet, let Him dwell long in our thoughts. Is it an ideal way for our prayer life, it is not; but at least, it is the beginning of improving our spiritual life.

How?

- Repeat short prayers throughout the day:

"Our Father," "Lord, have mercy on me," "Jesus, I trust in You"

- Start each morning by offering your whole day to God - The Morning Offering Prayer or attending daily mass at the start of the day as you let the first intention of the day direct everything else that we do. A good leader doesn't do everything but directs everything else to God.

- During the day, let songs or images remind you of God: a crucifix around you, a rosary that you see at work, a Christian song that you listen to; even making the Sign of the Cross before meals can help.

Let Jesus Sit in Your Mind - St. Paul said: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Someone has asked, "how can we evaluate our prayer life, whether it's good or needs improvement?" I would say this, the best way to evaluate our spiritual life is to ask ourselves, "what is the very first thing I do every morning?" Do I pick up the phone as soon as I walk up? Or do I do the sign of the cross and begin praying and offering my whole day to God?" And if we are honest with ourselves, we know right away where our heart is, whether we direct our heart and intention to God or to the things of God.

Rev. Thuc Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph Church Baytown

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Enrollment Now Open for the 2025–2026 School Year!

We are excited to announce that Enrollment is now open for the 2025–2026 school year at St. Joseph Catholic School!

Whether you are returning or new to our school community, we invite you to secure your child's place for another year of faith-filled learning, academic excellence, and joyful growth.

How to Enroll:

Visit our school website at www.stjosephbaytown.com

- Click on "Enrollment/Re-enroll" and follow the steps to complete registration
- For assistance, call the school office at 281-422-9749

Why Choose St. Joseph?

- Strong academics rooted in Catholic faith and values
- Caring, dedicated teachers
- Enriching clubs and activities: Rosary, Band, Art, Drama, Chess, and more
- A vibrant, diverse school community
- Affordable tuition with scholarship support available
- Small classroom benefits

Spaces fill quickly, so do not delay! Help us spread the word, invite family, friends, and parish members to consider joining our St. Joseph family.

We look forward to welcoming your child for a wonderful year ahead!

In Christ,

St. Joseph Catholic School



The poster features a central illustration of St. Joseph holding the Christ Child, with a large white lily flower in the foreground. To the left, a yellow banner reads "Saint Joseph BLUEJAYS" and "ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLL NOW". Below this, it says "WE ARE PROUD THAT YOU CHOSE TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL" and "CONTACT US @ 281-422-9749". At the bottom left, there are two QR codes labeled "Scan to Register" and "Scan to Donate", with text indicating "Financial Assistance available for those who qualify." To the right of the central illustration is a vertical strip of small photos showing various school activities, each with a label: Basketball, Boys' Football, Dance, Band, Choir, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Rosary Club, Volleyball, Chapel, Outdoor Fun, Science Lab, Garden Club, Tutorials, Adoration Club, Bible Study, Altar Servers, Security Guards, and Greeters.

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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 charlesnatalia@yahoo.com.





ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to begin giving online, please scan the QR code below.



DSF SUMMARY REPORT


Parish Goal-\$28,000
Total Paid-\$ 18,899
Total Participants- 55
Total Households-310



WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in Mass, Online and in the Office for the week of July 20, 2025.

Regular	\$ 6,710.71
Catholic Education	\$ 502.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 19.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 251.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 20.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,881.00
Total	\$ 9,403.71



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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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FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION

Faith Formation volunteers are needed for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Registration has begun
- All registration forms are available in the hallway of the FLC.
- Please call the Church office for any questions.

Faith Formation

Begins on August 20, 2025

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Begins on September 7, 2025

Sacramental Classes and Life Teen are in addition to your regularly scheduled classes

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
REGISTRATIONS HAS BEGUN FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR.

FOR FEES, SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS,
PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-
RUTH VENEGAS AT 281-420-3588

REGISTRATION FORMS AND SCHEDULES CAN BE PICKED
UP ON THE WEEKENDS AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OR
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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