

MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH 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

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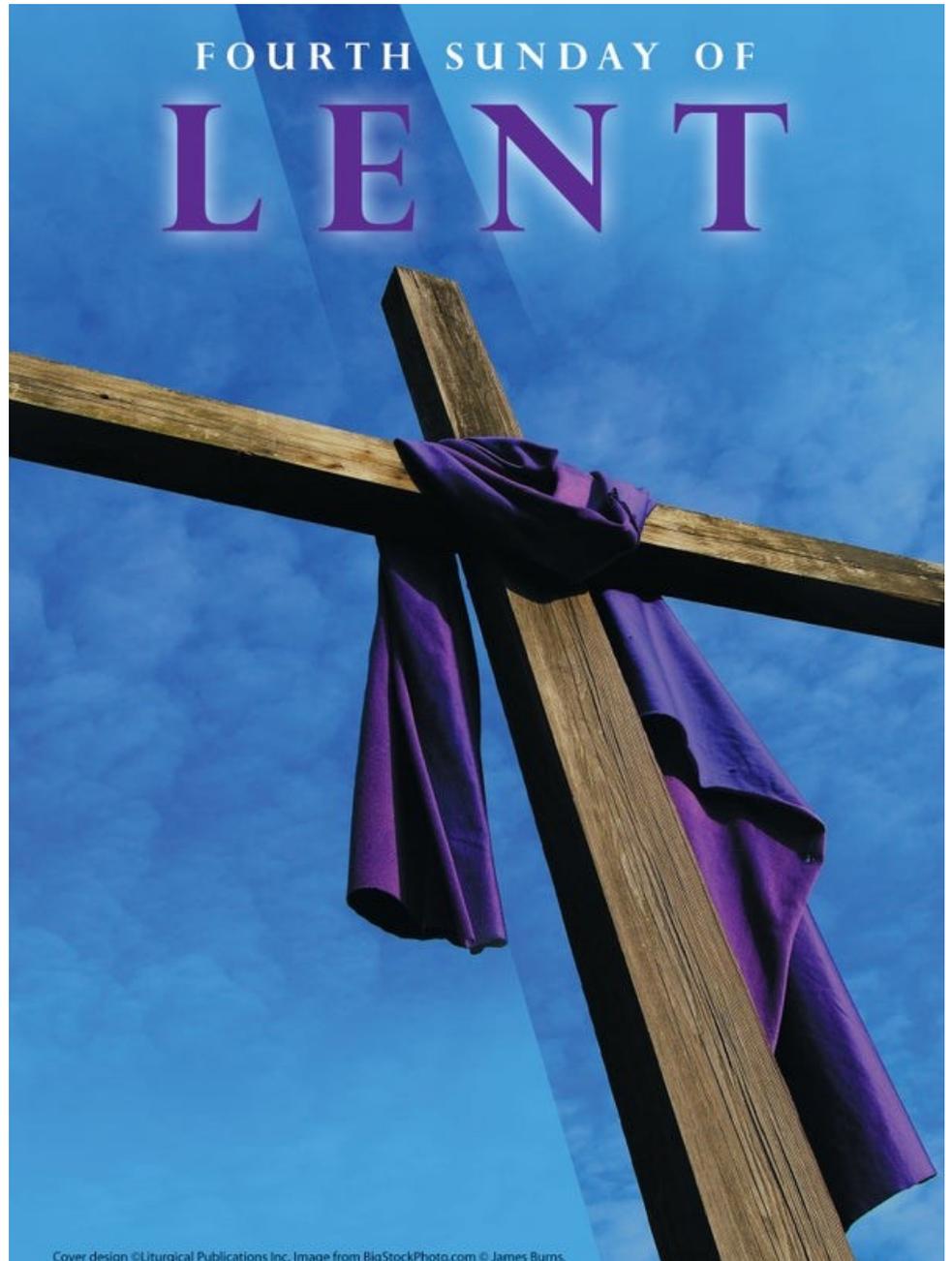
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OUR MISSION

“Together we grow in faith through love for generations to come”

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 03/17

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY 03/18

8:00 am Ed & Stephanie Kubicek

THURSDAY 03/19

8:00 am † Carl Koenig

FRIDAY 03/20

8:00 am

SATURDAY 03/21

4:30 pm † Rosemary Clement-Anniversary

SUNDAY 03/22

8:30 am † Rosemary Clement-Anniversary

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
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
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
Mark Murphy
Ann Nelson
Honour Netek
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
Brooke Zucha



Legion of Mary

Invites you to...

- *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.

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?

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.

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 or 713-741-8711.

4th Sunday of Lent, March 15

That we are less concerned about our outward appearance and more concerned with our interior conversion of heart. “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23)

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

Last week's one-minute of Catechesis at the end of all masses is my encouragement for us all to do regular self-examination of conscience and confession, especially during this season of Lent. I would like to re-post this one-minute of Catechesis for you to continue reflecting on it this week.

Many Catholics may not notice it, but the Church has never taught us to say, “The priest forgives you.” During the Sacrament of Confession, the priest himself never says that he forgives sins in his own name. Instead, the Church gives him very specific words to say: “I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” This wording is important because it expresses what Catholics believe about sin, forgiveness, and the role of the priest.

First, the Church teaches that God alone has the power to forgive sins. Sin is not just a simple mistake or a small failure. It is an offense against God because it breaks our relationship with Him. Since sin damages this relationship, only God can restore it completely. No human being—not a priest, bishop, or even the Pope—has the natural power to forgive sins on his own.

This truth was clearly seen during the life of Jesus. In the Gospel, when Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man, the religious leaders were shocked. They asked, “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:7). In one sense, they were correct: only God can forgive sins. However, they did not realize that Jesus had the authority to do so because He is the Son of God. Through this event, Jesus showed that divine forgiveness was present in Him.

Second, although God alone forgives sins, Jesus chose to share His mission with His followers. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His apostles and gave them a special authority. In the Gospel of John, He breathed on them and said, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23). With these words, Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the apostles and their successors.

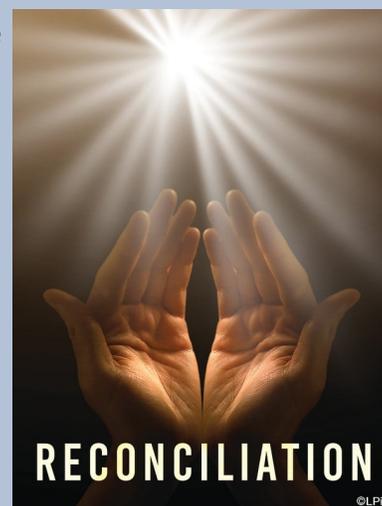
This does not mean that the priest forgives sins by his own personal power. Instead, he acts as a servant and instrument of Christ. In other words, the priest is a visible sign through whom Christ continues to work. When a priest hears a confession, he represents Christ and the Church. Christ is the one who truly forgives, but He chooses to use the priest as His channel.

Third, the words of absolution show that confession is a sacramental act, not just a prayer asking for forgiveness. The priest does not simply say, “May God forgive you.” Instead, he says, “I absolve you.” These words express the authority that Christ gave to the Church. The priest speaks in the name of Christ and carries out the ministry that Jesus entrusted to His apostles.

If the Church changed the wording to “The priest forgives you,” it could create confusion. People might begin to think that the priest himself is the source of forgiveness. The Church carefully avoids this misunderstanding. By using the words of absolution, the Church reminds believers that Christ is the true source of mercy, while the priest is only His servant.

For this reason, when Catholics kneel in confession, they are not simply speaking to another human being. They are coming before Christ, who works through the priest to offer forgiveness and peace. Through the sacrament, believers hear the same message that Jesus gave to His disciples after the Resurrection: peace and mercy for those who seek forgiveness.

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.
- ***NEW*** New hair & skin items (tools, accessories, etc.)

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AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TO DONATE PLEASE
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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-\$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



SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT



WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received Online and in the Office for the week of March 8, 2026.

Regular	\$ 4,931.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,972.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,344.00
Catholic Education	\$ 135.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Children's Collection	\$ 81.00
Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 11,518.00



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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.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. HONOR YOUR FAITH.

Write your Last Will and Testament for FREE, courtesy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Go to: MyCatholicWill.com/ArchGH



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