

JULY 25, 2021 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

ROSARY

Saturday: No Rosary at this time
Sunday: No Rosary at this time

ADORATION

Temporarily suspended

FIRST FRIDAY

Temporarily suspended

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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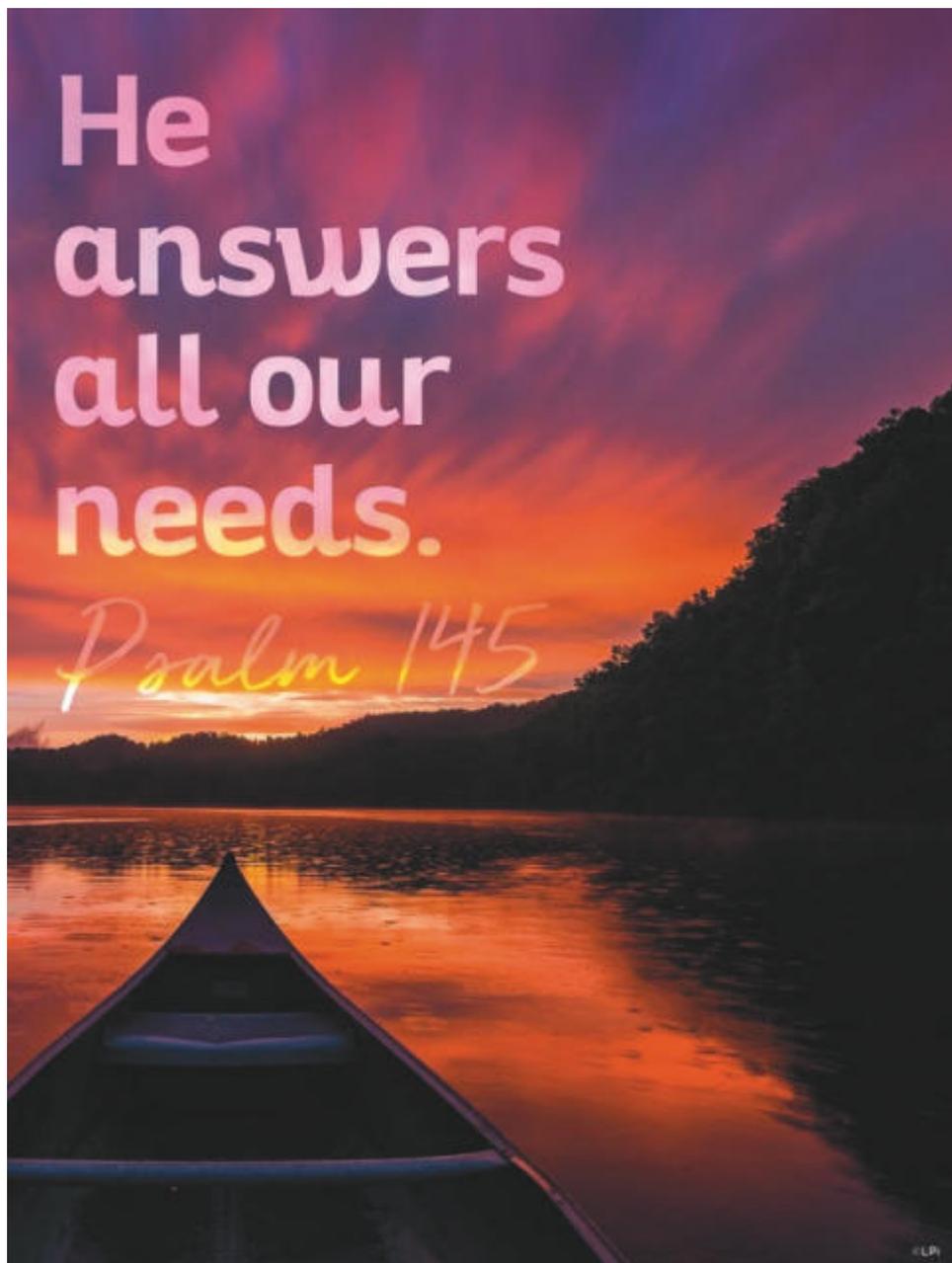
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OUR MISSION

We, the Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, centered on God and the Eucharist, commit to renew our hearts that we might grow in faith. We welcome all with open arms and hearts so that we may become one Family of God in Christ. We grow in faith through love.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY 7/26

8:00 am Deacon George & Mary Silva

TUESDAY 7/27

8:00 am † Shirley Palmer

WEDNESDAY 7/28

8:00 am † Daniel Blanchard

THURSDAY 7/29

8:00 am Moreno Lundy

FRIDAY 7/30

8:00 am † Elsa "Millie" Mikeska

SATURDAY 7/31

4:30 pm † John & Antoinette Dierlam

SUNDAY 8/1

8:30 am † Lourdes Chua

† Shirley Palmer

11:00 am † Virginia Olivares

Margaret Wroten



Please pray for those who are in the process of celebrating their Holy Matrimony.

Maritza Jimenez
&
Jessie Torres
APRIL 30, 2022

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

Robert Araujo
Andrew Arceneaux
Elizabeth Auzenne
Peggy Ball
Jon Blake
Theresa Blanchard
Dianne Bonczynski
Jim Buss
Keith Coburn
Matthew Connealy
R.D. Davis
Mervin Elmore
Paul Golla
Travis A. Goss
Tom Harrington
Mary Hernandez
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Linda Kelly
John Lamonte
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Richard Salinas
Charles Salinas
Alfred Santos
Helen Stacy
R.R. "Buster" Treude
Roberto Vasquez
Rudy Venegas
Jerry Vojacek
Michael Vojacek
Mary Williams
James Wroten
Lee Wroten
Margaret Wroten
Brooke Zucha



AROUND THE CHURCH

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TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Jul 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrate mom-and-pop operations

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their tribe. Support your local parents!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

Monday, Jul 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Family ties

Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."*

Tuesday, Jul 27, 2021

Parables of trying and trust

Jesus favored parables—short allegories featuring people, places, and things familiar to ordinary listeners—to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything

depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

Wednesday, Jul 28, 2021

Stay the course

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'ujujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."*

Thursday, Jul 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

Lesson learned

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha, along with her sister and brother, includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (404); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one*

thing."

Friday, Jul 30, 2021

Open the door to your own ministry

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). "Is he not the carpenter's son?"*

Saturday, Jul 31, 2021

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Book your biblical excursion

Never underestimate the power of a book to change lives or history. Ignatius of Loyola was a young Spanish soldier from a prominent military family. While recovering from a serious war injury, he came upon *Vita Christi*, a spiritual biography of the life of Christ by 14th-century German Catholic monk Ludolph of Saxony. In the book he found the meditative technique of immersing oneself in a biblical scene from the life of Jesus. The book changed Ignatius' life, and the technique became foundational to the development of Ignatian spirituality and the famed *Spiritual Exercises*. Try the technique: Open a gospel, read a story, and place yourself at the scene. Really be there. See what happens.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). "This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."*

IMPORTANT NEWS

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Stewardship Reflection

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That regardless of our own individual circumstance, we all recognize that we have the ability to share. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

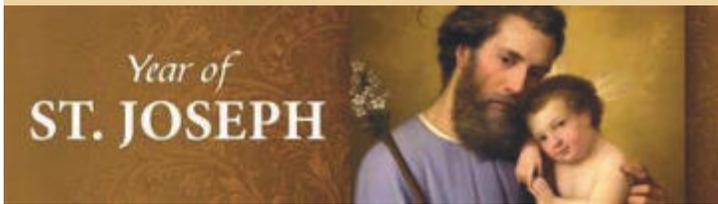
Together in Holiness Marriage Conference
Saturday, September 25, 2021
St. Theresa in Sugar Land and
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Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual
Early Bird discount available until August 2.
Scholarships available upon request; please inquire.
On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email th@forlifeandfamily.org.

Gabriel Project

Volunteers Needed for Gabriel Project The Office of Pro-Life Activities is seeking phone volunteers to assist with the Gabriel Project, a ministry for pregnant women and mothers in need. Volunteers will assist mothers and answer questions during initial intake calls. Volunteers should be available for at least one (two-hour) shift per week. Calls may be answered remotely. Training will be provided! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Cathy McConn at cathymcconn@me.com or call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.



Year of St. Joseph

The Archdiocesan website has a page dedicated to the Year of St. Joseph, which began in December and runs through the liturgical year. Please visit www.archgh.org/resources/year-of-st-joseph/ which includes the history of St. Joseph in the church, prayers of devotion and more.

Assistance for Parishioners in Need

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution with hours each week at our three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours or other information, click [here](#) or call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Services advises that renters facing eviction during the pandemic can get free information in English and Spanish from Stop Texas Eviction, a website set up by established non-profit legal aid providers. Visit StopTxEviction.org to learn more about tenant rights and available rental assistance.

PARISH INFORMATION

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Joyce Miller. Requested by Clara Davis.



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 fill out one of the "Let Their Light Shine" forms and drop it in the collection basket, bring to the church office or contact Peggy Koenig, coordinator at 281-427-1834. The forms and envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. You may want to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one or colleague. The \$10.00 stipend goes directly to the fund that underwrites the family funeral meals for our parish.

SUNDAY MASS SACRISTAN SCHEDULE



Saturday, July 31, 2021 4:30 pm

Sacristan: Jennie Garcia

Sunday, August 1, 2021 8:30 am

Sacristan: Jennie Garcia

Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 11:00 am

Sacristan: Peggy Santos



WEEKLY DONATIONS

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DSF SUMMARY REPORT

Parish Goal-\$24,000
Total Paid-\$ 22,298
Total Participants- 83
Total Households-357
Average Pledge-\$ 236



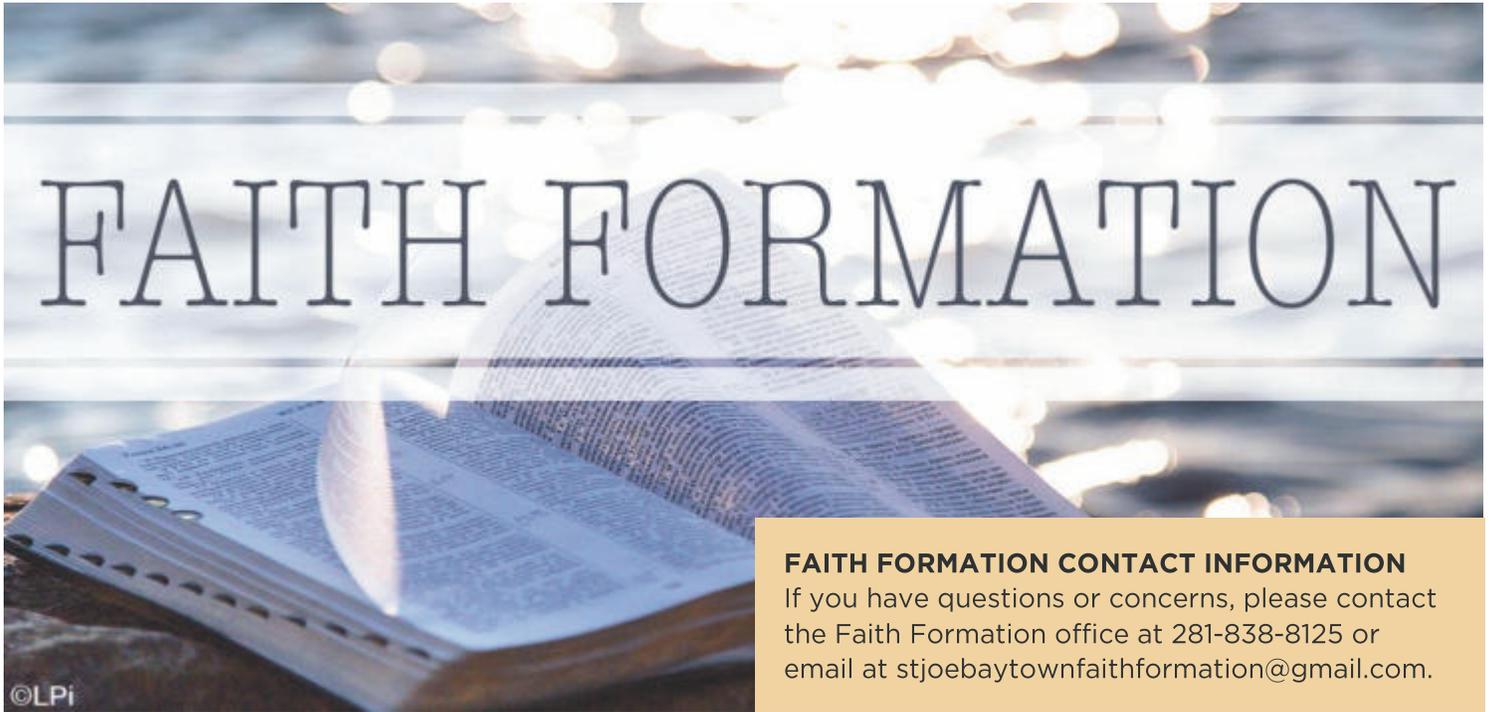
WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

The totals received in the Office and in the Mail for the weekend of
Sunday, July 18, 2021

Regular	\$ 5,360.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Catholic Education	\$ 362.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 33.00
Total	\$ 5,845.00

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation office at 281-838-8125 or email at stjoebaytownfaithformation@gmail.com.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

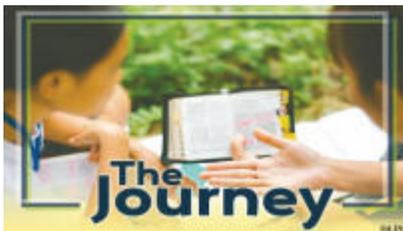
ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATIONAL CLASSES

Are you interested in receiving Initiation Sacraments, or do you have questions about receiving Sacraments? If so, please join us on one of the following dates for an informational session.

- Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

All children age 3 years old through 5th graders are invited to join our CCE program. Online Registration is now available. Classes will now be held on Sunday's from 9:35 to 10:55.



YOUTH CATECHESIS/ CONFIRMATION CLASSES

All Jr High and High School students are invited to join our Edge (6th-8th grades) or Life Teen (9th-12th grades) programs. We will begin classes in September. Please note that if you are interested in Confirmation as a High Schooler, you **MUST** be enrolled in our faith formation program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us on a virtual trip as we discover **Where in the World is Jesus Christ, our Savior**. Online registration is available on our website. Registration is open to all PK-5th grade students and will be held July 19th-July 23rd.



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