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Mass Schedule

SAT: 5 PM

SUN: 9 AM *

MON-THUR: 8 AM

FRI: 12:15 PM

Horario de misa

SAB: 7 PM

DOM: 11:15 AM *

JUE: 6 PM

Devotion | Devoción

First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration |

Misa del Primer Viernes y Adoración Eucarística

12:15PM

Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

Thursday/Jueves - 6:40PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation |

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Confessions are being held in the chapel. Confesiones son en la capilla.

After First Friday Mass | Despues de Misa del Primer Viernes

SAT | Sábado 4:00PM -4:45PM

By appointment also | Con cita previa también

Call Father Pedro | Llamar Padre Pedro at 512-429-3364

Please contact our parish office for information on all other sacraments.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina parroquial para mas información de todos los demás sacramentos.

Our Parish Mission Statement

"We the people of St. Joseph's Parish open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We keep Christ as our only option in communion and participation to the new evangelization, building one church, alive and dynamic. We also make present the values of the Kingdom of God following the example of the Magi, the first witnesses of faith."

Declaración de la Parroquia

"Nosotros, la parroquia de San José, abrimos nuestros corazones y puertas a los de todos para que también puedan compartir la presencia eterna de Dios. Juntos nos esforzamos por acercarnos a Jesucristo a través de la Santa Eucaristía. Mantenemos a Cristo como nuestra única opción en comunión y participar en la nueva evangelización, construyendo una iglesia, viva y dinámica. También hacemos presentes los valores del Reino de Dios siguiendo el ejemplo de los Reyes Magos, los primeros testigos de la fe."

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Quinto Domingo De Pascua May 2, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 3-MAY 9, 2021

Monday - Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Ladies Society
 Tuesday - † Maria Luisa Castillo
 Wednesday— Living & Deceased Members of Labay Family
 Thursday – AM – † Ricardo Ramos
 PM—Palacios Family-Special Intention
 Friday– 12:15PM – Respect Life
 Saturday – 5:00PM - Vincent Maldonado—Special Intention
 7PM – † Anastacia Martinez & Mony Martinez
 Sunday - 9AM— † Lucille Gubas
 11:15AM - † Maria De Jesus Ordaz & † Francisco Valadez

Readings for the Week of May 3-9, 2021

Monday	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3-5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Upcoming Special Collection

May 15-16, 2021

Black Bag Collection/
Colecta de Bolsa Negra

(Social Ministry)
(Ministerio Social)



The
Sanctuary Light
is Burning
in Honor of
Kenneth Haverkamp's
Birthday
by
Jeff & Kelley Zapata

Stewardship Report

April 24-25, 2021

Weekly Collection.....	\$2,293.00
Building Fund (Envelopes).....	\$57.50
Online Giving (4/24-4/30).....	\$530.75

Parish Weekly Assesment..\$520.00

(Catholic Spirit, Parish Database System,
Cathedralicum, Priest Pension)

Acts 20:35

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Please remember St. Joseph in your will.*

Lector Schedule

<u>Sat., May 1</u>	- 5:00PM - Theresa Alvarez 7:00PM – Maria Santellano
<u>Sun., May 2</u>	- 9:00AM- Minnie Pesl 11:15AM – Alicia Palacios
<u>Sat., May 8</u>	- 5:00PM - Norma Coelho 7:00PM – Noemi Yanez
<u>Sun., May 9</u>	- 9:00AM – Amy Caffey 11:15AM – Claudia Hernandez



Gracias

We all know that these are extraordinary times and our stewardship of God's church remains an essential part of our ministry. We do this because we love the Church. Thank you all so much for your continued faithfulness and dedication to our parish now and always.

Todos sabemos que estos tiempos son extraordinarios y que nuestra administración de la iglesia de Dios es una parte esencial de nuestro ministerio. Hacemos esto porque amamos la iglesia. Muchas gracias a todos por su continua fidelidad y dedicación a nuestra parroquia, ahora y siempre.



Remember
in Prayer

Martha Jeffcoat*Alvin Sulak*
 Kathy Smith*Josie Milberger*
 Maria Teresa Mora*Evelyn Janak
 *Joe R. Ruelas*Carolyn Kocian*
 Richard Facundo*Bill & Avis Luckey
 *Josefina Quintanilla*Mary Vega
 *Janie Santellano*Diana Martinez
 *Fernando Flores *Alyssa Varela
 *Juanita Greene *Cruz Martinez
 *Teresa A. Shaw*Karen Eckert *
 Lera Mae Matous*Fred & Molly
 Marquez*Bernie Doud*
 Deacon Gus Coelho*Florian Skubal
 *Larry Garrison*Mary Garcia
 *Ruby Gardenhire*Abram Drake
 *Nick Guzman*Familia Reyes*
 Mike Morris*Charlie J. Watson*
 Barbara Hormuth*Rachel Cervantes*Emelia Cerritos *Milton Frei
 *Susie Maldonado*Al Pesl*
 Moises Ruelas*Alexandria Sandoval
 *Lillian Krenek
**PLEASE Call the office at
512-446-2049
if you're needing to be
remembered on the prayer list.**

First Friday Devotion

YOU ARE INVITED ON FRIDAY, *May 7, 2021*, First Friday of the Month:

There will be a **12:15 P.M. Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** from **1:15 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.** with **BENEDICTION**

Adoración Eucarística al Santísimo Sacramento para la salvación de América y el mundo entero

Están invitados el **viernes, 7 de mayo de 2021**, el **Primer Viernes del Mes**.

Habrá misa a las **12:15pm**, luego sigue la **Adoración Eucarística de 1:15pm – 3pm con la Bendición**.

Ashes to Easter



Thank you so much to all St. Joseph Parishioners for your almsgivings during Lent in our annual, "Ashes to Easter" collection. Ashes to Easter boxes help missionaries throughout the world! Our total collection for **2021** with **37** boxes returned was **\$1208.74**. Thank you for your generosity!

Muchas gracias a todos los feligreses de San José por sus limosnas durante la Cuaresma en nuestra colección anual "Cenizas a Pascua". ¡Las cajas de cenizas a la Pascua ayudan a los misioneros de todo el mundo!

Nuestra colección total para **2021** con **37** cajas devueltas fue **\$1208.74**. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry Workshop (EIM) Workshop @ St. Joseph-Sunday, May 23rd!!

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry Workshop will be held here at St. Joseph for parishioners only on Sunday, May 23rd at 2PM at the RE Building. If you are a new volunteer or a current volunteer here at St. Joseph in ministry that needs to renew their compliance, please sign up at <https://www.eappsdb.com/austin>. In order to be eligible to continue serving in ministry at our parish/school, the diocese requires that you be compliant with EIM policies regarding EIM training. If you have any questions or help registering for this workshop, please contact EIM Coordinator, Theresa Alvarez at 512-446-6847.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 1-2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

What is the fruit that we bear? As part of the vine of Christ, grafted onto him and filled with his life, we are given the grace to bear the abundant and lasting fruit of justice, charity, faith and hope. This fruit is manifested in both word and action – as the letter of John reminds us – so that when others see us, they see God working in and through us to bring unity, love and peace to the world. As members of the vine of Christ will be bring forth the fruit of Christ's life or will the world only see a withered cut branch?

Mayo 1-2 – Quinto Domingo de Pascua

¿Cuál es el fruto que damos? Como parte de la viña de Cristo, injertados a Él y llenos de vida, se nos da la gracia de dar un fruto abundante y duradero de justicia, caridad, fe y esperanza. Este fruto se manifiesta tanto de palabra como de obra- como nos recuerda la carta de Juan- de manera que cuando otros nos observen, vean a Dios trabajando en nosotros y a través de nosotros para llevar unidad, amor y paz al mundo ¿Como miembros de la viña de Cristo daremos los frutos de la vida de Cristo o el mundo sólo verá una rama marchita?



May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and

indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53) Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.



Graduate Mass – Sunday, May 23rd @ 9AM & 11:15AM Masses

Mass for high school and college graduates will be Sunday, May 23rd at both the 9AM Mass and the 11:15AM Mass. Sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please bring your cap and gown.

La misa para los graduados de secundaria y universidad será el domingo 23 de mayo tanto en la misa de las 9 a. m. como en la misa de las 11:15 a.m. Por favor, traiga su gorra y vestido.



OFFICER & COUNCIL MEETINGS for 2021 will resume on their normal first and third Thursdays this month. (But for April the start time will be 6:15pm.) All members are encouraged to attend meetings. That is where decisions are made, ideas and suggestions are encouraged. Still, a face mask is required, and social distancing practiced. During the April meetings we will discuss whether to go back to the 7pm meeting times and serving a meal. (Note: Since the April officers meeting would fall on Holy Thursday, it has been moved up to the 2nd Thursday. See the Calendar)



Foster Care Awareness Month
May is Foster Care Awareness Month!
Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



St. Joseph Ladies Society
Altar Duty for May 2021
Guadalupanas



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS / NOTICIAS DE CATESISMO

RE Calendar:

- May 2** **May Crowning / End of Year Mass** (9 & 11:15)
- May 5** **1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion practice for 2nd graders, 5:30 pm**
- May 15-16** **First Holy Communions** during the Masses

→ **EARLY Registration for the 2021/2022 Religious Education Year has ended.**

However, you may still register in the church office during office hours. Cost is now \$35/student, with a maximum of \$75/family. We will be accepting students in grades 1st - 12th. New students are asked to bring their birth certificate, and baptismal certificate if applicable. Classes begin in Sept.

→ **Registracion TEMPRANA Para el Catesismo para el proximo año 2021/2022 ha finalizado.**

Sin embargo, aún puede registrarse en la oficina de la iglesia durante el horario de oficina. El costo es ahora de \$ 35 por estudiante, con un máximo de \$ 75 por familia. Aceptaremos estudiantes en los grados 1º al 12º. Se les pide a los nuevos estudiantes que traigan su certificado de nacimiento y certificado de bautismo si corresponde. Las clases comienzan en septiembre.

Attention Elementary RE Parents



In order for your child to advance to the next grade in 2021/22, their homework assignments need to be turned in **NO LATER than MAY 16.**

Homework assignments may be found in the cubbies in the narthex of the church, and can be turned in there as well.

Atención Padres de RE de Primaria

Para que su hijo avance al siguiente grado en 2021/22, sus tareas deben entregarse **NO MÁS TARDE del 16 de mayo.**

Las asignaciones de tareas se pueden encontrar en los cubículos en el nártex de la iglesia, y también se puede entregar allí.

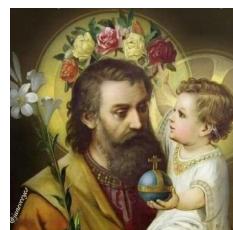
RE Year Ends with MAY CROWNING

We will honor our Blessed Virgin Mother and her spouse St. Joseph at our Closing Mass on **Sunday, May 2**, at both the **9 am & 11:15 am** Masses. Students and families may bring flowers to be presented during the Mass.

This Closing Mass serves as the official end to our 2020/21 Religious Ed year.

Honraremos a nuestra Santísima Virgen Madre y su esposo San José en nuestra Misa de Clausura **el domingo 2 de mayo**, en las Misas de las **9 am y 11:15 am**. Los estudiantes y familia pueden traer flores para presentarlas durante la Misa.

Esta Misa de Clausura sirve como el final oficial de nuestro año de Educación Religiosa 2020/21.



We need YOU!

St. Joseph Religious Education is looking for dedicated adults & young adults who want to share their faith with our young people.

We need volunteers to teach and be an aide on Sundays, 10:10-11:10 am, starting in September. (Our RE year ends the first Sunday in May).

Volunteers are needed for 3rd and 5th grades.

If you can read, you can teach!



Please contact our DRE, Bonnie Holub, for more information @ 979-450-4187.

Pastoral Letter to The Faithful of the Diocese of Austin – April 25, 2021



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Office of the Bishop

Pastoral Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese of Austin April 25, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Effective May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday, the temporary protocols for the celebration of the sacraments initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic will be rescinded and the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which I granted because of the pandemic, will be lifted. I joyfully invite all Catholics back to in-person participation in the sacraments and the life of the parish.

As the effects of COVID-19 vaccines evidence a decrease of infections and an increase of in-person activities, we continue to hold in prayer those to whom this pandemic has caused significant hardship, especially those who have died. In spite of this painful experience, we remain hopeful, knowing that we will emerge from this strengthened by the sacraments and renewed in the Gospel.

Although the COVID-19 dispensation will no longer be in effect, the general teaching of the Church remains; that is, a serious reason excuses one from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, even without a dispensation (CCC 2181). Anyone for whom attending Sunday Mass would pose a serious health risk (including anyone who is positive for COVID-19 or needs to isolate because of COVID-19 symptoms) is excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Additionally, individuals may request a dispensation from the Sunday obligation from their pastor for any type of serious illness or other serious reason.

I commend the clergy and lay leaders in each parish who have faithfully maintained the protocols throughout the pandemic. The diligence our diocese has displayed has made a significant contribution to the common good of our communities. As we move forward and the protocols are rescinded, I ask that we continue to support one another in Christian charity, knowing that, for good reason, some will continue to observe precautions for their own health and the health of their families. We are called to be sensitive to and respectful of one another.

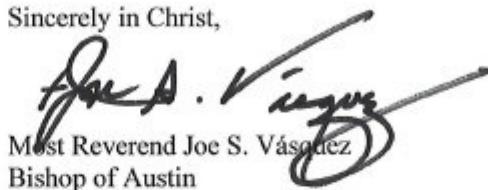
Brothers and sisters, I am grateful for your prayers, fidelity, and patience during this pandemic. In the midst of this challenging experience, God continues to walk with us. Let us never cease turning to God to strengthen our resolve and calm our fears. Also, please join me in supporting our priests and asking the intercession of St. John Vianney, that God will give them the grace and skill they need to lead our parishes well.

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May the Holy Spirit infuse us with His grace this Pentecost, sending us out like the first disciples to fill the world with His wisdom and holiness.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin



Carta Pastoral a los Fieles de la Diócesis de Austin – 25 de abril de 2021



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Office of the Bishop

Carta Pastoral a los Fieles de la Diócesis de Austin 25 de abril de 2021

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

A partir del 23 de mayo de 2021, el Domingo de Pentecostés, se rescindirán los protocolos temporales para la celebración de los sacramentos que fueron iniciados durante la pandemia de COVID-19 y se anulará la temporal dispensación de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical que otorgue debido a la pandemia. Con alegría, invito a todos los Católicos a que vuelvan a participar en persona en los sacramentos y en la vida de la parroquia.

Viendo los efectos de las vacunas de COVID-19 que indican una disminución de infecciones y un aumento en las actividades tomando lugar en persona, seguimos rezando por aquellos a quienes esta pandemia les ha causado dificultades significativas, especialmente por los que han fallecido. A pesar de esta dolorosa experiencia, mantenemos la esperanza, sabiendo que saldremos de esto fortalecidos por los sacramentos y renovados en el Evangelio.

Aunque la dispensación por el COVID-19 ya no estará en vigor, la enseñanza general de la Iglesia permanece; es decir, una razón sería excusa a uno de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical, incluso sin dispensación (CIC 2181). Cualquier persona quien al asistir a la Misa dominical representa un grave riesgo a su salud (incluyendo cualquier persona con COVID-19 o quien necesite aislarse debido a los síntomas de COVID-19) está excusada de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical. Además, las personas pueden solicitar de su párroco una dispensación de la obligación dominical por cualquier tipo de enfermedad grave u otra razón seria.

Aprecio al clero y a los líderes laicos de cada parroquia quienes fielmente han mantenido los protocolos durante la pandemia. La diligencia que ha mostrado nuestra diócesis ha hecho una contribución significativa para el bien común de nuestras comunidades. A medida que seguimos adelante y los protocolos son rescindidos, les pido que sigamos apoyándonos los unos a los otros en caridad Cristiana, sabiendo que, por una buena razón, algunos seguirán tomando precauciones por su propia salud y la salud de sus familias. Estamos llamados a ser sensibles y respetuosos unos con otros.

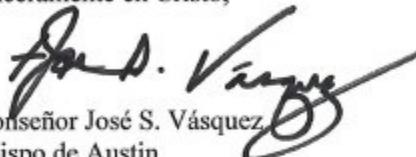
Hermanos y hermanas, estoy agradecido por sus oraciones, fidelidad y paciencia durante esta pandemia. En medio de esta desafiante experiencia, Dios continúa caminando con nosotros. Nunca dejemos de dirigirnos a Dios para fortalecer nuestra determinación y calmar nuestros temores. También, únanse conmigo para apoyar a nuestros sacerdotes y pidamos por la intercesión de San Juan Vianney, para que Dios les conceda la gracia y la habilidad que necesitan para liderar bien a nuestras parroquias.

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Que el Espíritu Santo nos infunda con Su gracia este Pentecostés, enviándonos para llenar el mundo con Su sabiduría y santidad como los primeros discípulos.

Sinceramente en Cristo,


Monseñor José S. Vásquez
Obispo de Austin





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Please pray for
moral guidance of world leaders and safety
of our service men and women.
— Danny and Linda Maasur

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