



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS



Diocese of Austin



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Mass Schedule

SAT: 5 PM

SUN: 9 AM

MON-THUR: 8 AM

FRI: 12:15 PM

| Horario de Misa

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| DOM: 11:30 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

SAT | Sábado 4:00PM—4:45PM

By appointment also | Con cita previa también

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

Last Friday of each month after 12:15PM Mass

Ultimo Viernes de cada mes despues de la Misa a las 12:15PM

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."

MASS INTENTIONS
Jan. 9, 2023 – Jan. 15, 2023
 Mon. - 8AM - + St. Joseph Ladies Society
 Tues. - 8AM - + Jennie Lee Romero
 Wed. 8AM - + Lucy Labay
 Thurs. 8AM - + Vivian Yezak
 6:00 PM - + Jennie Lee Romero
 Fri. 12:15PM - Souls in Purgatory
 Sat. 5PM - Knights of Columbus
 Sun. 9AM - St. Joseph's Parishioners
 11:30AM - + Maria Sanchez & Cirilo Reyes



The Sanctuary Light
is Burning
In Memory of
 †*Frank Ramirez Jr.*
 By
Frank & Lydia Ramirez Sr.



**Remember
 in Prayer**

Alvin Sulak* Maria Teresa Mora
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 *Karen Eckert *Lera Mae Matous
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 Mary Garcia*Nick Guzman *
 Familia Reyes*Mike Morris*
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 *Lillian Krenek*Matilde Garza *
 Barry Phillips*Manuel & Pat Doud
 Alex Martinez Roberta Reyes*
 Judy Hill*Rosatina Martinez *
 Elsie Svrcek*Adeline Kovar*
 Carlos & Juana Contreras & Family *
 *Bea Tomczuk *Diane Moudy*
 Lydia Ramirez *Gavin Vogt*Adam
 Vogt* Candelario Jimenez *Fred
 Cruz *Karen Castillo*Bill & Kitty
 Wisener*Amalia Hernandez, *
 Maria Gonzalez

Dec 31— Jan 1, 2023
 Weekly Collection.....\$3,578.00
 Holy Family (envelopes)..... \$524.00
 Online Giving (12/22/22-1/6/23).\$299.75
(Parish Weekly Assesment.\$872.97)
 (Catholic Spirit, Cathedraicum, Priest
 Pension, Property Insurance, Right Networks,
 DB Mgmt Fee, Workmen's Compensation)
Acts 20:35
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Please remember St. Joseph in your will.

Special Collections
Black Bag—(Social Ministry)
Jan. 14-15, 2023

Altar Gift Bearers
 Sat., Jan 7--5PM—*Parishioners*
 Sun., Jan 8— *Vernon & Lynn Crowder*
11:30 AM — Jose Sanchez

 Sat., Jan 14 - 5:30PM — *Parishioners*
 Sun., Jan. 15--9AM — *Parishioners*
11:30AM - Jose Sanchez

PLEASE Call the office at
512-446-2049
if you're needing to be
remembered on the prayer list.

**Scripture Readings For the
 Week of January 8, 2023**

Monday The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10;
 Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5,
 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9,
 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc,
 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday **Second Sunday in Ordinary
 Time**
 Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8,
 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
 Jn 1:29-34



DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat., Jan 7 – 5:00 PM	Pat Jerman	Omar Chavez	Margaret Coker Barbara Walko	Wesley Janak Carlos Garza
Sun., Jan. 8 - 9AM 11:30AM	Youth Mass Claudia Hernandez	Marcos Santellano Jesus Bocanegra	Maria Santellano Pat Barcak	Jason Ehler Volunteer
Sat., Jan 14 – 5:00PM	Margaret Coker	Mario Santellano	Mary Helen Ortega Theresa Alvarez	Kenny Svrcek Jack Simpson
Sun., Jan . 15 - 9AM 11:30AM	Chrystie Butler Maria Santellano	Omar Chavez Marcos Santellano	Kelley & Jeff Zapata	Chad Ehler Richard Pesl

St. Joseph Organizations — Contacts & Meeting Dates & Times

Guadalupeana's – Contact – President – Martha Hernandez – 512-955-0064

Next Meeting – **Sat., Jan. 7, 2023** – Rosary at **9AM** followed by meeting @ RE Bldg.
 New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus – Contact – Grand Knight – Kenny Svrcek - 512-921-2184

Next Meeting – **Jan. 10, 2023 at 7PM @ KC Hall**
 New members are always welcome.

St. Joseph Ladies Society - Contact – President – Mary Helen Ortega – 254-760-3132

Next Rosary & Meeting – **Mon., Feb. 6, 2023 at 5PM @ RE Bldg.**
 New members are always welcome.

The Marian Cenacle (Prayer Group) - Contact Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets each Thursday, 8AM Mass, followed by Rosary and Cenacle (spiritual development)
 @ the RE Building until 10:00AM. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/Hijas de María

Meet the first Saturday of each month @ RE Building from 10:30AM-11:30AM
 Open to Girls - Grades 4th-8th & their Parents

Pastoral Council Chairman – Eugene Holub – 512-429-5577

Finance Council President – Margaret Coker – 512-970-8177



First Friday Devotion

YOU ARE INVITED ON FRIDAY, Feb 3, 2023, First Friday of the Month:
 There will be Holy Mass at **12:15 P.M.**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** with
BENEDICTION

Adoración Eucarística al Santísimo Sacramento para la salvación de América y el mundo entero
Están invitados el viernes, 3 de Febrero de 2023, el Primer Viernes del Mes.
Habrà Santa Misa a las 12:15pm, luego sigue la Adoración Eucarística con la
Bendición.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our St. Joseph Parish Family and myself, we want to thank all those who helped to make the Christmas Masses more meaningful; from the parishioners who decorated our church beautifully, our choirs for the music, and all lay ministers for the liturgy and for all their dedication and service to our parish community.

I also want to thank all of you who came to celebrate with us whether parishioner or visitor.

We hope you'll be back more often. Our doors are open.

Father Pedro

¡Gracias!

En nombre de nuestra Familia Parroquial de San José y de mí mismo, queremos dar las gracias a todos los que ayudaron a hacer que las Misas de Navidad fueran más significativas; de los feligreses que decoraron nuestra iglesia maravillosamente, nuestros coros para la música, y todos los ministros laicos para la liturgia y para toda su dedicación y servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial. También quiero darles las gracias a todos ustedes que vinieron a celebrar con nosotros, ya sea el feligrés o el visitante. Esperamos que vuelva más a menudo.

Nuestras puertas están abiertas.

Padre Pedro

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Jan. 7-8, The Epiphany of the Lord

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find the magi following the star to find Jesus. How can we lead others to Christ just as the star did for the magi?

Enero 7-8, La Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

En el Evangelio de este Domingo, encontramos a los magos siguiendo la estrella para encontrar a Jesús ¿Cómo podemos guiar a otros hacia Cristo tal como la estrella lo hizo para los magos?

Epiphany Chalk Blessing for 2023:

20 + C + M + B + 23



The blessing of homes (chalking the front door) is a Catholic tradition that is celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6, 2023). The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home, family, and all who visit. One of our new parishioners, Erika Obiedo & Family put together baggies for St. Joseph families that include the chalk and instructions of how to incorporate this beautiful Catholic tradition with your families. Thank you, Erika & Family! They will be distributed by ushers after all masses this weekend.

Bendición de tiza de Epifanía para 2023:

20 + C + M + B + 23

La bendición de los hogares (tiza en la puerta principal) es una tradición católica que se celebra el día 12 después de Navidad, en la Fiesta de la Epifanía (6 de enero de 2023). La familia se reúne para pedir la bendición de Dios sobre su hogar, familia y todos los que la visitan. Una de nuestras nuevas feligresas, Erika Obiedo preparó bolsas para las familias de San José que incluyen la tiza y las instrucciones de cómo incorporar esta hermosa tradición católica con sus familias. ¡Gracias Erika y familia! Serán distribuidos por los ujieres después de todas las misas de este fin de semana.



A traveling display covering the 75 years of history of the Austin Diocese is on display in our parish in the Narthex until January 11th.

Parishioners will be able to view the display in the Narthex after all Masses until January 11th.

Una exhibición itinerante que cubre los 75 años de historia de la Diócesis de Austin esta en nuestra parroquia del 29 de diciembre al 11 de enero. Los feligreses podrán ver la exhibición en la iglesia después de todas las misas durante estas fechas.

2022 Donation Statements

If you would like a statement for your 2022 donations to St. Joseph, please call the parish office and one will be mailed to you.

Si desea una declaración para sus donaciones de 2022 a San José, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial y se le enviará una por correo.

Delay in 2023 Envelopes -



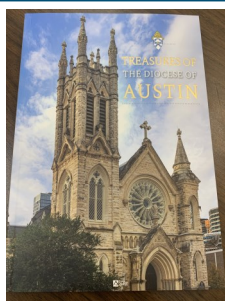
Our offertory envelope supplier that they have had staff issues and supply chain issues which have caused a delay in parishioners receiving their 2023 envelopes, but they will still be sent out as soon as possible. For the time being they are sending us envelopes to use temporarily until they receive their sets in the mail. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Please write your name or envelope number on outside of envelope.

If you are a new parishioner to St. Joseph and have not registered with the parish and would like envelopes, please come by the parish office to register and we will get you envelopes as soon as they send them to us. You may also register online and utilize online giving on our website—stjosephrockdale.org

Retraso en los sobres de 2023:

Nuestro proveedor de sobres de ofertorio nos aviso que han tenido problemas de personal y problemas de la cadena de suministro que han causado un retraso en los sobres de ofrenda por el año 2023, pero aún así se enviarán lo antes posible. Por el momento nos están enviando sobres para usar temporalmente hasta que reciban sus sobres por correo. Están ubicados en la mesa en la entrada de la iglesia. Por favor, escriba su nombre o número de sobre en el exterior del sobre.

Si usted es un nuevo feligrés de St. Joseph y no se ha registrado en la parroquia y desea sobres, por favor venga a la oficina parroquial para registrarse y recoger sus sobres. También puede registrarse en línea y utilizar donaciones en línea en nuestro sitio web—stjosephrockdale.org



The "Treasures of the Diocese of Austin" Commemorative Book have arrived!

If you placed an order for one of these beautiful books or wish to purchase one you may come during parish office hours. If you did not place an order and would like a book, we do have extras that you may purchase. Cost of the book is \$40.00. Books are in English and Spanish.

¡Los Libros Conmemorativos "Tesoros de la Diócesis de Austin" han llegado!

Si hizo un pedido de uno de estos hermosos libros o desea comprar uno puede venir durante las horas abiertas de la oficina parroquial. Si no realizó un pedido y desea un libro, tenemos extras que puede comprar. El costo del libro es de \$40.00. Los libros están en inglés y español.

Notice on Bids for Houses on Newton Property

(Newly acquired property by St. Joseph behind the church and across the street on Bell St.)

Bids in writing from parishioners for items in house behind church (floors, windows, wall wood, etc.) are due January 10, 2023, in the church office. The house across the street is planned to be sold and moved from the property (at the expense of the buyer). Bids will be accepted for this house as well. After January 10, 2023, if no bids are accepted, the sale of items will be made to the general public.

Aviso sobre ofertas para casas en la Propiedad Newton

(Propiedad recién adquirida por San Jose detrás de la iglesia y al otro lado de la calle en Bell St.)

Las ofertas por escrito de los feligreses para artículos en la casa detrás de la iglesia (pisos, ventanas, madera de pared, etc.) vencen el 10 de enero de 2023 en la oficina de la iglesia. La casa al otro lado de la calle está planeada para ser vendida y trasladada de la propiedad (a expensas del comprador). También se aceptarán ofertas para esta casa. Después del 10 de enero de 2023, si no se aceptan ofertas, la venta de artículos se realizará al público en general.

BAPTISM CLASS



Next Baptism Class will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9:30AM at the RE Building. Must be pre-registered to attend. Please contact the parish office to register.

CLASE DE BAUTISMO

La próxima clase de bautismo se llevará a cabo el sábado 21 de enero de 2023 a las 9:30 a.m. en el edificio religioso. Debe estar preinscrito para asistir.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

2023

CASA OF MILAM COUNTY COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENT

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT CASA IS?

WANT TO KNOW WHAT CASA HAS BEEN DOING SINCE SEPTEMBER?

WANT TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW THE AWESOME CASA STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

WANT TO KNOW MORE OF HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Happy New Year!

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RELIGIOUS ED NEWS / NOTICIAS DE CATESISMO

RE Calendar

- Jan. 8** **YOUTH Mass**, 9 am - 5th graders & IMPACT in charge
- Jan. 8 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Jan. 11 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Jan. 15 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Jan. 18 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Jan. 18 **10th-12th Grade**, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Jan. 22 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Jan. 29 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Feb. 1 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Feb. 1 **10th-12th Grade**, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Feb. 5 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Feb. 5 Catechist Luncheon, 12:30 pm**
- Feb. 5 Confirmation Session #6, 3-6 pm**
- Feb. 8 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Feb. 12 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am



Our Monthly YOUTH Mass

will be on Sunday, **January 8**, during the 9 a.m. Mass. The **5th graders & IMPACT teens** are in charge of the Mass. All families are encouraged to bring your children to this special Mass.

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

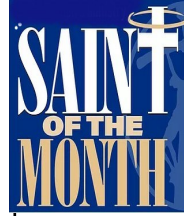
Reminder:

We are half-way through our RE year, and students are only allowed 6 absences in order to not have to repeat this school year.

Please make every effort to make sure your student is in RE class. Of course, if they are sick, please keep them at home, but call us and let us know they will not be at class. Also, if you have an outstanding RE balance, we would appreciate it being taken care of soon. Thank you for your understanding.

**RECORDATORIO
IMPORTANTE**

Recordatorio: Estamos a la mitad de nuestro año de RE, y a los estudiantes solo se les permiten 6 ausencias para no tener que repetir este año escolar. Por favor, haga todo lo posible para asegurarse de que su estudiante esté en la clase de RE. Por supuesto, si están enfermos, manténgalos en casa, pero llámenos y avísenos que no estarán en clase. Además, si tiene un saldo de RE pendiente, le agradeceríamos que lo solucione pronto. Gracias por su comprensión.



A Year of EUCHARISTIC MARTYRS

PAUL COMTOIS (1966 AD)

Paul Comtois was born on August 22, 1895 in Quebec, Canada. His father was a Canadian farmer, and his mother was of Irish descent. Paul studied agronomy at an institute run by monks at a Trappist monastery, received his degree in 1918, and then ran his family's farm. He married, and he and his wife had five children together. Paul continued to farm for two decades and was an active participant in the civic affairs of his community. After being head of the local school board, Paul Comtois became a mayor, then a Prefect in the county, and then was elected to the House of Commons. Paul was successful in his political endeavors and eventually was appointed as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. *(To be continued)*



Paul Comtois nació el 22 de agosto de 1895 en Quebec, Canadá. Su padre era un granjero canadiense y su madre era de ascendencia irlandesa. Paul estudió agronomía en un instituto dirigido por monjes en un monasterio trapense, recibió su título en 1918 y luego dirigió la granja de su familia. Se casó y él y su esposa tuvieron cinco hijos juntos. Paul continuó cultivando durante dos décadas y fue un participante activo en los asuntos cívicos de su comunidad. Después de ser jefe de la junta escolar local, Paul Comtois se convirtió en alcalde, luego en prefecto en el condado y luego fue elegido miembro de la Cámara de los Comunes. Paul tuvo éxito en sus esfuerzos políticos y, finalmente, fue nombrado teniente goberna-

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 08, 2023



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.



Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist The Bible and Baptism Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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