



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

SAT: 5 PM

SUN: 9 AM

MON-THUR: 8 AM

FRI: 12:15 PM

Horario de Misa

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

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses.

El Rosario se reza 30 minutos antes de todas las misas de fin de semana.

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
Sept. 18 – Sept. 24, 2023

Mon. - 8AM — No Service
Tues.—8AM — Communion Service
Wed.—8AM — Communion Service
Thurs. - 8AM— Communion Service
6PM— No Services
Fri—12:15PM — Communion Service
Sat. -- 5PM— + Andy Walko
Sun. - 9AM —† Chad Barcak
11:30AM — † Manuel Escobar

Scripture Readings For the
Week of Sept. 18 - Sept. 24, 2023

Monday 1 Tim 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday **St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**
1 Tim 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday **Saints Andrew Kim Taé-gon, Priest, & Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**
1 Tim 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Friday 1Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday **Twentieth Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a



*The Sanctuary Light
is Burning
In
Memory Of
† Noelle Levantino
By
Alan & Natalie Noack*

Sept. 9-10, 2023

Weekly Collection.....\$3,875.00
Online Giving..9/8-9/15..... \$101.55
Parish Weekly Assessment..\$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.

Altar Gift Bearers

Sat., Sept 16 — 5PM — **Willie & Pat Barcak**
Sun., Sept. 17 — 9AM— **Minnie Pesl**
11:30 AM — **Francisco & Martha Hernandez & Family**

Sat., Sept. 23— 5PM — **Barbara Walko**
Sun., Sept 24 -9AM — **Willie & Pat Barcak**
11:30AM— **Candelaria Escobar**



Remember in Prayer

Alvin Sulak* Maria Teresa Mora*
Joe Ruelas* Richard Facundo*
Bill & Avis Luckey* Mary Vega *
Fernando Flores* Cruz Martinez *
Karen Eckert *Lera Mae Matous*
Fred & Molly Marquez*
Deacon Gus Coelho *Florian Skubal*
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Familia Reyes Mike Morris*
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if you're needing to be

Special Collections

October 7-8, 2023
Reg Bag Collection
(Building Fund)



POTLUCK DINNER

There will be a Potluck Dinner after the 5:00PM Mass on Sat., Sept. 16th at the RE Building. All parishioners are invited to join us.

Just bring your favorite dish to share. There is no cost to attend. This is just a get together for St. Joseph Parishioners to be able to fellowship with each other.

Habrà una cena compartida después de la misa de las 5:00 PM el sábado 19 de agosto en el edificio RE. Todos los feligreses están invitados a unirse a nosotros.

Solo trae tu plato favorito para compartir. No hay costo para asistir.

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat., Sept 16, – 5PM	Pat Jerman	Marcos Santellano	Craig Snow Theresa Alvarez	Jack Simpson Kenny Svrcek
Sun., Sept 17 - 9AM 11:30AM	Nancy Zenner Lupe Tristan	Omar Chavez Jesus Bocanegra	Jeff & Kelley Zapata	Chad Ehler Jason Ehler Javier Rivera Juan Gonzalez
Sat., Sept. 23 – 5PM	Theresa Alvarez	Marcos Santellano	Wesley Janak Margaret Coker	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun., Sept. 24 - 9AM 11:30AM	Jeff Zapata Maria Santellano	Mario Santellano Jesus Bocanegra	Pete & Nancy Zenner	David Ehler Willie Barcak Felipe Pacheco Jose Sanchez

St. Joseph Organizations — Contacts & Meeting Dates & Times

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

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

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

Next Meeting – **September 12, 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., Oct. 2, 2023 at 5PM—Rosary at church at 5PM**
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 except on Third Thursday of each month, we meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. On Mondays, we will meet at 6PM to pray the rosary in the church followed by our Cenacle at the RE Building. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/Hijas de Maria

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

Youth Minister - Felicia Alexander – 512-760-0196



***Please welcome Rev. Tom Chamberlain (Retired)
to St. Joseph as he will be celebrating all our masses this
weekend as Father Pedro is on vacation until October 6, 2023.***

***Por favor, dé la bienvenida al Padre Tom Chamberlain
(Retirado) a San José, ya que celebrará todas nuestras misas
este fin de semana, ya que el Padre Pedro está de vacaciones
hasta el 6 de octubre de 2023.***



Father Pedro will be on vacation from Sept. 6 to Oct. 6, 2023. During his leave, there will not be any daily masses, but we will have Communion Services, except on Monday, Sept. 18th there will not be a Communion Service. Visiting priests will be here on weekends during Fr. Pedro's leave. Contact Gloria Pedroza at 512-429-3665 for any emergencies.

Padre Pedro estará de vacaciones desde el 6 de septiembre hasta el 06 de octubre de 2023.

Durante las vacaciones de Padre Pedro, no habrá misas diarias, pero tendremos Servicios de Comunión, excepto el lunes 18 de septiembre no habrá un Servicio de Comunión. Los sacerdotes visitantes estarán aquí los fines de semana durante las vacaciones del Padre Pedro. Comuníquese con Gloria Pedroza al 512-429-3665 para cualquier emergencia.



Newly Formed Men's Group
Next meeting will take place on
Monday, Sept. 18th at 7PM at
the Education Building.

All men of the parish are
welcome to attend.

**St. Joseph Ladies Society seeking donations
for their annual Christmas Bazaar Raffle**

If any parishioner would like to donate a raffle
prize for our annual Christmas Bazaar Raffle,
please contact Mary Helen Ortega, president of
the Ladies Society or the parish office.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Monica Parish in Cameron, Texas is seeking a Director of Religious Education (D.R.E.)

The Director of Religious Education plans and implements all parish programs associated with religious education (RE/CCE) in accordance with the guidelines set by the Church. The position articulates a vision of catechesis that is consistent with Church teaching. This is a part-time position and being bilingual is a requirement. For full job description and interested applicants click the link on our website: www.saintmonicatx.org



**RCIA Classes continue on
Tuesdays from 6:30PM - 8PM
at the RE Building**

Curso de Paz Financiera/Financial Peace University (in Spanish)

10 de octubre 2023 – 5 de diciembre 2023

Martes 6:30 -8:00 p.m. (en el edificio religioso)

Lección 1: Súper Ahorros

Lección 2: Relacionándonos con el Dinero

Lección 3: El Flujo del Dinero

Lección 4: Sacúdase de las Deudas

Lección 5: Chupacabras en Corbatas

Lección 6: El Gran Malentendido

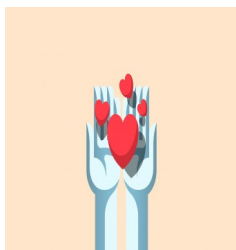
Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Sept. 16-17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scripture readings for the great feast remind us of Christ's merciful love and sacrifice for us. Jesus emptied himself for our sake and gave his life for our salvation. How do we mirror God's love in our world? What sacrifices are we willing to make? Are they only for those near to us, our family and friends? How can we show merciful and sacrificial love for strangers or even enemies? What act of love or sacrifice can you make for the poor, a prisoner, an enemy this week in gratitude for the great love God has shown to you?

Septiembre 16-17 – 24th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de la Escritura para esta gran fiesta nos recuerdan del amor misericordioso de Cristo y de su sacrificio por nosotros ¿Cómo somos reflejo del amor de Dios en nuestro mundo? ¿Cómo podemos mostrar amor misericordioso y dispuesto al sacrificio a extraños o incluso a enemigos? ¿Qué acto de amor o sacrificio puede usted hacer por los pobres, un prisionero, un enemigo esta semana en gratitud por el gran amor que Dios le ha mostrado?



**Cecilio Bocanegra Family Fundraiser to be held on
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 after the 5PM Mass at the
RE Bldg.**

**\$10/plate consists of pork meat, rice & beans
Funds will go to the family for medical costs since
Mr. Bocanegra is unable to work at this time.**

***Venta de Platos para la familia de Cecilio Bocanegra se llevará a
cabo el sábado 23 de septiembre después de la misa de las 5PM en el
edificio religioso.***

\$ 10/por plato consiste en guisado de puerco, arroz y frijoles.

***Los fondos irán a la familia para gastos médicos ya que el
Sr. Bocanegra no puede trabajar en este momento.***



GOD'S MERCY MESSAGE/EL MENSAJE DE MISERICORDIA DE DIOS

It places its trust in God ~ A noble and delicate soul, even the most simple, but one of delicate sensibilities, sees God in everything, finds Him everywhere, and knows how to find Him in even the most hidden things. It finds all things important, it highly appreciates all things, it thanks God for all things, it draws profit for the soul from all things, and it gives all glory to God. It places its trust in God and is not confused when the time of ordeals comes. It knows that God is always the best of Fathers and makes little of human opinion. It follows faithfully the faintest breath of the Holy Spirit; it rejoices in this Spiritual Guest and holds onto Him like a child to its mother. Where other souls come to a standstill and fear, this soul passes on without fear or difficulty. (Diary 148)

Pone su confianza en Dios ~ *Un alma noble y delicada, incluso la más simple, pero de delicadas sensibilidades, ve a Dios en todo, lo encuentra en todas partes, y sabe cómo encontrarlo incluso en las cosas más ocultas. Considera que todas las cosas son importantes, aprecia mucho todas las cosas, agradece a Dios por todas las cosas, saca provecho para el alma de todas las cosas y le da toda la gloria a Dios. Pone su confianza en Dios y no se confunde cuando llega el momento de las pruebas. Sabe que Dios es siempre el mejor de los Padres y hace poco de la opinión humana. Sigue fielmente el más débil aliento del Espíritu Santo; se regocija en este Huésped Espiritual y se aferra a Él como un niño a su madre. Donde otras almas se detienen y temen, esta alma pasa sin miedo ni dificultad. (Diario 148)*



English Adult Formation presents:

The Chosen, season 1

1st Tuesdays of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm:

starting on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

No charge to attend.

Please sign up in the Narthex so we will know how many to expect.

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings.

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RE Calendar

- Sept. 17 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Sept. 17 **Sac. Prep. #2** for students/parents, 10:20-11:20 am
- Sept. 17 **Catechetical Sunday** for ALL Catechists, 9 am Mass
- Sept. 20 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Sept. 20 **10th—12th graders meet**, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Sept. 24 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Sept. 24 **Sac. Prep. #3** for students/parents, 10:20-11:20 am
- Sept. 27 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Oct. 1 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Oct. 1 **Sac. Prep. #4** for students/parents, 10:20-11:20 am
- Oct. 3 Tues. **Adult Formation (English) 6:30-8:30 pm**
- Oct. 4 **St. Francis Blessing of the Pets, Cooke backyard, 5:30 pm**
- Oct. 4 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Oct. 4 **10th—12th graders meet**, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Oct. 4 **IMPACT Night**, 7:45-8:45 pm—for 8th-12th graders
- Oct. 8 **Youth Mass, 9 am—9th graders** in charge!
- »» **Note the date change!**
- Oct. 8 **Confirmation Investiture** for students/sponsors, 9 am
- Oct. 8 Sunday Class, 10:20-11:20 am
- Oct. 8 **Sac. Prep. #5** for students/parents, 10:20-11:20 am
- Oct. 8 **Catechist Luncheon Meeting** 12:45-2:45 pm
- Oct. 8 **Confirmation session #2** for students/sponsors, 9 am

YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are an 8th-12th grader who has a passion for singing and would like to share your gift of music, please consider joining the **Youth Choir**.

We want to form a new Youth Choir to sing at the 9 a.m. monthly Youth Masses and would love to have many new voices join us in praising God!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are a 1st-7th grader who loves to sing, please consider joining the **Children's Choir**.

We will sing the Offertory song at the 9 a.m. monthly Youth Masses

To join either choir, please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office. Practices will take place prior to the Mass.

A Year of EUCCHARISTIC DEFENDERS



Peter Paul Rubens's *The Defenders of the Eucharist*, (1625 AD). Beginning on the right side of the canvass, Rubens pictures St. Jerome, dressed as a cardinal receiving Communion. Next to him stands St. Norbert, clothed in his white habit and carrying the Eucharist beneath his robes. St. Thomas Aquinas stands in the center holding a book and extending his other hand to heaven, a gesture proclaiming his defense of the Eucharist. Beside him is St. Clare of Assisi, holding a monstrance that displays the sacred eucharistic host. To her left is St. Gregory the Great, the pope who wrote so many works contained in the Mass. Then comes St. Ambrose, who wrote about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Rubens finishes his gathering of defenders of the Eucharist with St. Augustine, who included his reflections on this sacrament in his famous treatise on the Holy Trinity.



Los defensores de la Eucaristía, de Peter Paul Rubens (1625 d.C.). Comenzando en el lado derecho del lienzo, Rubens representa a San Jerónimo, vestido como un cardenal recibiendo la Comunión. Junto a él está San Norberto, vestido con su hábito blanco y llevando la Eucaristía bajo su túnica. Santo Tomás de Aquino está en el centro sosteniendo un libro y extendiendo la otra mano al cielo, en un gesto que proclama su defensa de la Eucaristía. A su lado está Santa Clara de Asís, sosteniendo una custodia que muestra la sagrada hostia eucarística. A su izquierda está San Gregorio Magno, el Papa que escribió tantas obras contenidas en la Misa. Luego viene San Ambrosio, quien escribió sobre la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Rubens finaliza su encuentro de defensores de la Eucaristía con san Agustín, quien incluyó sus reflexiones sobre este sacramento en su célebre tratado sobre la Santísima Trinidad.



Catechetical Sunday, a national day to celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith, will be **Sept. 17, 2023**.

This year's theme is:
Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. **ALL Catechists are asked to attend the 9 am Mass on Sept. 17.**

IMPACT Youth News

SEPTEMBER

6 – 10th-12th Grade Meet @ 6:30, **IMPACT night** 7:45-8:45
(Food, Fun, & Fellowship)

10 - YOUTH Mass 9:00am, IMPACT teens in charge

20– 10th-12th Grade Meet @ 6:30 (We will begin The Chosen)
in the Cooke House

ALL 10th, 11th, & 12th Graders

You are invited to attend twice monthly RE sessions in the Cooke House, from 6:30-7:45 pm.

(We meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month)

Our next session is Wednesday, September 20.

What it means to be a young Catholic in today's world, current events, as well as continuing your understanding of your Catholic faith will be discussed, in these very relaxed sessions.

We meet in the Cooke House!

Hope to see you there!

10th, 11th, & 12th Graders!!!



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St. Joseph Ladies Society
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Rosary at 5PM followed by Meeting
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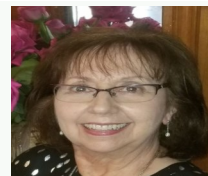
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