



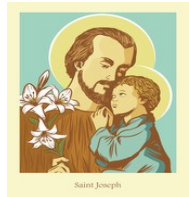
Mass Schedule | Horario de Misa
SAT: 5 PM
SUN: 9 AM | DOM: 11:30 AM
TUES: 6PM
WED: 8AM
THUR: 8 AM | JUE: 6 PM
FRI: 12:15 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation | Sacramento de Reconciliación
SAT | Sábado 4:00PM—4:45PM
 By appointment also | Con cita previa también

Devotions | Devociones
First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration 12:15PM
Misa del Primer Viernes y Adoración Eucarística
 Eucharistic Adoration | *Adoración Eucarística*
Tuesday/Martes—6:45PM
Thursday/Jueves - 6:45PM
First Saturday Devotion/Mass—9AM
Devoción de Primer Sabado/Misa
Liturgy of the Hours | Tues. - 5:45PM & Wed - Thurs - 7:45AM

 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.

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Office Hours:
TUE & THURS:10AM-3PM / WED:10AM-6PM/FRI:10AM-12PM

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MARTES Y JUEVES: 10AM-3PM/MIERCOLES:10AM-6PM/VIERNES:10AM-12PM

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MASS INTENTIONS
Dec 2, 2024 — Dec. 8, 2024

Mon. – 8AM - Communion Service
Tues. - 6PM - Living & Deceased
Members of Ladies Society
Wed. - 8AM — + Linda Hurta Young
Thurs. - 8AM – + Alice Sauser
6PM—Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 12:15 PM— Respect Life
Sat. 9AM - Living & Deceased
Members of the Guadalupe
Society
5PM— + Willie & Mary Mrkva
Sun. 9AM — + Billie & Leon Noack
11:30 AM— St. Joseph Parishioners



*The Sanctuary Light
is burning
In
Honor
of
Guadalupe Society
by
Guadalupe Society*



**Remember
in Prayer**

Maria Teresa Mora*Joe Ruelas
*Richard Facundo*Mary Vega*
Cruz Martinez * Karen Eckert*
Molly Marquez * Deacon Gus &
Norma Coelho*Florian Skubal*
Mary Garcia *Nick & Mamie
Guzman *Familia Reyes *Mike
Morris *Charlie & Pat Watson*
Tom & Barbara Hormuth* Matilde
Garza* Alex Martinez* Roberto
Reyes* Bea Tomczuk* Amalia
Hernandez* Maria Gonzalez*
H.T. Anderson* John Bland* Lydia
Ramirez* Bill Wisener*Lupe Orozco
Teresa Key Gladys Skubal *
Susan Maldonado * James Gorney*
Jesus Maldonado* Charlie Mae
Miller* Donna Robinson*Ed Hill*
Jesse Alvarez * Wendy Fournet*
David Boudreaux* Victor & Delores
Caka * Janie Zapata* Mark Alvarez
* Lesliejoyce Garcia*Teresa Brown
*Jim Grametbauer*Hunter Burney*

**PLEASE Call the office at
512-446-2049**

**if you're needing to be
remembered on the prayer list.**

Scripture Readings for

Week of Dec. 02 — Dec. 08, 2024

Monday Is 2:1-5
Mt. 8:5-11
Tuesday **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10
Mt 15:6-10
Thursday **Advent Weekday**
Is 26:1-6
Mt: 7:21,24-27
Friday Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday **St. Ambrose, Bishop**
Is 30:19-21,23-26
Mt 9:35-10-1,5a,6-8
Sunday **Second Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Nov. 23 – Nov. 24, 2024

Weekly Collection..... \$3,058.00

Children's Collection.....\$36.00

Online Giving-

11/16-11/22.....(Updated).....\$167.05

11/23-11/27.....\$116.95

Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedraticum, Priest
Pension & Health Insurance, Property
Insurance, Ministry Platform, 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., Nov. 30 - 5PM - Mark & Maria
Santellano**

**Sun., Dec. 1 —9AM - Eugene &
Bonnie Holub**

11:30AM – Parishioners

Sat., Dec. 7 - 5PM – Rita Juergens

**Sun., Dec. 8 -9AM – Allen & Natalie
Noack**

11:30 AM — Parishioners

Hurricane disaster relief

Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that have been impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Special Collections

**Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 2024 Retired
Clergy & Religious**

**Dec. 14-15, 2024
Red Bag
(Building Fund)**

ADVENT

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Advent begins on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Christ the King and continues for four weeks until Christmas Vigil Mass.

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DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat., Nov. 30 – 5:00PM	Norma Coelho	Marcos Santellano	Carlos Garza Nancy Phillips	Wesley Janak Carlos Garza
Sun., Dec. 1 - 9AM 11:30AM	Jeff Zapata Claudia Hernandez	Omar Chavez Mario Santellano	Faustino Gonzalez Cynthia Gonzalez Javier Rivera Alejandra Rivera	Jason Ehler David Ehler Juan Gonzalez Macario Flores
Sat., Dec. 7 – 5PM	Linda Masur		Barbara Walko Nancy Phillips	Kenny Svrcek Carlos
Sun., Dec. 8 - 9AM 11:30AM	Nancy Zenner Sylvia Ramos		Jeff & Kelley Zapata Candelaria Escobar Sylvia Ramos	Chad Ehler Jeff Zapata Javier Rivera Mario Hernandez

St. Joseph Organizations Contacts & Meeting Dates & Times

Guadalupana's – Contact – President

Maria Tristan – 512-429-0541

Next Meeting – **Sat., Dec. 7, 2024**—Rosary at **9AM** followed by Mass & then Meeting at RE Bldg.

New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus – Contact – Grand Knight

Kenny Svrcek - 512-921-2184

Next Meeting – **Dec. 10, 2024 at 7PM @ KC Hall**

New members are always welcome.

St. Joseph Ladies Society - Contact – President

Maria Santellano – 254-760-0568

Next Rosary & Meeting – **Mon., Dec. 2, 2024 at 5PM—**

Rosary at the RE Bldg 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. 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 - Have made First Communion and older - & their Parents

Impact Youth Group - Contact Youth Minister -

Felicia Alexander – 512-760-0196

Meets the Second & Fourth Wednesday of each month starting in October 2024 @ RE Building-

6:30PM-7:45PM followed by **IMPACT NIGHT** from **7:45PM-8:45PM.**

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy — Contact

Debby Currey @ 512-775-0977

Viri Christi - Contact

Men's group focusing on prayer, education and spirituality. Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm in the RE Building.

Pastoral Council Chairman –

Eugene Holub – 512-429-5577

Finance Council President -

Margaret Coker – 512-970-8177



**RCIA Classes continue on
 Tuesdays
 from 6:30PM - 8PM**



If any parishioner is interested in serving in a ministry here at St. Joseph as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, or choir, please contact the parish office.

Si algún feligrés está interesado en servir en un ministerio aquí en San José como lector, Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, Ujier o coro, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

A Message from Bishop Joe Vásquez/Mensaje del Obispo Joe Vásquez

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Advent starts a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. The word advent means coming or arrival and reminds us that in the next four weeks we prepare for the coming of Christ. At Christmas, we celebrate the arrival of Christ, the Son of God, who took flesh and dwelt among us and remains with us always. As we ready our hearts for this day, let us be vigilant knowing that we can encounter Christ today in the Holy Eucharist, Adoration, reconciliation and in performing works of mercy. As we experience this holy season, know that I keep you, the faithful of the Diocese of Austin, in my prayers, thanking God for you in my life each day.

La temporada de Adviento inicia un nuevo año litúrgico en la Iglesia Católica. La palabra adviento significa llegada o arribo y nos recuerda que en las próximas cuatro semanas nos prepararemos para la llegada de Cristo. En Navidad, celebramos la llegada de Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, quien se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros y permanece con nosotros siempre. Mientras alistamos nuestros corazones para este día, permanezcamos vigilantes sabiendo que podemos encontrar a Cristo hoy en la Sagrada Eucaristía, en la Adoración, la reconciliación y en la realización de obras de misericordia. Mientras experimentamos esta santa temporada, sepan que los mantengo a ustedes, los fieles de la Diócesis de Austin, en mis oraciones, agradeciendo a Dios por tenerlos en mi vida cada día.



December 9th is the Patronal Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of U.S. Bishops. Our Diocese has asked us to have a Mass on this day. We will have a Mass on Mon., Dec. 9, 2024 at 7PM.

El 9 de diciembre es la Fiesta Patronal de la Inmaculada Concepción de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos. Nuestra Diócesis nos ha pedido que tengamos una Misa. Tendremos una misa el lunes 9 de diciembre de 2024 a las 7 p.m.

Extended Hours for Eucharistic Adoration starting in December

Se han extendido las horas para la Adoración Eucarística a partir de diciembre

Father John is extending hours for Eucharistic Adoration starting in December. Starting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, we will have our regular Tuesday Mass at 6PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 10PM and this schedule will be ongoing after every Tuesday Mass after this date. Also on Thursdays, we will continue to have Eucharistic Adoration after the 6PM Spanish mass but it will continue to 10PM starting on Thursday, December, 5th and ongoing each Thursday after this date. You will now have more time to spend with our Lord starting in December.

El Padre Juan está extendiendo horas para la Adoración Eucarística a partir de diciembre. Comenzando el martes 3 de diciembre de 2024, tendremos nuestra Misa regular de los martes a las 6PM seguida de Adoración Eucarística hasta las 10PM y este horario estará en curso después de cada Misa de los martes después de esta fecha. También los jueves, continuaremos teniendo Adoración Eucarística después de la misa de las 6PM en español, pero continuará hasta las 10PM a partir del jueves, 5 de diciembre y continuando cada jueves después de esta fecha. Ahora tendrán más tiempo para pasar con nuestro Señor a partir de diciembre.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, First Sunday of Advent

"Listening to the cry of those who suffer violence and are oppressed by unjust systems and structures, and hearing the appeal of a world that by its perversity contradicts the plan of its Creator, we have shared our awareness of the church's vocation to be present in the heart of the world by proclaiming the Good News to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and joy to the afflicted" (1971 World Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 5).

Noviembre 30-Diciembre 1, Primer domingo de Adviento

"Escuchando los gritos de aquellos que sufren a causa de la violencia y son oprimidos por sistemas y estructuras injustos, y escuchando el llamado de un mundo que por su perversidad contradice el plan de su Creador, hemos compartido nuestra conciencia de la vocación de la Iglesia de estar presente en el corazón del mundo al proclamar la Buena Nueva a los pobres, libertad a los oprimidos, y gozo a los afligidos" (Sínodo Mundial de Obispos de 1971, Justicia en el Mundo, 5)



Upcoming Holy Days and Holiday Mass Schedule

Horario para las Misa para los próximos Días Santos y de Días Festivos

Many of you are probably making plans for Christmas. Below is the Mass Schedule for all the upcoming Holy Days and Holidays.

Muchos de ustedes probablemente están haciendo planes para Navidad. A continuación se muestra el horario de misa para todos los próximos días santos y días festivos.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Fiesta Patronal de la Inmaculada Concepción

Monday/lunes, Mass /misa—Dec. 9 –7PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast/Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Wednesday/miercoles, Dec. 11 – 8PM-10PM—Serenata a La Virgen de Guadalupe en la iglesia/Serendade to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church.

Thursday/Jueves, Dec. 12—5:00PM - Serenata a La Virgen de Guadalupe en el salon KC/

Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the KC Hall.

6:00PM - Misa Bilingüe/Bilingual Mass— En seguida comida en el salón KC. /Followed by meal at the KC Hall.

Todos invitados./All are invited to come.

Advent Penance Service & Additional times for confessions during Advent /Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento y horas adicionales para confesión durante Adviento.

Tuesday/martes, Dec. 17 – 7:00PM

*Confession is also available each Saturday from 3:30PM – 4:45PM during Advent and by appointment by calling the parish office to schedule.

**La confesión también está disponible todos los sábados de 3:30PM a 4:45PM durante Adviento y con cita previa llamando a la oficina parroquial para programar.*

Christmas/Navidad – December 24 & 25 – A Holy Day of Obligation/Un Día Santo de Obligación

Tuesday/martes, Dec. 24 – 5:00PM—Nativity Play & Mass at 5:30PM (English)

9:00PM— Misa (Español)

12AM—Midnight Mass (English)

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Mass—9:00AM (English)

December 31— Misa de divina Providencia /Mass of Divine Providence

NOTE: There will be Daily Mass at 6PM on this day (English)

martes/Tuesday—10PM (Español) en seguida Adoración Eucarística hasta 12AM en la iglesia/

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 12AM in the church

Mary, Mother of God – January 1 – Holy Day of Obligation/ Un Día Santo de Obligación

Wednesday/miercoles, Jan. 1 – 10:00AM (English)



**Saturday,
December 7, 2024
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



LUNCH MENU:

- Chicken Stew
- Chili
- Chicken Salad sandwich
- Tuna Sandwich
- Chips and crackers

*Come support the St. Joseph Ladies Society members with their **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year!*

*There will be homemade baked goods to purchase, unique silent auction items, and a country store to get your Christmas shopping done! You can also buy some raffle tickets for some **GREAT** prizes!*

St. Joseph Ladies Society Christmas Bazaar Raffle

- 1) \$500 Gift Card - Ladies Society
- 2) \$250 Gift Card - KC's #7014
- 3) Gift Cards: \$75 Walmart - Rita Juergens
\$50 Treat Yourself Boutique - TYB
\$50 Brookshire Bros. - Zapata Electric
- 4) \$100 Gift Card - Dominican Laity
- 5) Folding Utility Wagon - Anonymous
- 6) Crocheted Afghan - Pat Jerman
- 7) Hand Woven Rug - Linda Masur

**Donation \$1.00 per ticket
or 6 for \$5.00**

**Drawing December 7, 2024
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Raffle tickets are also available before the bazaar after each of the weekend masses.

St. Joseph's Ladies Society Annual Christmas Bazaar

Save the Date!!

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024—9AM-2PM

**Come have some of their Famous
Chicken Stew, Chili, chicken salad & tuna
sandwiches along with homemade
baked goodies.**

**Come visit our Silent Auction or Country
Store for Christmas gifts. St. Joseph's
Ladies Society Members will be selling
"Raffle Tickets" after all the Masses. Let
us support them as this is their one &
only fundraiser for the year.**

Your support is greatly appreciated!

**NOTE: If you have raffle tickets to turn in
you may place them in an envelope in
the collection basket marked
"Raffle Tickets" or bring them to the
parish office.**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ladies Society is seeking donations of home-baked goods, canned goods or new home made items for the Country Store. Donations are needed for silent auction such as premade gift baskets such as Spa Basket, Children's Basket, Wine Basket, Kitchen Basket, plants etc.

Please contact any Ladies Society member, if you wish to make a donation or bring them by the parish office by Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024. Thank You!

SE NECESITAN DONACIONES PARA EL BAZAR ANUAL DE NAVIDAD

La Sociedad de Damas necesita donaciones de productos horneados en casa, productos enlatados o nuevos artículos hechos en casa para la Tienda de venta.

Se necesitan canastas preparadas de regalo para la subasta silenciosa como canasta de spa, canasta para niños, canasta de vino, canasta de cocina, plantas, etc. Por favor, póngase en contacto con cualquier miembro de la Sociedad de Damas, si desea hacer una donación o tráigala a la oficina parroquial antes del miércoles 27 de noviembre de 2024. ¡Gracias!

Men, do you want to learn more about the diaconate?

Are you interested in learning more about the diaconate? The diocesan Office of Diaconal Ministry will host information sessions this falls in which men and their wives can learn more about what it means to serve as a deacon in the Catholic Church. All sessions are from 2 to 4 p.m. The sessions will be held:

- **Dec. 8** at St. Anthony Marie de Claret Parish in Kyle
- **Dec. 15** at St. Jerome Parish in Waco
- **Jan. 5** at St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station
- **Jan. 12** at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock
- **Jan. 19** at Ascension Parish in Bastrop

Register at www.austindiocese.org/information-



December Altar Duty:

Theresa Alvarez, Dolores Masiel, Natalie Noack,
Debra Key, Cherie Kocian

December Hostess Duty:

Mary Helen Ortega, Delores Masiel, Debra Key, Cherie Kocian



Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Miercoles/Wednesday - Dec. 11th - 8-10PM

en la Iglesia/in church

**Serenata a La Virgen de Guadalupe/
Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Jueves/Thursday - Dec 12th

8AM - Misa en la Iglesia/Mass in Church

**5PM - Serenata a La Virgen de Guadalupe en el salon KC/
Serenade at KC Hall to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**6PM—Misa Bilingue en el salon KC, y en seguida una comida/
Bilingual Mass at KC Hall, Followed by Meal**

Todos están invitados!!

Everyone is invited!!



Baby Shower for Jesus Baby Shower para Jesús

This year, St. Joseph will have a Baby Shower for Jesus during Advent starting this weekend until Wed., Dec. 18th. We have a crib set up near the altar for you to bring your baby items of diapers, wipes, bottles, clothes, socks, baby blankets, car seats, etc. All items will be donated to Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, TX.

Este año, San José tendrá un Baby Shower para Jesús durante el Adviento a partir de este fin de semana hasta el miércoles 18 de diciembre. Tenemos una cuna cerca del altar para que traiga sus artículos de bebé como pañales, toallitas, biberones, ropa, calcetines, mantas para bebés, asientos para el automóvil, etc. Todos los artículos serán donados al Refugio de Maternidad de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en Temple, TX.



Holy Communion

“Eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity”. And so, my King, I do not ask You for anything, although I know that You can give me everything. I ask You for one thing only: remain forever the King of my heart; that is enough for me. (Diary 1811)

Comunión

"La vida eterna debe comenzar ya aquí en la tierra a través de la Santa Comunión. Cada Santa Comunión os hace más capaces de comulgar con Dios por toda la eternidad". Y así, mi Rey, no te pido nada, aunque sé que puedes darme todo. Te pido una sola cosa: seguir siendo para siempre el Rey de mi corazón; Eso es suficiente para mí. (Diario 1811)

EIM update

EIM COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese. Do you need to be compliant? New to the EIM process? Already have an EIM account? Visit austindiocese.org/eim to learn about compliance policies, how new applicants get started, and how active users maintain compliance. Contact eim@austindiocese.org for further assistance.

INFORMACIÓN PARA EL CUMPLIMIENTO CON EIM

El cumplimiento con EIM es requerido para personas activas en la mayoría de ministerios en la diócesis. ¿Necesita usted estar en cumplimiento? ¿Es el proceso de EIM algo nuevo para usted? ¿Ya tiene una cuenta de EIM? Visite austindiocese.org/eim para aprender sobre las políticas de cumplimiento, cómo comenzar si es un nuevo aplicante, y cómo los usuarios activos se mantienen en cumplimiento. Contacte a eim@austindiocese.org para recibir mayor asistencia.

REPORT ABUSE

Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult, or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

REPORTE EL ABUSO

Reporte el abuso de un menor, un adulto mayor o un adulto con una discapacidad a las autoridades locales del cumplimiento de la ley o a la Línea Directa del Abuso de Texas en www.txabusehotline.org o llamando al (800) 252-5400 y a la diócesis de Austin en www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse o llamando al (512) 949-2447.

HAVE YOU, OR HAS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE?

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you or someone you know have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at (512) 949-2400.

¿Ha usted, o alguien que usted conoce, experimentado abuso?

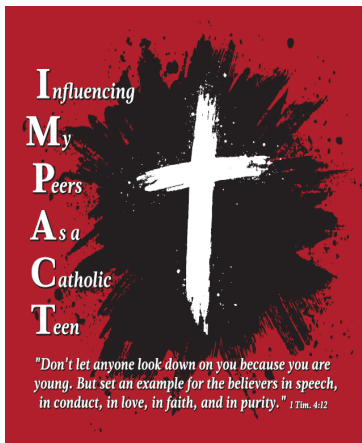
El Obispo José Vásquez y la Diócesis de Austin están comprometidos a proveer de cuidado compasivo a personas que hayan experimentado abuso, particularmente si éste fue cometido por clero o un representante de la iglesia. Si usted, o alguien que usted conocer ha experimentado dicho abuso, contacte a la Coordinadora diocesana de Asistencia a las Víctimas y Apoyo Pastoral, llame al (512) 949-2400.

REPORT UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR

Report unethical behavior by a person serving in ministry to the diocese at (512) 949-2447.

REPORTE COMPORTAMIENTO NO ÉTICO

Reporte comportamiento no ético por parte de una persona sirviendo en ministerio a la diócesis al (512) 949-2447.



IMPACT Youth News

ALL 10th, 11th, & 12th Graders

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

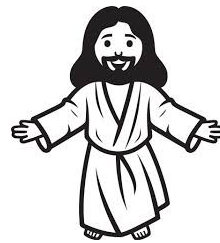
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Our next session is Wednesday, Dec. 4th

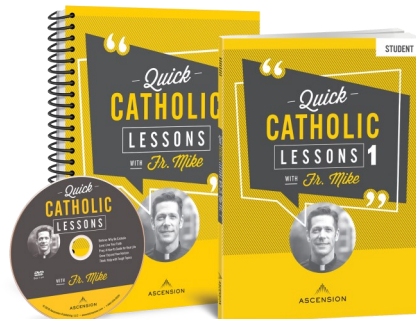
Hope to see you there!!



COME JOIN US!



This year, 10th, 11th, & 12th grade sessions will use "Quick Catholic Lessons with Father Mike" as our study guide. It is filled with topics such as Motivation to go to Mass, Learning how to Love the Bible, The meaning of Suffering, & many more useful topics that are designed to help teens grow in their Catholic faith.





Advent Penance Service Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

Tuesday/martes, Dec. 17th
at 7PM

As we begin the season of Advent, let us experience this healing mercy of God by availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 6PM English & Spanish.**

En el comienzo de este tiempo de Adviento, nos invitan a sentir la curación y misericordia de Dios recurriendo en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación el martes 17 de diciembre a las 7pm de la tarde en inglés y español.

Other Local Advent Penance Services

St. Margaret, Giddings, TX
Tues. Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption, Taylor, TX
Wed., Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12PM

Holy Family, Lexington, TX
Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

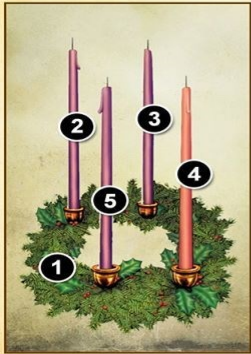
St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes, Caldwell, TX
Mon. Dec. 16, 6 p.m.

St. Mary, Hearne, TX
Tues., Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 21, 7 p.m.,
Holy Family, Lexington, TX

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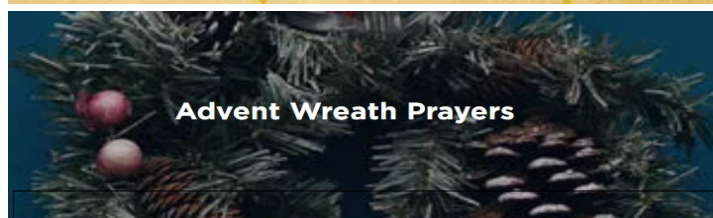
ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS



(1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

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Advent Wreath Prayers

Start with the Advent Wreath Blessing

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

Week One:

**light the first purple candle*

Scripture Reflection: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

**pause for reflection*

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



First Friday Devotion

YOU ARE INVITED ON FRIDAY, December 6, 2024, First Friday of the Month:
There will be 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, 6 de diciembre 2024, el Primer Viernes del Mes.**
Habrá Santa Misa a las **12:15pm**, luego sigue la **Adoración Eucarística con la Bendición.***

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RE Calendar

- Dec. 1** YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 5th graders in charge
Dec. 1 Sunday Class
Dec. 4 Wednesday Class
Dec. 4 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Dec. 8 Sunday Class
Dec. 8 **Confirmation session #4**, 3-6 pm,
for student and a parent and/or sponsor
Dec. 8 **Lifetime of Learning (for adults)** 5-6:30 pm
Dec. 11 Wednesday Class
Dec. 14 **1st Reconciliation**, for 2nd graders, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 15 Sunday Class
Dec. 18 Wednesday Class
Dec. 18 10th-12th Graders
Dec.22-Jan.5 NO CLASSES—Christmas Holidays
Dec. 24 Nativity Play, 5 pm
Jan. 5 **Confirmation session #5**, 3-6 pm,
for student and a parent and/or sponsor
Jan. 8 Wednesday Class
Jan. 8 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Jan. 11 Catechist RETREAT, College Station
Jan. 12 YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 6th graders in charge
Jan. 12 Sunday Class
Jan. 12 Catechist Luncheon Meeting, 1-3 pm
Jan. 12 **Lifetime of Learning (for adults)** 5-6:30 pm
Jan. 8 Wednesday Class



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What is more, as was told him by Our Lady, he was to be the Saint Dominic of the latter times spreading devotion to the Holy Rosary. In his own era, however, he would best be remembered as “the most calumniated man of the 19th century.”

San Antonio María Claret fue un apóstol de renombre, comparable a una figura nada menor como San Francisco Javier. También fue un hacedor de milagros cuyas curaciones prodigiosas rivalizarían con las maravillas de San Antonio de Padua. Y, como San Vicente Ferrer, también fue un místico, cuyas profecías revelaron los acontecimientos de nuestros días.

Es más, como le dijo Nuestra Señora, él sería el Santo Domingo de los últimos tiempos que difundiría la devoción al Santo Rosario. Sin embargo, en su propia época, sería mejor recordado como “el hombre más calumniado del siglo XIX”.



Confirmation session #4

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3-6 pm
for the student and a parent or sponsor.

Las sesiones de confirmación comienzan este domingo 8 de diciembre de 3 a 6 pm para el candidato y un padre o patrocinador.

Religious Education
is in need of volunteers!

Make A Difference
Volunteer

We are in need of 3 aides on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

If you feel a calling to help share Christ's love with our youth, please call Mrs. Bonnie Holub (church office 512-446-2049).
Classes are from Sept. 4—May 7.



Our Monthly YOUTH Mass

will be on Sunday,
December 1,
at the **9 am Mass.**

The **5th graders** are in charge of the Mass. All families are encouraged to bring your children to this special Mass.

Nuestra Misa MENSUAL PARA JÓVENES

será el domingo **1 de diciembre**, a las 9 a. m.
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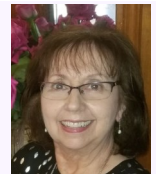
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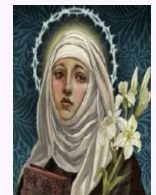
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