



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES / HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday:	5 p.m.
Sunday:	9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Español)
Tuesday:	6 p.m.
Wednesday:	12:15 p.m.
Thursday:	12:15 p.m. & 6 p.m. (Español)
Friday:	12:15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
By appointment also / Con cita previa también
Contact the office 512-446-2049

DEVOTIONS / DEVOCIONES

First Friday Mass: 12:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration after the 6 p.m. Mass on Thursdays. / **Adoración Eucarística** después de la Misa de las 6 p.m. los jueves.

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.

The Angelus:

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. *prior to the Mass*

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. *prior to the Mass*

Friday— 12:00 p.m. *prior to the Mass*



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Office Hours / Horas de Oficina:
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday Aug 25	1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday Aug 26	1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mt 23:23-26 6 p.m. No Mass
Wednesday Aug 27	1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32 12:15 p.m. No Mass St. Monica
Thursday Aug 28	1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51 12:15 p.m. No Mass 6 p.m. No Mass St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday Aug 29	1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mk 6:17-29 12:15 p.m. No Mass The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday Aug 30	1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mt 25:14-30 5 p.m. †Lany Furr †Rosa Argentina Zeledon
Sunday Aug 31	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/ Heb 12:18-19,22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14 9 a.m. All St. Joseph's Parishioners 11:30 a.m. †Manuel Escobar †Alejandro Perez

No Weekly Masses 8/25-8/29 Father Bradford will be on Retreat.
Please keep him on your prayers.

Daily Mass / Adoration is held in
the Holy Family Chapel.

Misa de Dia / Adoración diaria se lleva a cabo
en la Capilla de la Sagrada Familia.

Aug 9– 10, 2025

Weekly Collection:	\$ 3,172.60
Black Bag	\$ 200.00
Online Giving: 8/11-8/15	\$ 126.55
Total:	\$ 3,499.15

Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedralism, Priest Pension
& Health Insurance, Property Insurance,
Ministry Platform, Workmen's Compensation)

Please remember St. Joseph's in your will.

"All must give as they are able, according to the
blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
– Deuteronomy 16:17

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Special Collections / Colecciones Especiales

Aug 23-24 Mission Appeal

Sep 6-7 Red Bag

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Aug 23– 5 p.m..	Linda Masur	Marcos Santellano	Margaret Coker Wesley Janak	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun. Aug 24— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Minnie Pesl Sylvia Ramos Claudia Hernandez	Omar Chavez Elizabeth Longoria	Pat Barcak Shannon OBrien	David Ehler Jeff Zapata Javier Rivera Mario Hernandez
Sat. Aug 30– 5 p.m.	Margaret Coker	Mario Santellano	Carlos Garza Nancy Phillips	Wesley Janak Kenney Svrcek
Sun. Aug 31— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Shannon O'Brien Martha Hernandez Lupe Tristan	Marcos Santellano Camila Cardona	Faustino & Cynthia Gonzalez	Chad Ehler Jason Ehler Juan Gonzalez Macario Flores



Remember In Prayer

Fr. John Boiko

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho

Maria Teresa Mora	Joe Ruelas
Richard Facundo	Mary Vega
Cruz Martinez	Karen Eckert
Jim Garza	Florian Skubal
Nick & Mamie Guzman	Bill Martinez
Familia Reyes	Mike Morris
Charlie & Pat Watson	Matilde Garza
Tom & Barbara Hormuth	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	Ed Hill
Jesse Alvarez	Wendy Fournet
David Boudreaux	Delores Caka
Janie Zapata	Mark Alvarez
Leslie Joyce Garcia	Teresa Brown
Jim Grametbauer	Hunter Burney
Lisa Vongonten	Andrea Tovar
Jordan Juarez	Lillian Sanchez
Vernon Crowder	Lambert Skubal Jr.
Valentina Rodarte	Dolores Turner
Maria Garro B.	Marianne Lopez
Damon Corona	Marcelino Flores
Christina Alvarez	Susie Flores
Benji Blanco –Navy deployment	

PLEASE Call the office @ 512-446-2049 if you, or someone you know, needs to be remembered on the prayer list.



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in memory of

Frank Ramirez Sr. and Frank Ramirez Jr.

By

Lydia Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



If you would like to schedule an intention for a deceased loved one, someone's birthday or anniversary etc., we do have dates available for scheduling.

Please come by the parish office if you would like to schedule sanctuary candle intentions.

Intenciones de velas del santuario



Si desea programar una intención para un ser querido fallecido, el cumpleaños o aniversario de alguien, etc., tenemos fechas disponibles para programar.

Por favor pase por la oficina parroquial si desea programar intenciones de velas para el santuario.



*Dear Friends in Christ,
With profound thanksgiving and gratitude, the Diocese of Austin announces that on Wednesday July 2, 2025, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, named the Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia the 6th*

Bishop of the Diocese of Austin. Since 2019, Bishop Garcia has served as the Bishop of Monterey in California and now will return to his home diocese where he was ordained a priest and previously served as auxiliary bishop. As Bishop Garcia embraces this new appointment, let us pray that God will fill him with hope and joy as he prepares to lead the Diocese of Austin. With our prayers and support, and in the spirit of his episcopal motto, may we "walk humbly with God" alongside Bishop Garcia. Gratefully in Christ,

Catholic Social Teaching Corner / Rincón de la Doctrina Social Católica

Aug. 23-24, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds the people of his time that their status as "the chosen people" did not guarantee admission to God's Kingdom. That is true of us as well. God's kingdom is given as gift, but to accept the gift we must faithfully follow Jesus through the narrow door, which means living in him and for him in everything we do. That narrow door includes our love and care for the poor and vulnerable. Are we strong enough to be servants to the least as Jesus was?

Agosto 23-24, 21ro Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús recuerda a la gente de su tiempo que su estatus como "gente elegida" no le garantiza la admisión al Reino de Dios. Esto es verdad para nosotros también. El reino de Dios se nos da como un don, pero para aceptar el don debemos de seguir a Jesús fielmente a través de la puerta angosta, lo que significa vivir en Él y por Él en todo lo que hacemos. Esa puerta angosta incluye nuestro amor y cuidado por los pobres y vulnerables ¿Somos lo suficientemente fuertes para ser siervos para los más pequeños, tal como Jesús lo fue?

St. Joseph Organizations / Contacts

Meeting Dates / Times

Sociedad Guadalupeana

Maria Tristan, President **512-429-0541**

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month with Rosary at 9 a.m. followed by Meeting in the RE Building. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Kenny Svrcek, Grand Knight **512-921-2184**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. @ the K of C Hall. New members are always welcome.

St. Joseph Ladies Society

Maria Santellano, President **254-760-0568**

Meets the 1st Monday of the month in the RE Building with Rosary at 5 p.m. followed by Meeting. New members are always welcome.

The Marian Cenacle (Prayer Group)

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets each Thursday, beginning with the Cenacle (prayer) 11am-noon, @ the RE Building, follow by the Angelus, 12:15 Mass in the chapel. Bi-weekly meeting to follow 12:45-1:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/Hijas de María

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets the 1st Saturday of each month (Sept.—May) @ RE Building from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Open to girls who have made their First Communion and older, and their parents.

Impact Youth Group - *Not Meeting Until Further Notice*

Youth Minister

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in October @ RE Building, from 6:30-7:45 p.m., followed by IMPACT NIGHT from 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

Contact Debby Currey **512-775-0977**

Various groups meet weekly to study the Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's Diary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and to pray.

Viri Christi (Men's Group)

Contact Carlos Garza **512-760-0273**

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**



If you are interested in the OCIA program (formerly known as RCIA), contact the St. Joseph Church Office at 512-446-2049.

First Session: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:00-8:30 pm
in the RE Building..

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Si le interesa el programa OCIA (anteriormente conocido como RICA), comuníquese con la Oficina de la Iglesia de San José al 512-446-2049.

Primera sesión: Martes 9 de septiembre, de 7:00 a 8:30pm, en el Edificio de RE.



Say Unceasingly the Chaplet

" Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy".

First Friday Devotion

You are invited on
Friday, September 5, 2025,
FIRST FRIDAY of the Month:
There will be **Eucharistic Adoration with BENEDICTION**
from 9:30 a.m. –12 p.m.
followed by the Mass at **12:15 p.m.**



Baptism Class

Next Baptism Class will be held
on Saturday, September 13, 2025
at 9:30 a.m. at the RE Building.

Must be pre-registered to attend.
Please contact the parish office to register.



Director's Message

As our summer comes to a close, I hope everyone is able to return relaxed and ready for the new school year! Our catechists are getting ready to minister to our youth once again in the classrooms, and I am excited to see them come back as well!

As a reminder, children should be registered **PRIOR** to the start of the RE year, which is the first week of September.

There is a very important **Parent Orientation** on **Wednesday, August 27, starting at 6pm**. Information about the new RE year, along with the calendar will be given out at this time. At least one parent is ask to attend; students need not attend.

Please continue to attend Mass weekly, and we will see you all on August 27 for the Parent Orientation!

Con el fin del verano, espero que todos puedan regresar relajados y listos para el nuevo año escolar. Nuestros catequistas se están preparando para atender a nuestros jóvenes una vez más en las aulas, y me emociona verlos de regreso también!

Les recordamos que los niños deben inscribirse **ANTES** del inicio del año de religión, que es la primera semana de septiembre.

El miércoles 27 de agosto, a las 6 p. m., habrá una importante Orientación para Padres. En ese momento, se distribuirá información sobre el nuevo año de religión, junto con el calendario. Se solicita la asistencia de al menos un padre; los estudiantes no necesitan asistir. Por favor, sigan asistiendo a misa semanalmente, ¡y nos vemos el 27 de agosto en la Orientación para Padres!

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



REGISTER NOW for the 2025/2026

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR

Registration continues during office hours. Students **MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO CLASSES**, which begin in Sept.

Fees are \$40/student, with a maximum of \$100/family.

We will be accepting students in K – 12th grades.

New students are asked to bring their birth certificate, and baptismal certificate if applicable.

All outstanding balances need to be taken care of prior to registering for the new school year. If payment is an issue, please speak to Mrs. Holub.



REGÍSTRATE AHORA para el CATESISMO PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO 2025/2026

La inscripción continúa en horario de oficina. Los estudiantes **DEBEN INSCRIBIRSE ANTES DE LAS CLASES**, que comienzan en septiembre.

La tarifa es de \$40 por estudiante, con un máximo de \$100 por familia.

Estamos aceptando estudiantes en los grados K - 12.

Se les pide a los nuevos estudiantes que traigan su certificado de nacimiento y certificado de bautismo si corresponde.

Todos los saldos pendientes deben ser atendidos antes de inscribirse para el nuevo año escolar. Si el pago es un problema, hable con la Sra. Holub.

Parent Orientation - Aug. 27, 6pm

RE begins on Sept. 3rd & 7th

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of the deceased members
of the
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