



# St. Joseph

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

August 31, 2025

22nd 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.

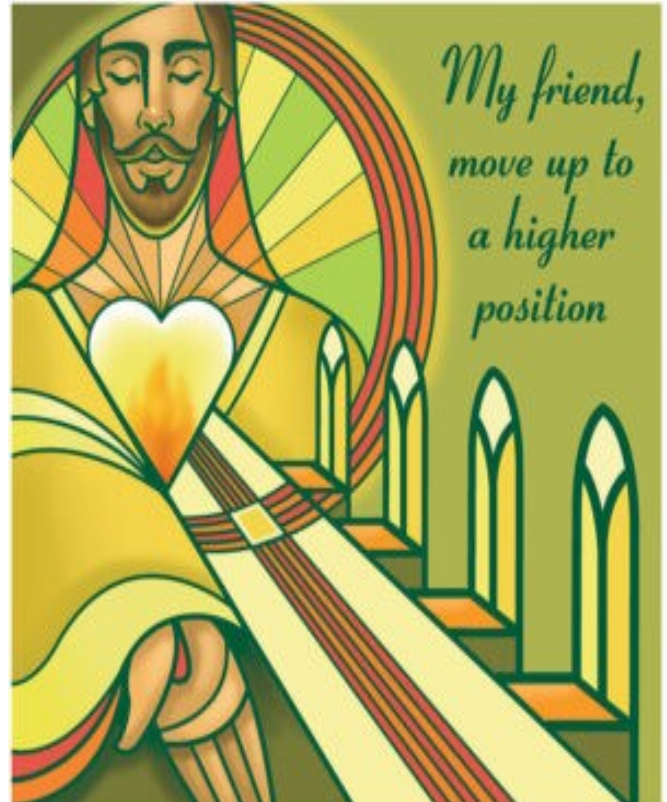
**Rosary** is prayed 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses. / **El Rosario** se reza 30 minutos antes de todas las misas de fin de semana.

#### 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

|                                     |                                      |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>                       | <i>1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30</i>     |  |
| <b>Sept 01</b>                      | <b>9 a. m.</b>                       | World Day of Prayer                                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                      | <i>1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37</i> |  |
| <b>Sept 02</b>                      | <b>6 p.m.</b>                        | †Mike Guerra   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                    | <i>Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44</i>          |  |
| <b>Sept 03</b>                      | <b>12:15 p.m.</b>                    | Souls in Purgatory                                   |
|                                     |                                      | St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Thursday</b>                     | <i>Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11</i>          |  |
| <b>Sept 04</b>                      | <b>12:15 p.m.</b>                    | Ladies Society Living and Deceased Members           |
|                                     | <b>6 p.m.</b>                        | †Rojelio Lopez<br>Souls in Purgatory                 |
| <b>Friday</b>                       | <i>Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39</i>        |  |
| <b>Sept 05</b>                      | <b>12:15 p.m.</b>                    | Souls in Purgatory                                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                     | <i>Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5</i>          |  |
| <b>Sept 06</b>                      | <b>5 p.m.</b>                        | Jesse Alvarez<br>†Cirilo Reyes Banda                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>                       |                                      |  |
| <b>Sept 07</b>                      | <b>9 a.m.</b>                        | †Denise Laszlo                                       |
| <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <b>11:30 a.m.</b>                    | St. Joseph's Parishioners                            |

### Labor Day Mass

**Fr. John Boiko will celebrate mass on Monday Sept 1 at 9am. Everyone welcome.**

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 23– 24, 2025

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Weekly Collection:</b>       | <b>\$ 2,566.01</b> |
| <b>Mission Appeal</b>           | <b>\$ 1,430.76</b> |
| <b>Online Giving:</b> 8/18-8/22 | <b>\$ 126.55</b>   |
| <b>Total:</b>                   | <b>\$ 4,123.32</b> |

### 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

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| <b>Sep 6-7</b> | Red Bag   |
| <b>Oct 4-5</b> | Black Bag |

| DATE   | LECTORS   | ALTAR SERVERS                               | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS             | USHERS   |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sat. Aug 30– 5 p.m..</b>                          | Margaret Coker  | Mario Santellano                            | Carlos Garza<br>Nancy Phillips     | Wesley Janak<br>Kenney Svrcek                                |
| <b>Sun. Aug 31— 9 a.m.</b><br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b>  | Shannon O'Brien<br><br>Martha Hernandez<br>Lupe Tristan | Marcos Santellano<br><br>Camila Cardona     | Jeff & Kelley Zapata               | Chad Ehler<br>Jason Ehler<br>Juan Gonzalez<br>Macario Flores |
| <b>Sat. Sept 06– 5 p.m.</b>                          | Theresa Alvarez   | Omar Chavez                                 | Carlos Garza<br>Nancy Phillips     | Wesley Janak<br>Kenney Svrcek                                |
| <b>Sun. Sept 07— 9 a.m.</b><br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Pete Zenner<br><br>Noemi Yanez<br>Jasmin Nieto          | Marcos Santellano<br><br>Elizabeth Longoria | Faustino Gonzalez<br>Kelley Zapata | Jeff Zapata<br>David Ehler<br>Beto Cardona<br>Jose Tristan   |



## 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

Jesse Alvarez

By

Mark & Theresa Alvarez

## 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.

## 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.



*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 Guadalupana

**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. **First meeting Sept 6th at 10am**

#### 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.**



**Meditation:** Write, speak of My mercy.

Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation] There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated (*Diary*, 1448).

##### **My Prayer Response:**

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us where to find consolation. Thank You for the Tribunal of Mercy where great miracles take place when we reveal our miseries.

### St. Joseph Ladies Society

**September Altar Duty:** Guadalupanas

**September Hostess Duty:** Theresa Alvarez

Minnie Pesl

### 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.





This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month and time to continue the Five First Saturdays Devotion. The Devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession,
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary,
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

We do this all with the intention to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This devotion is one of the major points of the message of Fatima, calling for reparation for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude towards

the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

We do this all with the intention to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

What does that mean?

It means that we try to pull thorns out of Her Immaculate Heart. We try to make atonement and amends for our sins and those sins of our family members and friends.

Our Lord explained to Sr. Lucia how the Five First Saturdays correspond with the five offenses and blasphemies that mankind commits against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

**First:** Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception

**Second:** Blasphemies against her Virginit

**Third:** Blasphemies against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind

**Fourth:** Instilling indifference, scorn and even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children

**Fifth:** Direct insults against Her sacred images

Our Lady pleads for our prayers and we must listen to Her, and console the injuries and insults to Her and Her Divine Son.

This devotion is a great gift that was given to us not only for reparation, but also to protect our souls in the spiritual battles that we are in every day and at the hour of our death.



## 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**St. Joseph Ladies Society  
Meets 1st Monday of each Month  
@ RE Building**

**Rosary at 5 p.m. followed by Meeting  
New members always welcome.**

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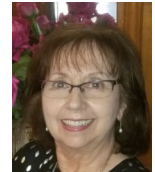
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