



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Liturgy of the Hours: 5:45 pm *Tuesdays*

The Angelus:

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

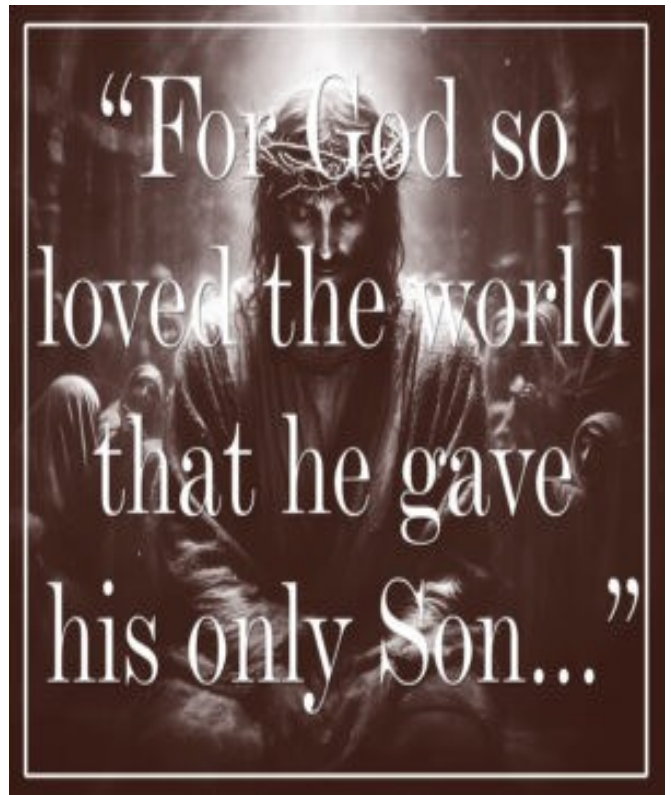
Thursday - 12:00 p.m. *prior to the Mass*

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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.

The 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 / Horas de Oficina:
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mass Intentions & Readings

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.

Sept 6-7, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$ 3,107.00
Red Bag \$ 737.00
Online Giving: 9/1-9/5 \$ 207.35
Total: \$ 4,051.35

Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

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

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"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

Oct 4-5 Black Bag
Oct 18-19 World Mission Sunday
Oct 25-26 Catholic Services Appeal

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sept 15 Our Ldy of Sorrows

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Lk 7:11-17
Sept 16 6 p.m. †Joseph Kachinski
St. Cornelius,
Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday 1Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35
Sept 17 12:15 p.m. †Kaleb Blanchard

Thursday 1Tm 4:12-16/ Lk 7:36-50
Sept 18 12:15 p.m. No Mass
6 p.m. No Mass

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3
Sept 19 12:15 p.m. †No Mass

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15
Sept 20 5 p.m. †Billie & Herman Kocian
St. Andrew Kim †Genaro Alvarez
Special Intention

Sunday
Sept 21 9 a.m. Marisa Santellano's 1st Birthday
25th Sunday 11:30 a.m. St. Joseph's Parishioners
in Ordinary Time

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Sept 13– 5 p.m..	Norma Coehlo	Marcos Santellano	Margaret Coker Wesley Janak	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun. Sept 14— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Craig Snow Martha Hernandez Lupe Tristan	Omar Chavez Camila Cardona	Pete and Nancy Zenner	Chad Ehler Jason Ehler Francisco Hernandez Felipe Pacheco
Sat. Sept 20– 5 p.m.	Margaret Coker	Elizabeth Longoria	Carlos Garza Maria Dubey	Wesley Janak Kenney Svrcek
Sun. Sept 21— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pete Zenner Sylvia Ramos Claudia Hernandez	Omar Chavez Camila Cardona	Maria Santellano Pat Barcak	Jeff Zapata David Ehler Javier Rivera Mario Hernandez



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 Honor of

Regina Hobbs

By

Mary Helen Ortega

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, October 3, 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

Sept. 13-14, Feast of the Exultation of the Cross

Today, we celebrate the triumph of Christ's Cross. Often when faced with crosses, we seek a way out or we are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, let us allow Jesus to enter the crosses we carry, for he can transform them and use them to make our faith stronger.

Septiembre 13-14, Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

Hoy celebramos el triunfo de la cruz de Cristo. A menudo, cuando nos enfrentamos a cruces, buscamos una salida o nos sentimos tentados por la ira y la desesperación. En lugar de eso, dejemos que Jesús entre en las cruces que llevamos, porque él puede transformarlas y utilizarlas para fortalecer nuestra fe.

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.

Classes are every Tuesday from 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.

Las clases seran todos los martes de 7:00 a 8:30pm, en el Edificio de RE.



Diary of St. Faustina:

JESUS SPOKE TO ST. FAUSTINA: Know that as often as you come to Me, humbling yourself and asking My forgiveness, I pour out a superabundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before My eyes, and I see only your love and your humility. You lose nothing but gain much ... (Diary, 1293). **My Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, I want to receive an abundance of Your graces in Confession as I humble myself and ask for forgiveness. Thank You, Jesus, for seeing only my love and humility.

St. Joseph Ladies Society

September Altar Duty: Guadalupanas

October Hostess Duty: Maria Santellano and Erika Obiedo

Ladies Society Christmas Bazaar
December 6th

Any donations for the Country Store, Bake Sale and Silent Auction are welcome.



Baptism Class

Next Baptism Class will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the RE Building.

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



RE CALENDAR

- Sept. 14 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Sept. 14** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #2**, 10-11:15am
- Sept. 14** **Lifetime of Learning** (for adults) "Angels" 5-6:30pm
- Sept. 17 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Sept. 21** **OPENING MASS** for all students/families, 9 am Mass
- Sept. 21** **Catechetical Sunday—commissioning 9am Mass**
- Sept. 21 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Sept. 21** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #3**, 10-11:15am
- Sept. 24 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Sept. 28 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Sept. 28** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #4**, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 1** **St. Francis Blessing of Pets, Cooke backyard**, 5:30pm
- Oct. 1 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm—Living Rosary
- Oct. 1** **IMPACT 10th-12th graders**, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Oct. 5** **YOUTH MASS, 9am—8th graders in charge**
- Oct. 5** **Confirmation Rite of Enrollment**, 9 am Mass
- Oct. 5 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am—Living Rosary
- Oct. 5** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #5**, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 5** **Catechist Luncheon Meeting**, 12:30-2:30pm
- Oct. 5 **Confirmation Class #2**, 3-6pm for candidate / adult
- Oct. 8 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Oct. 8** **PARENT MEETING:**
Pre-Confirmation/Confirmation, 6:30pm in the church
- Oct. 12 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 12** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #6**, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 12** **Lifetime of Learning** (for adults)
"Defending Catholicism" 5-6:30pm
- Oct. 15 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Oct. 15** **IMPACT 10th-12th graders**, 6:30-7:45 pm

Opening Mass for RE

ALL families in RE are invited to attend our Opening Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the 9 am Mass.

Students will process in, receive a blessing, and then sit with their family. The 9th graders will be in charge of the Mass.

Misa de Apertura para RE

Todas las familias de RE están invitadas a nuestra Misa de Apertura el domingo 21 de septiembre a las 9:00 a.m.

Los estudiantes entrarán en procesión, recibirán la bendición y luego se sentarán con sus familias. Los alumnos de 9.º grado estarán a cargo de la misa.

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)

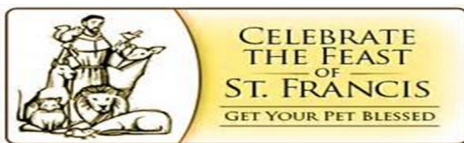


Catechetical Sunday
September 21, 2025

Catechetical Sunday

ALL catechists in RE will be commissioned on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the 9 am Mass.

From faith formation teachers, to youth leaders, to adult religious educators, catechists give their time, talents, and treasure to spread the Faith in their parish community. Not only generous, these individuals have recognized and acted upon their baptismal call to witness and serve those around them. This year's theme highlights each person's duty to become witnesses of the faith and of their hope in Christ. Hearing this call, catechists have graciously answered by giving of themselves for the faith in their parish communities.



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, we will have a **Blessing of the Pets** on **Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cooke House backyard. All parishioners are invited and are asked to bring your pets either on leashes or in containers.

*En honor a San Francisco de Asís, patrón de los animales, tendremos una **Bendición de las mascotas** el **miércoles, 1 de octubre a las 5:30 p.m.** en el patio de Cooke House. Todos los feligreses están invitados y se les pide que traigan a sus mascotas con correa o en contenedores.*

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**In Loving Memory
of the deceased members
of the
Flores & Lerma Families.**



SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

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**St. Joseph Ladies Society
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@ RE Building**

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

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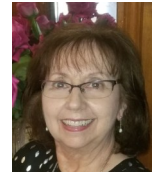
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