



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

September 28, 2025
26th 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

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

The Angelus:

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

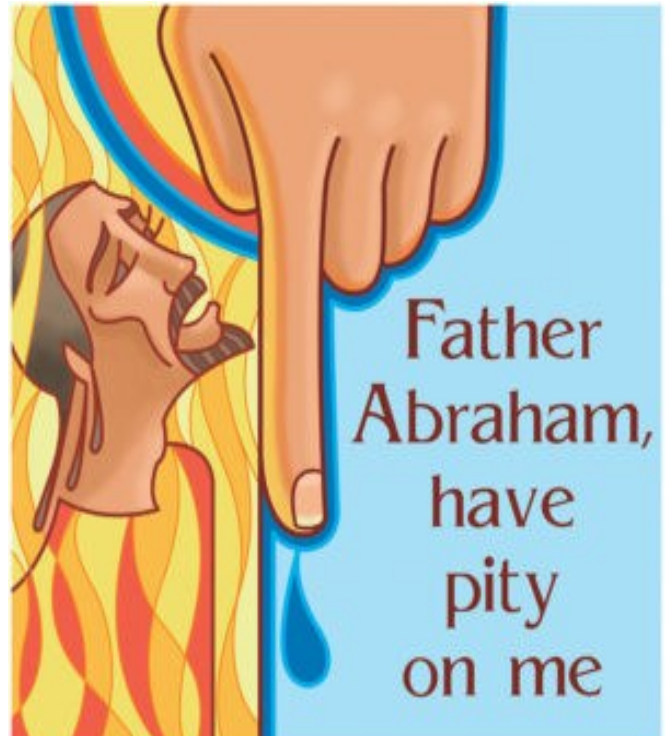
Thursday - 12:00 p.m. *prior to the Mass*

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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

Monday Dn 7:9-10,13-14/ Jn 1:47-51

Sept 29

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels*

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56

Sept 30

*St. Jerome,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

6 p.m. Heather Clopton Sp. Int
†Bardomiano Banda Perez

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62

October 1

*St. Therese of the
Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church*

12:15 p.m. †Walt Knepper

Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,7b-12/ Mt 18:1-5,10

October 2

12:15 p.m. †Walt Knepper
6 p.m. †Jose Rico
†Romualda Ramirez
†Eulogio Ramirez

Friday Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16

October 3

12:15 p.m. Xephenia and Calliope Lopez -SI

Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29/ Lk 10:17-24

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

5 p.m. †Billie and Herman Kocian

†Verona and Ambrose Baggstrom

Sunday Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14/ Lk 17:5-10

October 5

*Respect Life
Sunday*

9 a.m. St. Joseph's Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Petra Hernandez
†Maria Sanchez
†Vicente Balderas

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 20-21, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$ 2,812.50
Gaza Special Collection \$ 626.00
Online Giving: 9/15-9/19 \$ 126.55
Total: \$ 3,565.05

Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

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

"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

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Sept 27— 5 p.m..	Linda Masur	Omar Chavez	Maria Dubey Wesley Janak	Kenney Svrcek Carlos Garza
Sun. Sept 28— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Barcak Noemi Yanez Jasmin Nieto	Marcos Santellano Elizabeth Longoria	Felicia Alexander Kelley Zapata	Jason Ehler Chad Ehler Juan Gonzalez Macario Flores
Sat. Oct 4— 5 p.m.	Theresa Alvarez	Omar Chavez	Margaret Coker Wesley Janak	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun. Oct 5— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Jerman Noemi Yanez Jasmin Nieto	Elizabeth Longoria Camila Cardona	Shannon O'Brien Gloria Pedroza	David Ehler Jeff Zapata Beto Cardona 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

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.

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.

Diary of St. Faustina:



The Chaplet and the Dying Soul

" When I entered my solitude, I heard these words: At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son."
(Diary, 811)

Catholic Social Teaching Corner / Rincón de la Doctrina Social Católica

Sept. 27-28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel continues the lesson from last Sunday. Comfort and wealth made the rich man blind to poor Lazarus lying on his doorstep and also blind to his own need for God. Before God we are all as poor and needy as Lazarus. Since God has given us love, grace and mercy so freely are we not called to give to the materially poor the material gifts God has given us?

Septiembre 27-28, 26to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy continúa la lección del domingo pasado. Consuelo y bienestar ciegan al hombre rico hacia el pobre Lázaro que está recostado en su entrada y también lo ciegan hacia la propia necesidad de Dios. Ante Dios todos somos pobres y necesitados como Lázaro. Ya que Dios nos ha dado amor, gracia y misericordia tan libremente, ¿no estamos llamados a dar a los materialmente pobres los dones materiales que Dios nos ha dado?

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



Saturday October 3rd 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 Virginity

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.

St. Joseph Ladies Society

October Altar Duty: Gail Rosson, Lynn Crowder

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.

The Ladies Society has started the selling of raffle
tickets for their Christmas Bazaar Raffle.



Please see them after Mass to purchase
your tickets. There are Ten prizes this
year. The raffle drawing is on Decem-
ber 6. You do not need to be present
to win. Good Luck!

WANT TO GET CLOSER TO THE ONE YOU ARE MARRIED TO?

Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend, a roman-
tic, faith-filled working weekend with the purpose
of enriching already strong marriages. You'll like
the difference a Marriage Encounter weekend can
make. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for
November 8-10 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in
South Austin or April 17-19, 2026 at Cedarbrake
Renewal Center in Belton. To apply online visit:
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Baptism Class

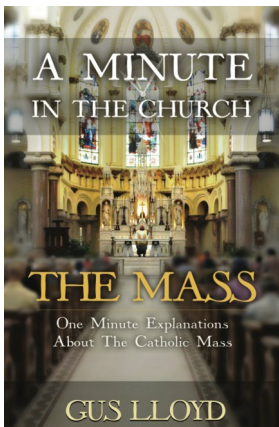


**Next Baptism Class will be held
on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at
10 a.m. at the RE Building.**

Must be pre-registered to attend.

Please contact the parish office to register.

Un Minuto en al Iglesia LA MISA



- ◇ Formación de Adultos
- ◇ Sesiones de Aprendizaje
sobre La Misa
- ◇ Todos los miércoles a las
6:30 en la Capilla

Todos están invitados!

Baby Banks will be distributed after Mass
next Sunday! St. Joseph's will host this cam-
paign to foster greater respect for the sancti-
ty of human life. Your donation will help pro-
life efforts in our parish and throughout the
diocese to help those in need through diocesan
and parish ministries like the Walking
with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel
Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry,
Pro-Life Help Line, and much more will re-
ceive funds from this campaign. For more
information or to volunteer, please contact
the parish office.

**We need
YOU!**



If any parishioner is interested in
serving in a ministry at St. Joseph
as a Lector, Usher, EMOHC, or
Choir member, please contact the
parish office.

*Si algún feligrés está interesado en servir en un
ministerio aquí en San José como Lector, Ujier,
EMOHC, o Coro, por favor comuníquese con la
oficina parroquial.*

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stjosephrockdale.org

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Welcome Back Father John Boiko to St. Joseph!



We are grateful that a pastoral decision has been made by our Bishop. As such, Fr. John will be returning to our parish as our permanent pastor. We praise God for this blessing.

Bienvenido de nuevo

Padre John Boiko a San José!

Agradecemos que se haya tomado una decisión pastoral por parte de nuestro Obispo. Por lo tanto, el P. John regresará a nuestra parroquia como nuestro pastor permanente. Alabamos a Dios por esta bendición.

We Have to Say Goodbye to Father Bradford Hernandez



We want to thank Fr. Bradford for his faithful and spiritual guidance these past months. May God continue to guide him in his priestly ministry. Fr. Bradford - you will forever be in our hearts and in our prayers.

Tenemos que despedirnos del Padre Bradford Hernández

Queremos agradecer al P. Bradford por su fiel y espiritual guía en estos últimos meses. Que Dios continúe guiándolo en su ministerio sacerdotal. P. Bradford - siempre estarás en nuestros corazones y en nuestras oraciones.

Potluck Meal/Reception honoring Father Bradford & Father John

Sunday – September 28, 1 –4 p.m.
at the KC Hall for Father Bradford to thank him for his service to St. Joseph's and to wish him well on his next appointment.
Everyone welcome to attend.

We are asking that families whose last name ends in the following letters provide what is listed, bring enough for 6 persons, and also bring a serving spoon for your dishes.

A – J	Salad and/or Vegetable Side Dish
K – T	Meat and/or Meat dish
U – Z	Dessert

Pastor's Appreciation POTLUCK



Comida/Recepción de potluck en honor al Padre Bradford y al Padre John

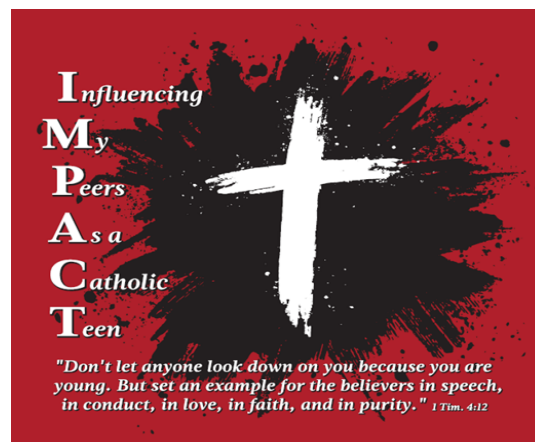
Domingo – 28 de septiembre, de 1 - 4 p.m.
en el KC Hall para agradecer al Padre Bradford por su servicio a San José y desearle lo mejor en su próximo nombramiento.
Todos son bienvenidos a asistir.

Estamos pidiendo que las familias cuyos apellidos terminan en las siguientes letras proporcionen lo que se indica, traigan suficiente para 6 personas y también traigan una cuchara de servir para sus platos.

A – J	Ensalada o guarnición de vegetales
K – T	Carne o Guiso con carne
U – Z	Postre

RE CALENDAR

- 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
- Oct. 19 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 19** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #7**, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 22 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Oct. 26 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 26** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #8**, 10-11:15am
- Oct. 29 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Nov. 2** **YOUTH MASS, 9am—7th graders in charge**
- Nov. 2 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Nov. 2** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #9**, 10-11:15am



ALL 10th, 11th, & 12th Graders

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

We meet on the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of the month from October through April.

We meet in the RE building. Snacks are served. Come and join us!!

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. *There is NO charge for attending and ALL 10th-12th graders are welcome to attend.*

- ♦ **Our first session is Wednesday, October 1st. See you then!!**



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.*



Our Monthly YOUTH Mass

will be on Sunday, **October 5,** at the **9 am Mass.**

The **8th 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 **5 de octubre**, a las 9 a.m.

Los **alumnos de 8º grado** estarán a cargo de la Misa.

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of the deceased members
of the
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**St. Joseph Ladies Society
Meets 1st Monday of each Month**

@ RE Building

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New members always welcome.**

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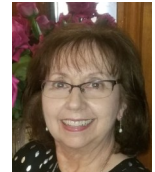
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