



# St. Joseph

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

September 7, 2025  
23rd 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*

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

**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** *Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16*  
**Sept 08** *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Tuesday** *Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19*  
**Sept 09** **6 p.m.** †Luis & San Juana Rios  
*Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

**Wednesday** *Col 3:1:11/Lk 6:20-26*  
**Sept 10** **12:15 p.m.** †Alex Santellano  
 †Cecilia Puente  
 †John Santellano  
 †Cecil Santellano

**Thursday** *Col 3:12-17/ Lk 6:27-38*  
**Sept 11** **12:15 p.m.** Special Intention  
**6 p.m.** Souls in Purgatory

**Friday** *1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/ Lk 6:39-42*  
**Sept 12** **12:15 p.m.** †Garrett Black

**Saturday** *1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49*  
**Sept 13** **5 p.m.** †Frank Ramirez Sr.  
*St. John Chrysostom* †Frank Ramirez Jr.

**Sunday**  
**Sept 14** **9 a.m.** St. Joseph's Parishioners  
*The Exaltation* **11:30 a.m.** †Jose Sanchez  
*in Ordinary Time* †Maria Lopez Velasquez  
 †Petra Hernandez  
 †Vicente Balderas  
 Roxana Rico 10th Birthday

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 30– 31, 2025

**Weekly Collection:** \$ 3,551.85  
**Mission Appeal** \$ 40.00  
**Online Giving:** 8/25-8/29 \$ 106.35  
**Total:** \$ 3,698.20

### Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedraticum, 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

**Sep 6-7** Red Bag

**Oct 4-5** Black Bag

| DATE   | LECTORS  | ALTAR SERVERS                           | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS             | USHERS   |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sat. Sept 6– 5 p.m..</b>                          | Theresa Alvarez                                    | Marcos Santellano                       | Barbara Walko<br>Maria Dubey       | Kenney Svrcek<br>Carlos Garza                                      |
| <b>Sun. Sept 7— 9 a.m.</b><br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b>  | Pete Zenner<br><br>Noemi Yanez<br>Jasmin Nieto     | Omar Chavez<br><br>Elizabeth Longoria   | Faustino Gonzalez<br>Kelley Zapata | Jeff Zapata<br>David Ehler<br>Beto Cardona<br>Jose Tristan         |
| <b>Sat. Sept 13– 5 p.m.</b>                          | Norma Coehlo                                       | Omar Chavez                             | Margaret Coker<br>Wesley Janak     | Carlos Garza<br>Wesley Janak                                       |
| <b>Sun. Sept 14— 9 a.m.</b><br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Craig Snow<br><br>Martha Hernandez<br>Lupe Tristan | Marcos Santellano<br><br>Camila Cardona | Pete and Nancy Zenner              | Chad Ehler<br>Jason Ehler<br>Francisco Hernandez<br>Felipe Pacheco |



## 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

Mary Helen Ortega

By

Ortega Family

## 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. 6-7, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

How much are we willing to give up to be a follower of Jesus? In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to let go of everything important and dear to us: family, friends, possessions, position and even our very selves. Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Philemon in the second reading had to give up social status in order to receive his runaway slave as a brother as Paul asked. Do we accept as brothers and sisters those whom society rejects because of Christ? How do we live that out?

### Septiembre 6-7, 23ro Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿A cuánto estamos dispuestos a renunciar para ser seguidores de Jesús? En el Evangelio, Jesús nos pide que dejemos ir todo lo importante y querido para nosotros: familia, amigos, posesiones, posición e incluso nuestro propio ser. ¿Hemos calculado el precio del discipulado? Filemón en la segunda lectura tuvo que renunciar a su estatus social para poder recibir a su esclavo fugitivo como hermano, tal como Pablo había pedido. ¿Nosotros aceptamos como hermanos y hermanas a aquellos cuya sociedad rechaza por Cristo? ¿Cómo vivimos esto?

## 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.**



#### **Diary of St. Faustina:**

" 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, Paragraph #811) .

#### **St. Joseph Ladies Society**

**September Altar Duty:** Guadalupanas

**September Hostess Duty:** Theresa Alvarez

Minnie Pesl

**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, September 13, 2025 at 10 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.



## RE CALENDAR

- Sept. 3 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm  
 Sept. 7 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am  
**Sept. 7** **Sacramental Prep for Older Students #1**, 10-11:15am  
 Sept. 7 **Confirmation Class #1**, 3-6pm *for candidate/adult*  
 Sept. 10 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm  
 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.**

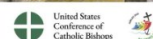
Students will process in, receive a blessing, and then sit with their family. The 9th graders will be in charge of the Mass.

## 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.

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of the  
Flores & Lerma Families.**



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**St. Joseph Ladies Society  
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New members always welcome.**

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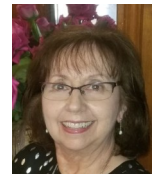
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