



# Respect Life



**St. Joseph**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ROCKDALE, TEXAS

October 5, 2025  
**RESPECT LIFE  
SUNDAY**

## 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.

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“All **LIFE** has  
inestimable  
value, even the  
**weakest** and  
most **vulnerable**,  
the **sick**, the **old**,  
the **unborn**  
and the **poor** are  
masterpieces of  
God’s creation.”

*Pope Francis*

## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday**      *Jon 1:1—2:2,11/ Lk 10:25-37*

**October 6**

**Tuesday**      *Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42*

**October 7**      **6 p.m.**      No Mass

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

**Wednesday**      *Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4*

**October 8**      **12:15 p.m.**      No Mass

**Thursday**      *Mal 3:13-20b/ Lk 11:5-13*

**October 9**      **12:15 p.m.**      No Mass  
                          **6 p.m.**      †Asuncion Rico

**Friday**      *Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26*

**October 10**      **12:15 p.m.**      †Frank Ramirez Sr.

**Saturday**      *Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28*

**October 11**      **5 p.m.**      St. Joseph's Parishioners

**Sunday**      *2Kgs 5:14-17/ 2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19*

**October 12**      **9 a.m.**      †Antonio Perez

*28th Sunday in*      †Santos Perez

*Ordinary Time*      †Luciano Salinas

**11:30 a.m.**      †Petra Hernandez  
                          †Vicente Balderas  
                          †Leonor Lepe  
                          Brianna Hernandez –Sp Int

No 12:15pm Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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 27-28, 2025

**Weekly Collection:**      \$ 2,633.50

**Online Giving:**      9/22-9/26      \$ 188.05

**Total:**      \$ 2,821.55

## Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,069.00

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedralism, 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. 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  Sylvia Ramos Claudia Hernandez	Elizabeth Longoria  Camila Cardona	Shannon O'Brien Gloria Pedroza	David Ehler Jeff Zapata Beto Cardona Jose Tristan
Sat. Oct 11– 5 p.m.	Norma Coelho	Mario Santellano	Carlos Garza Nancy Phillips	Wesley Janak Kenney Svrcek
Sun. Oct 12— 9 a.m.  11:30 a.m.	Craig Snow  Martha Hernandez Lupe Tristan	Marcos Santellano  Camila Cardona	Faustino and Cynthia Gonzalez	Jason Ehler Chad Ehler Francisco Hernandez 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 Memory of

Aniceto Acuna

By

Sean Kelly 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, November 7, 2025,**  
**FIRST FRIDAY of the Month:**  
There will be **Eucharistic Adoration**  
with **BENEDICTION**  
from 1 pm. –3 p.m.

## Diary of St. Faustina:



### Souls Who Glorify My Mercy Shall Not Fear Death

...Today the Lord said to me, **My daughter, write down these words: All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle...**

*(Diary, 1540)*

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner / Rincón de la Doctrina Social Católica

### Oct. 4-5, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel opens with the disciples requesting that Jesus increase their faith. For Jesus, faith is a gift that leads to service and that service is always in support of life! This Sunday we all pray for the flame of faith and zeal that will give us the courage to stand with and all whose lives are threatened by violence: the unborn; the death row prisoner; civilians caught in wars and conflict. Does our faith help us to see every life as precious in the eyes of God? In what areas should we ask God to increase our faith?

### Octubre 4-5, 27mo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy comienza con los discípulos pidiendo a Jesús que incremente su fe. Para Jesús, la fe es un don que lleva al servicio y ese servicio es siempre en apoyo a la vida! Este domingo oramos por la flama de la fe y el celo que nos dará el valor para ponernos de pie con, y por todos aquellos cuyas vidas son amenazadas con la violencia: los no natos; los prisioneros en fila para ser ejecutados; los civiles atrapados en guerras y conflictos ¿Nos ayuda nuestra fe a ver cada vida como preciosa en los ojos de Dios? ¿En qué áreas debemos pedirle a Dios que incremente 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 and Mass 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

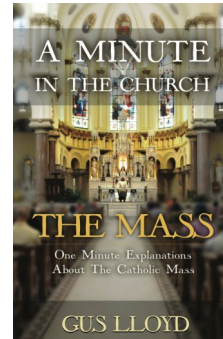


## Baptism Class

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 la 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!

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

Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend, a romantic, 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: [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or contact Zeb & Geraldine Evans: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com). Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-825-7261.

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Office Hours / Horas de Oficina:

Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m.— 3 p.m.

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## St. Joseph Ladies Society

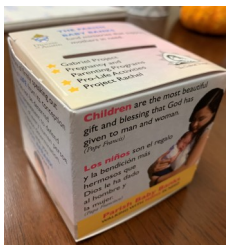
### Ladies Society Christmas Bazaar December 6th

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 December 6. You do not need to be present to win. Good Luck!



### Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today!

Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. Walking

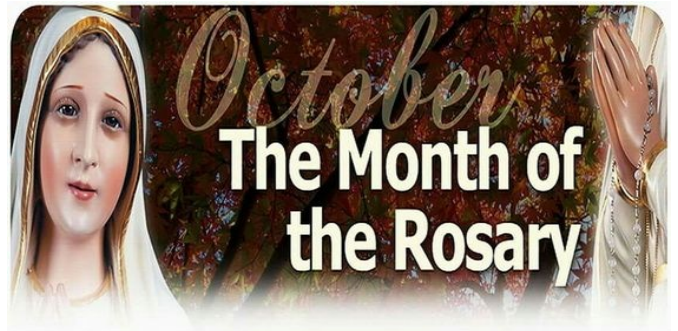
with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and more will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office.



Father John Boiko will be out of the office this next week attending the annual Priest Convocation in Round Rock, TX. He will return in time to celebrate the Spanish Mass on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025, at 6PM

followed by Eucharistic Adoration and will celebrate the mass on Friday at 12:15PM. For any emergencies, please call the parish office at 512-446-2049.

*El Padre John Boiko estará fuera de la oficina la próxima semana asistiendo a la Convocación Anual de Sacerdotes en Round Rock, TX. Por lo tanto, regresará a tiempo para celebrar la misa en español el jueves 9 de octubre de 2025 a las 6 p.m. seguida de la adoración eucarística y celebrará la misa el viernes a las 12:15 p.m. Para cualquier emergencia, llame a la oficina parroquial al 512-446-2049.*



**The ROSARY is CHRISTOCENTRIC** (having Christ as its center). It sets forth the entire life of JESUS CHRIST, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates MARY too, because of the mission She received from God, Her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the INCARNATE WORD more closely and with more merit than She.

Let's find at least 1,000,000 Catholics who pray Rosary Daily on Facebook!



**We will be praying a public rosary on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at 11:30AM in front of the Cooke House prior to mass. All are invited to come pray the rosary.**

**Rezaremos un rosario público el viernes 10 de octubre de 2025 a las 11:30 a.m. frente a la Casa Cooke antes de la misa.**



### Congratulations

to **Faustino Gonzalez and Craig Snow** for being accepted to the Deaconate Formation. Keep them in your prayers.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all for the wonderful reception for Fr. Bradford and myself. Keep us in your prayers.

From Fr. Boiko

## RE CALENDAR

- 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 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** Catechist Luncheon Meeting, 1-2:30pm
- 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
- Nov. 2** Catechist Luncheon Meeting, 1-2:30pm
- Nov. 2 Confirmation Class #3, 3-6pm for candidate / adult
- Nov. 5 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm
- Nov. 5** IMPACT 10th-12th graders, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Nov. 9 Sunday Class, 10-11:15am
- Nov. 9** Sacramental Prep for Older Students #10, 10-11:15am
- Nov. 9** Lifetime of Learning (for adults)  
"Made to be Saints" 5-6:30pm

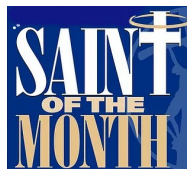
### Our Monthly YOUTH Mass

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.



## A Year of First in the Continent" SAINTS

**ST. MARK (Asia)**

**Feast Day: July 3**

**Patron Saint of: Architects**

Christianity originated on the continent of Asia in the Roman province of Judea (modern-day Israel/Palestine), in the 1st century CE as a Jewish sect, centered on the teachings and life of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was seen by his followers as the long-awaited Messiah, or deliverer, who would bring about God's kingdom. After his crucifixion, his followers, convinced he had been resurrected, spread his message of a coming Kingdom of God.



**ASIA** - By the end of the first century, significant Christian communities existed in Asia in places like Antioch and Armenia, before spreading to Europe and Africa in the same century.

**St. Mark, the Evangelist**, is the saint attributed to spreading Christianity to the continent of Asia.

El cristianismo se originó en el continente asiático, en la provincia romana de Judea (actual Israel/Palestina), en el siglo I d. C. como una secta judía centrada en las enseñanzas y la vida de Jesús de Nazaret. Sus seguidores consideraban a Jesús el Mesías, o libertador, tan esperado, que traería el reino de Dios. Tras su crucifixión, sus seguidores, convencidos de su resurrección, difundieron su mensaje sobre la venida del Reino de Dios.

**ASIA** - A finales del siglo I, existían importantes comunidades cristianas en Asia, en lugares como Antioquía y Armenia, antes de extenderse a Europa y África ese mismo siglo.

**San Marcos, el evangelista**, es el santo al que se atribuye la difusión del cristianismo en el continente asiático.



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**St. Joseph Ladies Society  
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**Rosary at 5 p.m. followed by Meeting  
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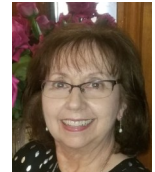
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