

THE SHEPHERD

CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME

EL PASTOR

LLAMA SUS OVEJAS POR NOMBRE



MASS TIMES / HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.
(Español) 11:30 a.m.



Daily Mass Schedules - look inside for times.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

By appointment also / Con cita previa también
Contact the office 512-446-2049

First Friday Mass: 12:15 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration 1-3 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-10 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística

martes y jueves de 7-10 p.m.

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.

St. Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH
ROCKDALE, TEXAS

April 26, 2026

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27	No	Mass
Tuesday, April 28	6 p.m	
Wednesday, April 29	12:15 p.m.	
Thursday, April 30	12:15 p.m.	Guadalupana Society
	6 p.m.	†Maria Inez Cardona
Friday, May 1	12:15 p.m.	†Lucille Gubas
	7 p.m.	Spanish
Saturday, May 2	9 a.m.	Guadalupana Society
	5 p.m.	For the People
		Bilingual at KC Hall
Sunday, May 3	9 a.m.	†Maria Inez Cardona
	Bilingual	J. Long & Moore
	at KC Hall	Beta Fox
		Oscar Hernandez

Readings for the Week

Monday: April 27

Acts 11:1-18/ John 10:11-18

Tuesday: April 28

Acts 11:19-26/ John 10:22-30

Wednesday: April 29 **St. Catherine of Siena**

Acts 12:24—13:5a/ John 12:44-50

Thursday: April 30 **St. Pius V**

Acts 13:13-25/ John 13:16-20

Friday: May 1 **St. Joseph the Worker**

Gn 1:26-2:3/ Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: May 2 **St. Athanasius**

Act 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: May 3 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

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.

April 2026

Monthly need:	\$ 17,208.00
To Date: April	\$ 11,145.25
Profit/Loss:	\$ -6,062.75
Last Sunday collection:	
Sunday Collection: 4/18-4/19	\$ 2,406.00
Online Giving: 4/13-4/17	\$ 167.65
Total:	\$ 2,573.65

*"All must give as they are able, according to the
blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 16:17*

Giving is easy and secure...

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- ✓ Text saintjoseph to 73256

Parish Monthly Assessment \$6,803.00

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

Special Collections / Colecciones Especiales

May 16-17 Black Bag

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Apr 25— 5 p.m..	Norma Coehlo	Mario Santellano	Nancy Phillips, Maria Dubey, Wesley Janak	Chad Ehler Kenney Svrcek
Sun. Apr 26— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Nancy Zenner Jazmin Nieto Noemi Yanez	Omar Chavez, Marcos Santellano Camila Cardona, Craig Snow	Pete and Nancy Zenner, Pat Barcak Maria Velazquez, Maria Tristan, Sylvia Ramos	Jeff and Kelley Zapata Juan Gonzalez Jesus Castillo
Sat. May 2 — 5 p.m. Bilingual	Linda Masur Maria Santellano	Marcos Santellano, Mario Santellano	Margaret Coker	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun. May 3— 9 a.m. Bilingual	Minnie Pesl Claudia Hernandez	Omar Chavez, Camila Cardona	Shannon O'Brien	David Ehler Jason Ehler Jose Nieto Macario Flores



Let Us Pray/ Oremos

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho
Maria Teresa Mora
Richard Facundo

Cruz Martinez	Karen Eckert
Jim Garza	Lillian Sanchez
Nick & Mamie Guzman	Helen Ellison
Familia Reyes	Mike Morris
Charlie & Pat Watson	Bill Wisener
Tom & Barbara Hormuth	Alex Martinez
Roberto Reyes	Manuel Garcia
Amalia Hernandez	Maria Gonzalez
H.T. Anderson	Lydia Ramirez
Rudy Castaneda	Robert & Susie Urban
Lupe Orozco	Teresa Key
Gladys Skubal	Susan Maldonado
James Gorney	Jesus Maldonado
Charlie Mae Miller	Ed Hill
Jesse Alvarez	Wendy Fournet
David Boudreaux	Joe Ruelas
Janie Zapata	Mark Alvarez
Leslie Joyce Garcia	Teresa Brown
Jim Grametbauer	Hunter Burney
Lisa Vongonten	Andrea Tovar
Mary Vega	Donna Kerlin
Vernon Crowder	Larry Kerlin
Valentina Rodarte	Georgie Kerlin
Maria Garro B.	Dolores Turner
Damon Corona	Marcelino Flores
Christina Alvarez	Susie Flores
Francisca Longoria	Theresa Alvarez
Steve & Mary Zapata	Marianne Lopez
Leo Dubey	

PLEASE Call the office @ 512-446-2049 if you would like to keep any of the above persons on the prayer list. NAMES WILL BE REMOVED BY APRIL 24TH.



Let Us Pray Military Personnel/ Oremos por el Ejercito Militar

Benji Blanco –Navy deployment

Let us know if you want to add any love ones serving in the military./ Avisanos si quieres añadir a algún ser querido que sirva en el ejército militar



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Frank Ramirez Sr.
Frank Ramirez Jr.



The Sanctuary Light in the chapel is burning in Memory of

John Flynn

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



2026 Sanctuary Candle intentions available, at the chapel or at the church. 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, May 1, 2026,
FIRST FRIDAY of the Month:
Mass at 12:15 pm in English followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
from 1 pm. –6 p.m.
Holy Hour 6-7pm
followed by the Mass at 7 p.m. Spanish

St. Joseph Mayfest Weekend Masses

May 2nd– 5 pm Bilingual Mass
at the KC Hall

May 3rd– 9am Bilingual Mass
at the KC Hall

St. Joseph Organizations / Contacts Meeting Dates / Times

Sociedad Guadalupana

Sylvia Ramos, President 512-269-9463

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 is from 10am- 11am 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

Youth Minister

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in October @ RE Building, from 6:30-7:45 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

Felipe Pacheco 512-269-2502

Finance Council President

Margaret Coker 512-970-8177



Baptism Class

Next Baptism Class will be held on **Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the RE Building.**

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

Mass Intention Dates Available for Scheduling

If you would like to schedule a mass 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 some mass intentions.

Fechas disponibles para programar intenciones de la misa

Si desea programar una intención de la misa por un ser querido fallecido, para el cumpleaños o aniversario de alguien, etc. Tenemos fechas disponibles para programar. Por favor, pase con la oficina parroquial si desea programar algunas intenciones de misa.



If your child is in the second grade, or higher, and has been baptized, they are invited and strongly encouraged to become an Altar Server. Interested please come by or call the church office.

Si tu hijo está en segundo curso, o superior, y ha sido bautizado, se le invita y se le anima encarecidamente a convertirse en monaguillo. Si te interesa, por favor pasa o llama a la oficina de la iglesia.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 School Year

For Wednesday Evenings:

Office Aide
Family Catechesis I- Assistant
Family Catechesis II- Co-Catechist
9th Grade (Pre-Confirmation) Catechist

For Sunday Mornings:

Office Aide
4th Grade- Assistant

Day of the Week and Time Negotiable:
Youth Minister/ 10th-12th Grade Catechist

Interested or have questions?

Please contact Kristina Snow at 512-422-3189 (call or text).





2026 BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

Graduating Seniors will be honored on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

Signup sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

MISA DE BACHILLERATO PARA GRADUADOS DE SECUNDARIA Y UNIVERSIDAD DE 2026

San Jose honrará a los estudiantes de último año que se gradúen el domingo 17 de mayo de 2026, en las misas de 9:00 AM y 11:15 AM. Por favor, regístrese en la hoja que está en la mesa a la entrada de la iglesia si planea asistir. Por favor, traiga su gorra y bata, sea de escuela secundaria o la universidad.

Divine Mercy/Divina Misericordia



In a Great Storm

Today I was awakened by a great storm. The wind was raging, and it was raining in torrents, thunderbolts striking again and again. I began to pray that the storm would do no harm, when I heard the words: **Say the chaplet I have taught you, and the storm will cease.** I began immediately to say the chaplet and hadn't even finished it when the storm suddenly ceased, and I heard the words: **Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will** (*Diary, 1731*).

Thank You, Jesus, for teaching us to use the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for a variety of needs. What amazing promises You have made about our praying it.



ST. JOSEPH FEAST INDULGENCE

To obtain a plenary indulgence in honor of Saint Joseph, one must perform a prescribed devotional act, receive sacramental confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the Pope's intentions, and be free from all attachment to sin.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 25-26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Sunday, our Risen Lord is recognized as the good shepherd who protects us and cares for us. Being the recipients of God's care, we need to realize that Peter's words to the people of Jerusalem are addressed to us as well – we too must reform and embrace a new way of living if we wish to be a part of Christ's fold. That new way of life is to bring God's care and mercy to the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten and abandoned through our relationships with them.

Abril 25-26, Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

En este domingo, nuestro Señor Resucitado es reconocido como el Buen Pastor que nos protege y nos cuida. Al ser quienes reciben el cuidado de Dios, necesitamos darnos cuenta de las palabras de Pedro a la gente de Jerusalén, las cuales están dirigidas a nosotros también – nosotros también debemos reformar y adoptar una nueva manera de vivir si deseamos ser parte del redil de Cristo. Esa nueva manera de vivir es llevar el cuidado y la misericordia de Dios a los pobres, los vulnerables, los olvidados y abandonados a través de nuestras relaciones con ellos.

Ladies Society

The Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women invite all ladies to their quarterly meeting on *Tuesday, May 12 at St. Helen in Georgetown*. Registration and fellowship will begin in the St. Rita Activity Center Room 103 at 9:30 with the meeting to follow at 10 a.m.

For questions, please contact Linda Keller at (361) 558-1791 or lmkeller0808@gmail.com



MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES PARA EL DIA DE LAS MADRES

Intentions will be said at both masses on May 10th. Donations will go to the Social Ministries. No limit on names.

Las intenciones se nombraran en las dos misas el dia de las madres. Las donaciones se iran a los servicios sociales de la parroquia. No hay limite de intenciones.



St Joseph Mayfest is only a week away.! **SOLD RAFFLE TICKET** stubs and money need to be returned ASAP. We have asked each parish family to sell or buy one envelope (10 tickets). Many of our parishioners have surpassed that goal. Please don't stop selling tickets. We will have them for sale at the Mayfest up until the time of the raffle drawing. Contact David Ehler (512-446-1087) or Felipe Pacheco if you have any questions regarding raffle tickets. We are also still accepting monetary donations to help defray the cost of the meal. There are envelopes available in the Narthex or in the office. If you have a new item that you want to donate to the auction, please contact Benito Costilla (512-658-5917) , We need to know the approximate retail value of the item. We're asking all families to donate two cakes or desserts. Please bring these to the KC Hall Saturday evening at 5 PM Mass or Sunday before 9 AM mass. We will have kids games as well as cake walk, and plant walk throughout the day. Please donate potted plants or hanging plants as well as cakes for cake walk and 2 liter soda bottles for ring toss game. Game/food tickets will be purchased to participate in these activities as well as purchasing kolaches (\$20/doz). Square readers will be available for payment by credit or debit card but you will pay an additional 3% to use this for games and food. KC's will have a cash bar for beer and soft drinks. No outside beverages can be brought in and no beer can be taken outside of the hall. Help is needed after the 5 PM Sat. Mass to prepare food as well as final set up of hall and outside activities. Clean up help is needed throughout the event and after the event ends. Thank you for your prayers and donations and volunteering to help make our St Joseph Mayfest 2026 a huge success.



Calling All Volunteers for Kolache Making!

We're gearing up for the festival and need your help. Come to the **KC Hall on May 2nd** to roll, fill, and bake kolaches with us. It's always a fun

time, and we'd be grateful for your support. Contact Minnie Pesl for more information 512-745-7763

Request for 2-Liter Soda Bottles. We are asking for donations of **2-liter soda bottles** for our ring-toss fundraising booths. Thank you for your support.



¡Solo falta una semana para el St. Joseph Mayfest! Los talones de los boletos de la rifa **VENDIDOS**, junto con el dinero recaudado, deben ser devueltos a la mayor brevedad posible. Hemos solicitado a cada familia de la parroquia que venda o compre un sobre (que contiene 10 boletos). Muchos de nuestros feligreses han superado esa meta. Por favor, no dejen de vender boletos; los tendremos a la venta en el Mayfest hasta el momento mismo del sorteo de la rifa. Comuníquese con David Ehler o Felipe Pacheco (512-269-2502) si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con los boletos de la rifa. También seguimos aceptando donaciones monetarias para ayudar a cubrir los costos de la comida. Hay sobres disponibles en el Nártex o en la oficina parroquial. Si tiene algún artículo nuevo que desee donar para la subasta, por favor comuníquese con Benito Costilla (512-658-5917); necesitamos conocer el valor comercial aproximado del artículo. Solicitamos a todas las familias que donen dos pasteles o postres. Por favor, tráiganlos al Salón de los Caballeros de Colón (KC Hall) el sábado por la tarde, durante la Misa de las 5:00 p. m., o el domingo, antes de la Misa de las 9:00 a. m. Durante todo el día tendremos juegos para niños, así como el "paseo de pasteles" y el "paseo de plantas". Por favor, donen plantas en maceta o plantas colgantes, así como pasteles para el "paseo de pasteles" y botellas de refresco de 2 litros para el juego de lanzamiento de aros. Se deberán adquirir boletos de juego/comida para participar en estas actividades, así como para comprar *kolaches* (\$20 por docena). Habrá lectores de tarjetas Square disponibles para realizar pagos con tarjeta de crédito o débito; sin embargo, se aplicará un cargo adicional del 3% por el uso de este método de pago para juegos y comida. Los Caballeros de Colón (KC) tendrán una barra de pago en efectivo para la venta de cerveza y refrescos. No se permite el ingreso de bebidas provenientes del exterior, ni tampoco se permite sacar cerveza fuera del salón. Se necesita ayuda después de la Misa del sábado a las 5:00 p. m. para preparar la comida, así como para realizar los ajustes finales en la organización del salón y de las actividades al aire libre. También se requiere ayuda para las labores de limpieza durante el transcurso del evento y una vez que este haya concluido. Gracias por sus oraciones, sus donaciones y su voluntariado para hacer que nuestro St. Joseph Mayfest 2026 sea un rotundo éxito.



Acompáñenos en una recepción especial de jubilación para Bonnie y Eugene Holub

¡Les esperan viajes muy divertidos! Tras finalizar las clases de este año, los Holub se jubilarán de su labor como profesores de religión para disfrutar de un merecido tiempo juntos y con sus nietos.

Bonnie ha ejercido como nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa de forma intermitente durante unos veinte años. Tanto ella como Eugene han impartido clases, incluyendo la de Confirmación, y en el pasado fueron líderes del Grupo Juvenil. Han dejado una huella imborrable en la vida de muchas personas.

El equipo de catequistas y asistentes de educación religiosa invita a todos a unirse a nosotros para agradecer a Bonnie y Eugene por sus muchos años de servicio al programa de educación religiosa en la Iglesia Católica de San José. ¡Todos están invitados!

RECEPCIÓN DE JUBILACIÓN

FECHA: Domingo, 26 de abril

HORA: 1:30-3:00 PM

LUGAR: Edificio RE

Se ofrecerá un reconocimiento adicional a la familia Holub durante la misa de clausura anual de Educación Religiosa.



Join Us for A Special Retirement Reception for Bonnie & Eugene Holub

There are some fun trips in their future!!! After this year's classes end, the Holubs will be retiring from their RE work in order to spend some much-deserved time with each other and their grandchildren.

Bonnie has served as our Director of Religious Education off and on for about twenty years. She and Eugene have both led classes including our Confirmation class, and they have served as leaders of the Youth Group in the past. They have touched so many lives.

The Religious Education Catechist and Assistants Team would like to invite everyone to join us in thanking Bonnie and Eugene for their many years of service to the Religious Education program here at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Everyone is invited!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

DATE: Sunday, April 26

TIME: 1:30-3:00 PM

WHERE: RE Building

Additional recognition for the Holubs will take place at the annual Religious Education Closing Mass.



RE CALENDAR

Please note some date changes from original calendar

April 25 1st Communions

April 26 Sunday Class, 10:15-11:15am

April 26 1st Communions

April 22 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm

April 29 Wednesday Class, 6:30-7:45pm

**May 6 Closing Mass / May Crowning / Awards, 6:30pm,
for ALL students and parents**



A Year of First in the Continent” SAINTS

**OUR LADY of the SNOWS
(Antarctica)**

Feast Day: August 5

*Invoked for: Protection against snowstorms/harsh
winter, skiers, snowboarders*

Our Lady of the Snows commemorates an apparition

of Our Lady to a faithful nobleman

and his wife who lived in Rome in the

300s. This childless couple had been

blessed with worldly goods, and

chose the Mother of God as the heir

to their fortune. Pope Liberius sug-

gested they pray that Mary make

known to them how to do this with a

particular sign. On the night of August

5, she appeared to the couple and the

Pope saying the sign would be that “snow will cover the

crest of the hill” where they were to build a church in

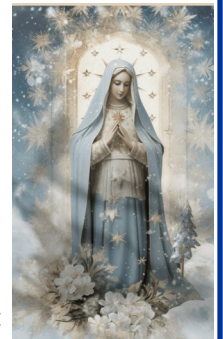
her honor. Snow rarely falls in Rome (and never in Au-

gust!), but in the morning snow had fallen in a particular

pattern, showing the outline of the future church! A

new church, St. Mary Major, was built on that spot in

answer to Our Lady’s direction.



RELIGIOUS ED. CLOSING MASS

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Mass is for ALL students in RE and their families.

Students are encouraged to bring flowers for crowning Mary.

Awards will be presented at the end of Mass.

MISA DE CLAUSURA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Miércoles 8 de mayo, 6:30 p.m.

La misa es para TODOS los estudiantes de RE y sus familias.

Se anima a los estudiantes a traer flores para la coronación de

María. Los premios se entregarán al final de la misa.

Congratulations to our 2nd grade RE students who made their First Holy Communion this weekend:



Javier Aguirre

Ariana Gunnell

Emanuel Nieto

Anamaria Castillo

Adam Llanas

Ella Obiedo

Santiago Garcia

Ellison Masek

Ximena Torres



RE Parents—just a reminder that the end of the RE year is coming to a close, and those who have outstanding balances for the 2025/2026 school year are asked to please take care of payment prior to May 7th. You may contact the church office if you have any questions as to how much you owe. Thank you!

Padres de Religión: Les recordamos que el año académico de Religión está a punto de terminar y que quienes tengan saldos pendientes del año escolar 2025/2026 deben realizar el pago antes de 7 de mayo. Si tienen alguna pregunta sobre su deuda, pueden comunicarse con la oficina de la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

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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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