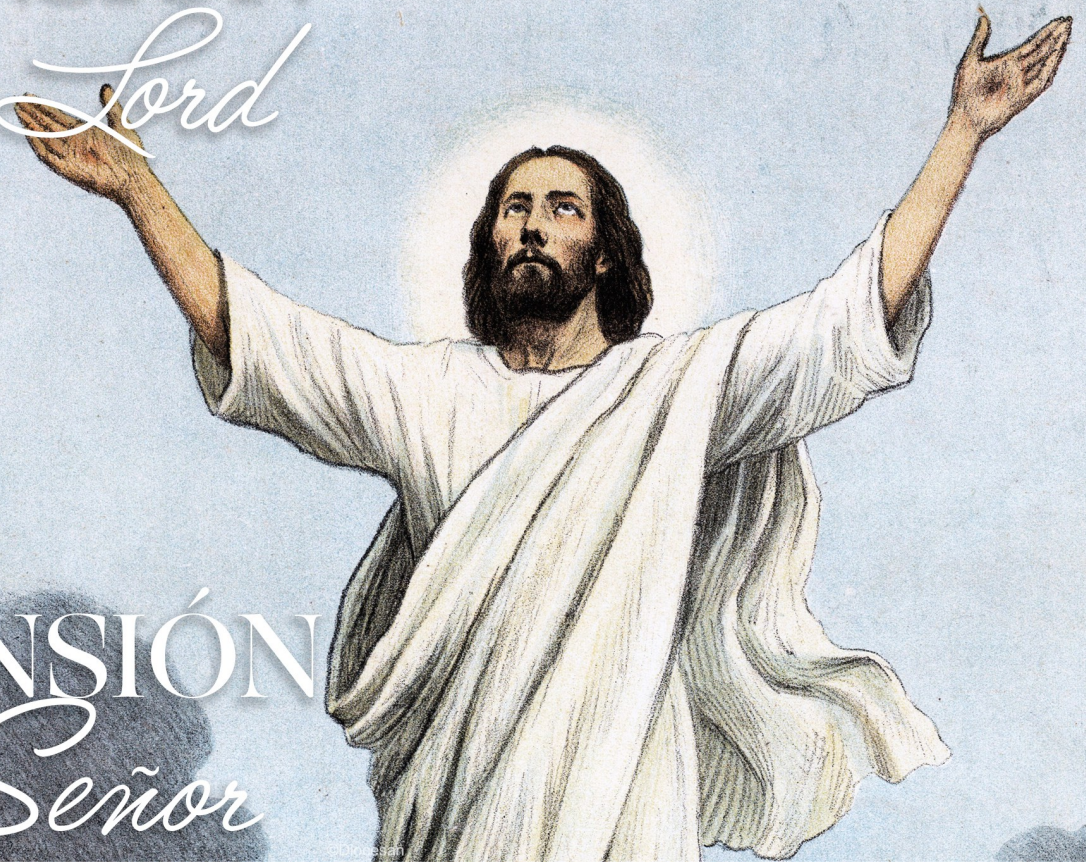


ASCENSION *of the Lord*



ASCENSIÓN *del Señor*

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.

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May 17, 2026

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 18	No	Mass
Tuesday, May 19	6 p.m	
Wednesday, May 20	No	Mass
Thursday, May 21	12:15 p.m.	Hattie Blear Hernandez
	No	Mass or Adoration
Friday, May 22	12:15 p.m.	Rita Sanchez B-day
Saturday, May 23	5 p.m.	†Jeremias Banda Rachel Sulak Glaser Sp. Int.
Sunday, May 24	9 a.m.	For the People
	11:30 a.m.	†Manuel Escobar †Jeremias Banda

2026 Mass Intentions Available!

Readings for the Week

Monday: May 18 St. John I

Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: May 19

Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: May 20 St. Bernadine of Siena

Acts 20:28-38/ Jn 17:17b-19

Thursday: May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26

Friday: May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: May 23

Act 28:16-20,30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: May 24 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

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.

May 2026

Monthly need:	\$ 17,208.00
To Date: May	\$ 7,138.50
Profit/Loss:	\$-10,069.50
Last Sunday collection:	
Sunday Collection: 5/9-5/10	\$ 2,514.00
Online Giving: 5/4-5/8	\$ 529.35
Total:	\$ 3,043.35

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blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 16:17

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& Health Insurance, Property Insurance,
Ministry Platform, Workmen's Compensation)

Special Collections / Colecciones Especiales

May 16-17	Black Bag
June 13-14	Red Bag
June 27-28	Peter Pence Collection

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. May 16– 5 p.m..	Margaret Coker	Elizabeth Longoria	Carlos Garza, Margaret Coker, Jasmin Nieto	Wesley Janak Carlos Garza
Sun. May 17— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Shannon Obrien Benito Costilla	Craig Snow Camila Cardona	Craig Snow, Gloria Pedroza, Cynthia Gonzalez Erica Rivera, Alejandra Rivera, Julia Cardona	Kenney Svrcek David Ehler Juan Gonzalez Jesus Castillo
Sat. May 23 – 5 p.m.	Norma Coehlo	Marcos Santellano	Nancy Phillips, Maria Dubey, Wesley Janak	Chad Ehler Macario Flores
Sun. May 24— 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Jerman Jasmin Nieto Noemi Yanez	Omar Chavez Elizabeth Longoria	Faustino & Cynthia Gonzales, Pete Zenner Maria Velazquez, Maria Tristan, Sylvia Ramos	Jeff & Kelley Zapata Beto Cardona Jose Tristan



Let Us Pray/ Oremos

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho
 Nick & Mamie Guzman
 Tom & Barbara Hormuth
 Robert & Susie Urban
 Charlie & Pat Watson
 Mark Alvarez & Theresa Alvarez
 Steve & Mary Zapata
 James Gorney
 David Boudreaux
 Leslie Joyce Garcia
 Vernon Crowder
 Valentina Rodarte
 Dolores Turner
 Leo Dubey
 Rachel Darby
 Pat Barcak

Karen Eckert
 Cruz Martinez
 Helen Ellison
 Manuel Garcia
 Amalia Hernandez
 Teresa Key
 Lupe Orozco
 Wendy Fournet
 Jim Grametbauer
 Donna Kerlin
 Larry Kerlin
 Georgie Kerlin
 Francisca Longoria
 Jennifer Tilkens

PLEASE Call the office @ 512-446-2049 if you, or someone you know, needs to be remembered on the prayer list.



Let Us Pray Military Personnel/ Oremos por el Ejercito Militar

Benji Blanco –Navy deployment
 Victoria Alvarado-Phillips

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 Honor of

Hernandez Valadez Family



The Sanctuary Light in the chapel is burning in Honor of

Jesenia Navarro and Yarely Navarro

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, June 5, 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

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 16-17, Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday, we hear the call given to all of us to "proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We are called and empowered by the grace of the sacraments to speak Good News and be Good News to others. If we do so we can drive out the demons of division, apathy, racism, despair and violence with our new language of love, commitment, community, hope and peace. Armed with God's justice and mercy we will give witness to human life and dignity, care for the poor and for creation, in solidarity with all across the globe so that the sickness of our fractured world can be healed. What Good News will you speak this week?

Mayo 16-17, La Ascensión del Señor

En este domingo, escuchamos nuestro llamado a "proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura". Somos llamados y se nos da el poder por la gracia de los sacramentos de anunciar la Buena Nueva y de ser la Buena Nueva para otros. Si lo hacemos así, podemos sacar los demonios de la división, la apatía, el racismo, la desesperación y la violencia a través de nuestro nuevo lenguaje de amor, compromiso, comunidad, esperanza y paz. Armados con la justicia y la misericordia de Dios, daremos testimonio de vida humana y dignidad, del cuidado de los pobres y de la creación, en solidaridad con todos alrededor del globo de manera que la enfermedad de nuestro mundo fracturado pueda ser sanada ¿Qué Buena Nueva dará usted esta semana?

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, June 13, 2026** at 10 a.m. at the RE Building.

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

Fr. John Boiko
39th

Anniversario of Ordination



Join us to celebrate Fr. John's anniversary of Ordination.

Date: Saturday, May 30th
Time: 12 noon
Place: RE building.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
2026-2027 School Year**

For Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:45 pm:
Office Assistant (bilingual)
Family Catechesis I- Assistant
Family Catechesis II- Assistant
7th Grade- Assistant

Day of the Week and Time Negotiable:
Youth Ministry/ Catechists for 10th-12th Grades
(We are ideally wanting to create a team for this.)



Interested or have questions?
Please contact Kristina Snow at 512-422-3189
(call or text).

Updated 5/4/26

MONTH OF MARY/ MES DE MARIA



Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.
Let us pray.
O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world
by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Je-
sus Christ,
grant, we pray,
that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may receive the joys of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reina del cielo alégrate; aleluya.

Porque el Señor a quien has merecido llevar;
aleluya.

Ha resucitado según su palabra;
aleluya.

Ruega al Señor por nosotros;
aleluya.

Gózate y alégrate, Virgen María;
aleluya.

Porque verdaderamente ha resucitado el Señor;
aleluya.

Oremos

Oh Dios, que en la gloriosa resurrección de tu Hijo has devuelto la alegría al mundo entero, por intercesión de la Virgen María, concédenos disfrutar de la alegría de la vida eterna. Por Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

The Powers of Darkness Flee



When I entered the chapel for a moment, the Lord said to me, **My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him.** When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible

torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God (*Diary*, 1565).



REGISTRATION continues for the 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) YEAR



Registration will take place during office hours.

Fees are \$40/student, with a maximum of \$100/family.

We will be accepting students in 1st – 12th grades.

New students are asked to bring their birth certificate, and baptismal certificate if applicable.

All outstanding balances need to be taken care of prior to registering for the new school year. If payment is an issue, please speak to Mrs. Snow.

CONTINÚA LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (RE) 2026/2027



La inscripción se llevará a cabo durante el horario de oficina.

Las tarifas son \$40 por estudiante, con un máximo de \$100 por familia.

Aceptaremos estudiantes de 1.º a 12.º grado.

Se solicita a los nuevos estudiantes que traigan su certificado de nacimiento y su certificado de bautismo, si corresponde.

Todos los saldos pendientes deben ser liquidados antes de inscribirse para el nuevo año escolar.

Si el pago representa un problema, por favor hable con la Sra. Snow.

Blessing for Graduates



Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray, God of our beginnings, We thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them. As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bendición para graduados

Bendición Antes de que fueras formado, Dios te conocía. Mientras estabas en el vientre de tu Madre, Dios te nombró. En tu nacimiento, el aliento de Dios te llenó de vida. Hoy celebramos lo que te has convertido en este momento. Y por eso oramos, Dios de nuestros comienzos, Te damos gracias por los dones de estos graduados; su emoción, su asombro y curiosidad impresionantes, su discurso abierto y palabras de aliento. Sus contribuciones nos han bendecido y desafiado, y nos hemos convertido en una comunidad más rica y diversa gracias a ellos. A medida que avanzan hacia el mundo que les espera, consuela sus temores con el pleno conocimiento de tu presencia divina. Fortalezca su determinación de seguir los pasos de Jesús como discípulos modernos en un mundo que necesita su espíritu. Guía sus pies a medida que avanzan por la vida, protegiéndolos de las trampas de la oscuridad mientras ayudan a guiar a las generaciones futuras hacia el calor y la promesa de tu luz. Pedimos esta bendición sobre cada uno de ellos, en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

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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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