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Welcome ...

ACT JUSTLY LOVE TENDERLY WALK HUMBLY

From the Pastor's Office

Second Sunday of Advent

Familiar Advent themes come to visit us again. "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." The only time I hear the word stump is when I walk on the trail and there is a bit of a tree rotting on the side of the pathway. For all intents and purposes this stump is dead. The rot has begun to set in. Then one day without realizing it a shoot appears to grow out of the stump. There is life in this old bird yet. The biblical background to this image lies in the fact that the prophecy of the Messiah was a very ancient prophecy handed down from one generation to the next. At some point, you kind of get tired of waiting. You move onto something else. That becomes an old wives' tale. There was always a remnant of the faithful who waited for the coming of the Savior. These are called the Anawim in the bible. The Anawim of the Old Testament were the poor of

every sort: the vulnerable, the marginalized, and socio-economically oppressed, those of lowly status without earthly power. In fact, they depended totally on God for their survival. It is often the Anawim who are the people of great faith in our community. Their lowliness makes them lean on God for help and support. We have lots of Anawim in our community. Lots of them live under the overpasses and in the shelters. The Anawim of St. Catherine's live in the shadows. Famous Biblical people like Mary and Joseph numbered among the Anawim. John the Baptist pops his head up again. He is the voice crying in the wilderness telling us to prepare the Way of the Lord. We have lots of people in our society who are the voices crying in the wilderness. Today they have to compete with Corporate and Commercial America. It is hard to be heard when Santa Clause is ringing his bell a few doors down. Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la. But we keep going.

St. Catherine's is busy preparing for the coming of the Messiah. Our choirs are rehearsing. People are



putting up decorations to make the Church nice. Other people go out delivering our Christmas presents to needy and deserving people. This is a season when we share from our bounty. We don't need all of that stuff. We can share some of it. All of it makes us feel a bit Christmassy. We like that. We also have our Parish Christmas party coming soon. It's all great. We proclaim the message that the Messiah is coming. Prepare the Way for Him. This is good news. Christmas brings messages of hope and joy. We should focus on those.

With love, Fr. Pat



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am, 9:30 am*
11:30 a	m, 1:15 pm, 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday	12:00 pm*
Tuesday	7:00 pm
* Denotes onli	ne livestream Masse

Confession

Saturday	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
By Appointment	(512) 892-2420

Adoration

Monday - Friday.....9:00 am - 11:30 am

Organizations

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Special NeedsRonnie Bratt (214) 435-9424

Marriage: Contact Diane Bily at (512) 892-2420 or diane.bily@stcatherine-austin.org at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

Baptism: Contact Jennifer Gamblin at (512) 892-2420 or jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org

Bulletin: Send email Jo Ann Campbell at joann.campbell@stcatherine-austin.org or send written notice to the parish office 15 days prior to publication date.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm Vincent Contreras †

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Priest Intention
11:30 am Mario Moreno †
1:15 pm Pedro Lizcano †
5:00 pm Scarlett Daniel (SI)

Monday, December 5

12:00 pm Thanksgiving - Selvaragu Family

Tuesday, December 6

12:00 pm Marina Ruiz † 7:00 pm Dora Prado †

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 pm Julia H. De Los Reyes † 7:00 pm Frank Lindner †

Thursday, December 8

12:00 pm John † & Mae † Sosnosky

Friday, December 9

12:00 pm Charles Scott †

† = Deceased SI = Special Intention



Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration Candle Intentions

Week of December 4

- Adoration Chapel donated by Refugio Tringali in loving memory of Refugio Babar on her birthday
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine donated by Bridget Grumet in memory of Jerry Hall
- Sacred Heart Shrine donated by Paula M. Willis for special intentions of Joan Hresko
- St. Joseph Shrine donated by Paula M. Willis in memory of her brother Glenn
- St. Jude Shrine donated by Erin Kullgren in loving memory of Bonnie Kullgren.

Please pray for

The Sick

Debra Borrego Carolyn Massey Carole Psak Robert Cabrera Theresa Massey Randy Russell Marisa Moawa Larry Sanchez Kyle Craven Patricia Gerber John & Yoli Muniz June Stewart Ed Kaloustian Rose Ogilvie **Betty Stone** Maria Marek Ken Otte Carol Walschlager

Our Service Members

Randall Davis Whitman Jones Robert Monroe
Kevin Goodlett Susanna Jordan Michael Pace
Josiah Griffin Ricky Martinez Nick Rocha
Louis Hause Michael Mazurek Andrew Sanchez

The Repose of the Souls of Loved Ones

recently called home by our Savior, especially **Thelma Heiser**, wife of Dave Heiser

Collection Amounts

Sunday, November 20	\$24,767*
* includes \$12,466 in online donations received	
Children's collection	\$45
2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development	\$3,872
Thanksgiving, November 24* includes \$82 in online donations received	\$1,785*
Sunday, November 27	\$25,576*
* includes \$10,821 in online donations received	4
Children's collection	\$187

UPDATE ON THE PARISH TOUR

Our Parish Tour is departing on September 11, 2023, and will return to Austin on September 25, 2023. The tour will take us to Normandy, France. Then we will travel across France, via the Ardennes Forest, via Cologne to Berlin. Due to circumstances, some people have had to



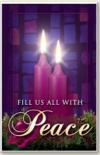
cancel the trip. Right now, we have two spots that have come available on the tour. You are welcome to apply for these spaces.

For more information, please contact Rhonda Smith at (512) 892-2433 or rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org.

Liturgy

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent!

The theme for today is peace. Our Psalm today says "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist commands us to "Repent!" and tells us to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." This Advent may we truly believe that the kingdom of Heaven is at hand, so that we repent and find peace in the mercy and love of God.



Advent Penance Services at Area Churches

If you were unable to attend our parish reconciliation service, there are other local Advent Penance services. A full list of Advent Penance Services in the Diocese of Austin can be viewed at austindiocese.org/advent-penance-services. Here are some of the services in the surrounding areas:

- Tues., Dec. 6 Emmaus Catholic Church 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 15 St. John Neumann Catholic Church 6:00 p.m.

We are offering the following opportunities to celebrate a hope filled Advent at St. Catherine:

- Immaculate Conception Masses: Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at noon. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be on Saturday,
 December 10 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Our annual Mass for
 the Feast of Our Lady will feature a dramatization by our
 Amigos Club of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St.
 Juan Diego.

We still have unclaimed mementos from our Altar of the **Dead.** To collect your items, please contact Katheryn at (512) 892-2420 x335 or katheryn.daniel@stcatherine-austin.org.

Cry Rooms on Sunday

During the Sunday morning and 1:15 p.m. Masses, families with young children who need a "cry room" may use the Pomegranate Café. A Eucharistic Minister will distribute Communion in the Café. At the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass, families may use the Choir Room in the Church and will need to come into the Sanctuary to receive Communion.

Religious Education

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA Hospitality: This week's refreshments and Ministry Minute host will be the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. God bless you for your kindness!

Meet-Up at Mass!

Do you attend Mass alone? Are you interested in joining fellow parishioners who do the same? Beginning Sunday, December 4, join us at the Baptismal Font before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. to have time to gather and find a place to sit where we can all be together for the Eucharistic Celebration. For questions, contact Kathie at (512) 791-5433 or kathie@kathiebolles.com.

Religious Education

Family Faith Formation

Las Posadas, Sunday, December 11 at 6:15 p.m.

St. Catherine's will host Las Posadas after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All families are invited to attend the Posadas, the Bethlehem walk with Mary and Joseph as they look for a room for baby Jesus to be born. This will be an outdoor event in the evening, so please dress accordingly and bring a flashlight if you have one.



Poinsettia Flower Memorials

St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers members the opportunity to remember their loved ones by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia to be used in decorating the church during the Christmas season. Anyone interested in remembering a loved one at Christmas with a memorial gift of poinsettias may place the name of the person to be remembered, along with \$12, in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the weekly collection basket or drop off to the parish office. Name and payments may also be submitted online at steatherine-austin.org/poinsettia-memorials. Deadline is Wednesday, December 7.



Community Ministries

The Giving Tree deadline is Monday, December 5!

Help spread Christmas cheer to area children in need during this holy season. We are accepting \$25 gift cards for Walmart, Target, Visa, as well as cash and checks (make sure to identify your donations as "Giving Tree" and make checks payable to St. Catherine's Giving Tree). Drop off gift cards in the box on the Giving Tree table in the narthex, the collection basket at Mass, or to the Parish Office. Visit stcatherine-austin.org/giving-tree-2022 to make an online donation, it's so easy! Thank you so much for your generosity.

Freeze Shelter

We help operate a freeze shelter for our homeless brothers and sisters on nights when it will be below 32 degrees. We do this in conjunction with several other churches and organizations. The shelter is located at Austin Oaks Church on Monterrey Blvd. If you are interested in helping, please send an email to rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org to receive an online signup link a couple of days before a freeze. We generally have 2-3 days notice of a freeze. All of the different duties are listed with descriptions on the Sign Up Genius. Duties include taking a meal or supplies, visiting with the guests during dinner (we have fabulous food), overnight hosts, etc. Please prayerfully consider helping this year. It is a very humbling and heart-warming experience.

Donations Needed!

We have a small food closet and need a few items: canned fruit, chili with beans, ramen noodles, peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna, and oatmeal. If you would like to help, please leave your donations in the wicker basket in the East Entry in the Church.

Caregiving Café supports all family caregivers and offers free inperson and Zoom meetings. Our last meeting this year will be held on Thursday, December 8. Join us in the Parish Center, room 212, 10:00 a.m. - noon. RSVP to ccafemail@gmail.com or (512) 301-3560.

Baby items needed

We are in need of diapers (sizes 1-5) and baby wipes. Baby and toddler winter clothing is also appreciated. Leave your donations in the wicker basket in the narthex or bring them to the Community Ministries Office. Thank you!

Hurry! Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Ministry

We are starting a new Mobile Loaves and Fishes team in January. This new team will go out on the 4th Saturday morning of each month. It's a wonderful family activity! Find out more about Mobile Loaves and Fishes at mlf.org/truck-ministry. If you are interested, send email to rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org.

Do you know of anyone looking for a caregiver? I have the names and contact info for two highly-recommended caregivers. Please email rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org.

Creative Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone in need of prayer (grieving, illness, new baby, etc.), contact Kay at scprayershawl@yahoo.com or (512) 923-2167 for a complimentary prayer shawl. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 8, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in room 231-232 in the Parish Center. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.

Family Ministries

MOMS Retreat Weekend, December 9 - 11

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) invites all mothers to a getaway weekend filled with spiritual renewal and connection with fellow St. Catherine's moms. Registration is now open for the Retreat on December 9 - 11 at the nearby Stillwaters Retreat Center for either a two-night sleepover or attend on Saturday as a day-retreat. Details can be found at stcatherine-austin.org/moms-retreat. Anyone interested in sponsoring a mom (by covering her materials, meals, or retreat fee) can do so on the registration website.

Saint Nicholas Party, Tuesday, December 6

Celebrate the feast day of the beloved Saint Nicholas with a cookie decorating party. Families are asked to gather in the Pomegranate Café at noon on December 6 while preschool dismisses and then we will enjoy some fun (and some delicious) Saint Nicholas-themed activities in Johnson Hall. To help prepare for the party, please sign up at signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4AA5A62EAA8-stnicholas

Preschool Ministries

December at the Preschool

As you know, the Christmas season is one of excitement and anticipation for all of us, most especially children. We'll be channeling and fueling ourselves with all of that excitement as our classes prepare for an exciting, busy and wonder-full December. This month we will talk about our gifts and talents and the ways we can use those gifts to help others, and the greatest gift of all in the story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.



General Parish

Rosary and Potluck on Thursday, December 8

The Apostles of Mary Rosary Group is hosting a Rosary and Potluck on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Rosary will be held at 11:20 a.m. in the Day Chapel. After the noon Mass, join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Pomegranate Café.



Novena for Families

Join fellow parishioners in a Novena for Families. The first seven rosaries are scheduled on Tuesdays through December 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in rooms 212/213 in the Parish Center. The 8th & 9th rosaries will be prayed at home. Call Mindy Cavazos, (737) 210-9658, for more information.

Knights of Columbus Pecan Sales Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 are sponsoring a pecan fundraiser through December 11 in support of the Council 8156 Charities. Stop by the tables in the courtyard after Mass to see the products available.

Knights of Columbus Monthly BBQ, Sunday, December 18

The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will hold its monthly BBQ of chicken, pork tenderloin, ribs and sausage in support of the Knights of Columbus Global Wheelchair Mission. The Knights will be in the Courtyard beginning at 8:30 a.m. to serve your meal needs! Want to learn more about the Knights of Columbus? Go to Knights.net!

Prime Timers (age 50+)

Come celebrate the holiday at the **Buon Natale Festa** at Milano Café (4601 Southwest Parkway) on Wednesday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. RSVP to <u>primetimers20@gmail.com</u> by Monday, December 12. Don your Christmas apparel and enjoy a delicious lunch, with fun, fellowship and a holiday singalong! Bring your holiday spirit and a pen, a pop-top can of food, and holiday socks stuffed with small treats. Tie them with a bow and bring them for the Sock Exchange. Pick up the *Prime Timers EVENTS* for details.

Out of Parish

Men of the parish, have you considered whether God might be calling you to the priesthood? Join Fr. Greg Gerhart, the Vocation Director of the diocese, for "The Heart of Jesus: A Discernment Retreat for Men." The retreat will include time for prayer, spiritual conferences on discernment and vocations, and opportunities to speak with priests, seminarians, and other men discerning their vocation. The retreat will be held on December 14-16 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, and is open to single men who are 18-40 years old. Register today at austinvocations.com.

Christmas Carols, Celebration & Farewell to Jeanette

Please join us for our Christmas Celebration and special Farewell to Jeanette Britt. We will begin with Christmas Carols in the Church at 6:30 p.m., then enjoy sweet and savory treats in the Parish Center. Please bring a Christmas dessert or savory snack to share. RSVP at steatherine-austin.org/2022-christmas-party and let us know what you will bring to share. Everyone is invited! Deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, December 14.



Important EIM Information

The Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) is excited to be transitioning to VIRTUS for our database and training programs. To facilitate an accurate conversion, the database is closed for updates and there are no EIM Workshops or online EIM training available at this time. Information about registration for new volunteers, as well as EIM training, will be available in early January. For any questions or concerns, please contact our site administrator, Evelyn Amador at evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org or eim@austindiocese.org.

Please bring a Christmas dessert or savory snack to share.

Please RSVP on the Parish Website and let us know what you will bring to share. (Finger Foods Please)

Stay Connected!

We want to communicate more effectively with you and make it easy for you to control what announcements you receive and how you are notified. We are now using a service called **FLOCKNOTE**. It is totally free to use and it makes it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email. Your information will be completely safe and secure. You can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! To sign up, text CATHERINE to 84576 or visit stcatherineofsiena27.flocknote.com!

Thank You for Your Continued Support

We are grateful to this community for giving so greatly and regularly at home through online and mail contributions. Please also try to include St. Vincent de Paul in your giving. St. Vincent continues to try to meet the need of a growing group due to the economic effects of the virus and will need your continued financial support to meet this challenge.

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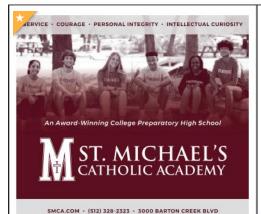
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