



ST. CATHERINE of SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend Presider Schedules: *(subject to change)*

Saturday, November 29:

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation,
5:00 p.m. MassFr. Johannes

Sunday, November 30:

7:30 a.m. MassFr. Johannes
9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Mass..... Fr. Lou
1:15 p.m. & 5 p.m. MassFr. Pat

Welcome...

ACT JUSTLY
LOVE TENDERLY
WALK HUMBLLY

From the Pastor's Office

1st Sunday of Advent

Because we are creatures of habit, at this time of the year, like every other time of the year we comment, "Is it Advent already? Where did the year go? It seems like it was only yesterday we were celebrating Christmas." At the turn of the Liturgical year it all comes as a shock. We get to glimpse that we live in a kind of a daze. Whether we like it or not it is here. Because we are creatures of habit we will revert back to our usual patterns. Once again the stress levels begin. We start thinking about rooting out the Christmas trees and the decorations. The Mall will be packed from now on. Must buy some Christmas cards. Must buy some presents. We kind of hate the season coming into Christmas, but we kind of love it as well. Every year we tell ourselves that this time we will properly prepare for the coming of Jesus. That is very hard to do because Hallmark channel will have a thousand

Christmas movies to distract us. You know how we love our Christmas happy endings movies. Think of all that Christmas advertising. Think of all that junk mail. Christmas for lots of people began in July. We are just over Thanksgiving for another year and here we go again. To properly prepare for Christmas, the birth of the Savior, our Church invites us to become quiet and reflective. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation. Maybe I will go to confession this time. (If you do decide to come to confession, please don't do that at the last minute. Every priest I know hates that.) Maybe I will read something spiritual every day. Maybe I will get it together and truly welcome Christmas the way Christians should do. I might not achieve it, but I will try. Coming into Christmas, St. Catherine's will become very activated. Covid has knocked the stuffing out of all of us. Hopefully, with the start of a new liturgical year, if you have stayed at home, maybe you might come back to Church attendance again. Don't

forget we will be asking people to come and help us. Every year you promised and every year you never showed up. Maybe this year, fingers crossed we will see you. Keep your eye on the bulletin to see what's going on in St. Catherine's. No doubt there will be various school Christmas events that you will have to go to. Don't forget the club Christmas dinners and lunches. Lots to do. But it is important to keep your focus. Take some time to pray and think of the meaning of Jesus coming into the world. Just like always we could do with a bit of Jesus. We spend the year taking chunks out of the world. We love our family fights. We love not talking to people, just because. It is time to clean all that up so that when Jesus comes, just like the bridesmaids, we will be ready this time.



With love,
Fr. Pat

BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

TO FATHER LOU BRUSATTI ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
HIS ORDINATION ON NOVEMBER 28!



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for Fr. Lou's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 17, after 5 p.m. Mass in Johnson Hall.

St. Catherine of Siena Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 10

7 p.m. in the Church

Confessions with
Parish Priests &
Visiting Priests



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Saturday, December 13 at 5 p.m.

Featuring a dramatization by the Amigos Club of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego.

Cookies and hot chocolate served after Mass in Johnson Hall.



THE TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. in the Church

Children can come dressed in simple costumes as angels, shepherds or kings!





Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm Anita Mayorga †

Sunday, November 30

7:30 am Priest Intention

9:30 am Mike and Sue Gartner (SI)

11:30 am Mary Pontiff †

1:15 pm Pedro Lizcano †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, December 1

12:00 pm Matt Jackson †

Tuesday, December 2

12:00 pm Donato Munoz †

7:00 pm Svetlana Shulert †

Wednesday, December 3

12:00 pm Vince Goddard (SI)

Thursday, December 4

12:00 pm Joan Taylor (SI)

Friday, December 5

12:00 pm Brokenburr Family (SI)

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

Week of November 30

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** - donated by Jo Ann Campbell in loving memory of Velma Gonzalez
- **Sacred Heart Shrine** - donated by Paula M. Willis for a special intention for Dodie O'Brien

Sanctuary Lamps: [Sign Up](#) to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit for a week for a special intention. Suggested donation is \$10.

Please pray for

The Sick

Mindy Cavazos

Kyle Cravens

Frank Dworaczyk

Jane Dworaczyk

Caroline Garcia

David Guzman

Mary Hamad

Alma Hughes

Connor Hull

Philomena Leinen

Tracy Leinen

Sharon Lufftus

Carolyn Massey

Yoli Muniz

John Naftanel

Ken Otte

Olga Marie Prieto

Carol Ramirez

Nicolas J. Salas

Betty Stone

Christina M. Tovar

Frank Yorke

Kathleen Walschlager

Jack Wolford

Our Service Members

Randall Davis

Kevin Goodlett

Michael Mazurek

Corey Leinen

The Repose of the Souls of Loved Ones
recently called home by our Savior.

Collection Amounts

Sunday, November 23 \$27,641
Children's Collection \$190

Thank you for your continued support! We are grateful to this community for giving so greatly and regularly at Mass and at home through online and mail contributions.



Poinsettia Flower Memorials
Order Online by December 15
\$15 each

Click Here or Scan the QR Code to Order

The poinsettias will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED

We are looking for a custodian to work 20 to 25 hours per week. This job may require evening and weekend hours. Must be able to lift tables and chairs exceeding 50 pounds. Interested parties should contact Sue in the Administration Office.

(512) 892-2420

Liturgy

Happy New Liturgical Year!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a day on which we focus on God's message of hope. As followers of Jesus, we imitate Him. Jesus was always hopeful and spread the gift of hope to others. Our hope is in God and in the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year of 2025, the theme for which Pope Francis gave us as "Pilgrims of Hope," we are offering the following opportunities to celebrate a hope-filled Advent at St. Catherine's:

- **Las Posadas, Sunday, December 7 at 6:15 p.m.**
St. Catherine's will host Las Posadas after the 5 p.m. Mass. All families are invited to attend the Bethlehem walk with Mary and Joseph as they look for a room for baby Jesus to be born.
- **Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday, December 8 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. For the noon Mass, the Apostles of Mary group invites you to the daily 11:20 a.m. rosary in the Day Chapel. After 12 p.m. Mass, you are invited to attend their potluck lunch in the Parish Center. Please bring a MAIN ITEM TO SHARE and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners - and have a nice lunch, as well!
- **Advent Parish Penance Service on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 p.m.** The service will include an opportunity for individual confessions with our own parish priests or with a visiting priest from the diocese.
- **Join us for Christmas Carols and Cookies on Friday, December 12, from 7-9 p.m.** We will start in the church with Christmas carols, with cookies to follow in Johnson Hall. We will gather to celebrate Christmas together at this fun family event. Please bring some cookies to share!
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be on Saturday, December 13 at the 5 p.m. Mass.** Our annual Mass for the Feast of Our Lady will once again feature a dramatization by our Amigos Club of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego.
- **The Telling of the Christmas Story, Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. in the Church.** Come listen and participate in the telling of the Christmas story. Children can come dressed in simple costumes like angels, shepherds and kings so they can be part of the story. Everyone is invited to this annual event.

Advent Penance Services at Area Churches

In addition to our Advent Parish Penance Service, there are other services in surrounding areas:

Wednesday, December 3 San Francisco Javier Parish - 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 St. Paul Catholic Church - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9 Emmaus Parish - 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 11 St. Peter the Apostle Parish - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 St. John Neumann Parish - 6 p.m.

Visit austindiocese.org/advent-penance-services for a full list of Advent Penance Services in the Diocese of Austin.

Community Ministries

The Giving Tree Project - Volunteers Needed

We will sort gifts and food for The Giving Tree Project on Wednesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. and deliver everything on Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m. If you would like to help with the sort and/or delivery, please come to the church at the designated times. Please contact Rhonda.Smith@stcatherine-austin.org if you have any questions. **Thank you** for your generous support of the Giving Tree Project.

Donations Needed

Gently used winter coats and clothing, white tube socks, and small toiletries, boy's toddler clothing, and baby wipes. Thank you!

Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Would you like to volunteer for Mobile Loaves & Fishes? We go out every 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings of the month. If you're interested, please contact Rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation – December 8
Masses at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.
(Information below for the 12 p.m. Mass only)

The **Apostles of Mary** group invites you to the daily 11:20 a.m. rosary in the day chapel on December 8 before noon Mass.

After noon Mass, we will enjoy a **LUNCH** in the Parish Center. Please bring a **MAIN ITEM TO SHARE** and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners—and have a nice lunch as well!

Adult Faith Formation

OCIA Hospitality: This week's refreshments and Ministry Minute will be provided by the Liturgy of the Word with Children ministry. Next week's hosts will be the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. God bless you for your kindness!

Centering Prayer Group

This group meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Cenacle and on Mondays via Zoom at 3 p.m. For information, contact Marianne Metzner at MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com or (512) 203-5460.

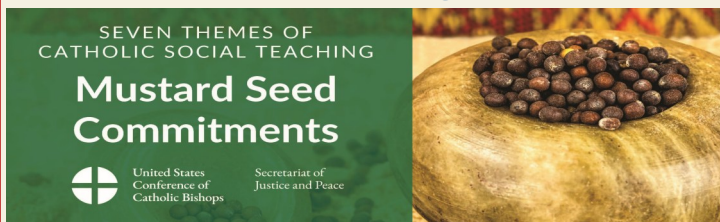
Breaking Open the Word (Tuesdays Online)

Study the Sunday readings with this online resource that is [shared weekly on the website](#). Join our online group on Tuesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m. or study alone. To join, email [Jennifer Gamblin](mailto:Jennifer.Gamblin).

Lay Missionaries of Charity

Lay Missionaries of Charity welcome you to "**Come and See**" any Tuesday for Adoration at 10 a.m., followed by our general meeting with a Rosary in the Ignite Room and Daily Mass at noon. For more information, contact Alison Manzer at (512) 746-7206 or Stephanie Nelson at (512) 730-3920.

Catholic Social Teaching



Advent Activity: Mustard Seed Commitments

What are you doing for Advent? Advent is a time when we deepen our prayer lives and prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is also a time when our Sunday readings talk about a new heaven and a new earth, a time of God's justice and right-relationships, and we are called by God to help bring about the Reign of God on earth. So, what are you doing for Advent? The Catholic Social Teaching ministry here at St. Catherine's invites all parishioners, families and ministries to participate in the Mustard Seed Commitments. This is an initiative of the U.S. Bishops and is a list of small, "concrete actions such as changes in lifestyle or habits, that someone can easily adopt." The Mustard Seed Commitments are based on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Visit our [parish website](#) or pick up a copy of the Mustard Seed Commitments from our parish Information Tables in the narthex. Share your Mustard Seed Commitments using the [form on our website](#) or email them to marti.salas@stcatherine-austin.org. We will post them on our parish social media (anonymously, if you prefer) to inspire our parish community to plant the seeds of justice in our world. We invite all parishioners to participate as individuals, families or ministry groups and to send in photos of themselves acting on or living their Mustard Seed Commitment. Committing to one small action for each week of Advent or to all of them for the season of Advent. Let's come together as a parish community and work to build the City of God among us!

Las Posadas

Sunday, December 7 after 5 p.m. Mass

Attend the Bethlehem walk with Mary and Joseph as they look for a room for baby Jesus to be born. Refreshments will be served afterward in Johnson Hall.



Emerging Adults and Moral Development

FR. JIM LIES
C.S.C., Ph.D.
Senior Advisor for
Faculty Fellow Affairs and Partnerships

AUSTIN CLUB

Cordially invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim in discussion on Emerging Adults and Moral Development

THURS DAY DEC 4 6 PM

RSVP @ ndclubofaustin.com
Lecture | St. Edward's Carter Auditorium
Social Hour | Colton House Parlor Room

- 2025 Hesburgh Lecture and evening with Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C.
- Presented by the Notre Dame Club of Austin
- Thursday, December 4 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward's Carter Auditorium; followed by a Social Hour from 8 – 9:30 p.m. at the Colton House Parlor Room
- Anyone welcome to attend
- [Click here](#) to register online

Heart of Jesus: A Discernment Retreat for Men

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 **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 take place on **December 17-19** at Cedarbrae Retreat Center in Belton, TX, and is open to single men who are 18-49 years old. [Click here](#) to register online.

Cities for Life - Against the Death Penalty Day Nov. 30

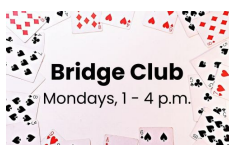
"Cities for Life" is a campaign led by the Community of Sant'Egidio that supports the abolition of the death penalty all over the world and promotes the culture of life. Every November 30th, the "Cities for Life – Against the Death Penalty Day" commemorates the first abolition of the capital punishment, which took place in 1786 in the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. Since 2002, 2,371 cities have joined the campaign. Please join fellow Austinites in support of abolishing the death penalty on Sunday evening, November 30, at 6 p.m. We will gather at the Austin City Hall Plaza, West Cesar Chavez, between Guadalupe and Lavaca. There will be a short service remembering those who have been executed by the State of Texas this past year and those who have died by violence. This event is co-sponsored by Pax Christi Austin and other organizations.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Bridge Club (Mondays)

Experienced bridge players are welcome to join the Bridge Club every Monday from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room 222 (next to Siena Hall on the second floor).

Questions? Contact nancydobbs@yahoo.com.



St. Catherine's Cross Stitch Group (Wednesdays)

St. Catherine's Cross Stitch group meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Parish Center, rooms 231/232. ALL experience levels invited! No tools needed to get started! Contact Glenda Massey at m4force@aol.com for more information.



That Man is You! - December 4, 6 a.m. in the Cenacle

[That Man is You](#) meets again on Thursday, December 4. If you want to meet other men in the parish, deepen your relationship with God, or just enjoy a good breakfast and a cup of coffee, then join us! Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. upstairs in the Parish Center. A video will be shown at 6:30 a.m. with a conversation to follow in the Cenacle. (Online participation via Zoom is available starting at 6:30 a.m.) We end promptly at 7:30 a.m.



Senior Ministry - December 4, 10 a.m. in the Cenacle

[Senior Ministry](#) will have an Advent Morning of Prayer on Thursday, December 4 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Cenacle (2nd floor of Parish Center). Join us as we explore Advent as a horizon which opens us up to growing in the love of God.



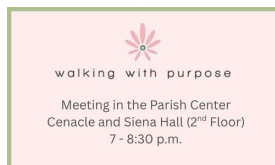
Prayer Shawl Ministry - December 4 at 1 p.m.

If you know of someone in need of prayer, (grieving, illness, new baby, etc.), please contact Heidi Langan at scprayershawl@stcatherine-austin.org or (512) 497-1082 for a complimentary prayer shawl. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 4, 1 - 2 p.m. in the Parish Center, room 231/232. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



Walking with Purpose - December 11, 7 p.m. in the Cenacle and Siena Hall

If you desire to grow in your faith - in a supportive community of Catholic women - Walking with Purpose is for you! The Walking with Purpose (WWP) Bible study combines personal study workbooks with small group discussions, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - December 8

If you are a wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter (over 18 years of age) of any member of the Knights of Columbus, in any parish, you are eligible to join the [Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary](#)! This group meets the second Monday of the month through May, beginning at 7 p.m. in Siena Hall of the Parish Center. The December meeting will be on December 8.



Prime Timers "Return to Siena Festive Festa" - December 10

Tis the season to be jolly! Come have fun with the [Prime Timers](#) as we celebrate the season with a "Return to Siena Festive Festa!" Gather together with fellow parishioners and friends and enjoy a delicious Italian buffet with fun, fellowship, holiday music and games as we exchange gift cards and have a great time together. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes the Italian buffet, dessert, drinks, tax and gratuity. **Please turn in payment in the Prime Timers box in the narthex by Friday, December 5; payment will not be accepted at the lunch.** Bring a wrapped gift card in the amount of \$10 for the Christmas Gift Card Exchange. RSVP by December 5 at primetimers20@gmail.com or Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E45A4AB2DABF49-60556699-return>.



Senior Ministry Advent Morning of Prayer

Thursday, December 4
10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Cenacle

Join us as we explore Advent as a horizon which opens us up to growing in the love of God.



Prime Timers Return to Siena Festive Festa

Wednesday, December 10
12:30 p.m. in Siena Hall

- Italian Buffet
- Fun, Games & Fellowship
- Christmas Gift Card Exchange
- \$20/Person + \$10 Gift Card
- [Click here for more information and to RSVP by December 5](#)



MUSICIANS!



Join us this Christmas!



**We're looking for guest musicians
and singers to help make our
Christmas Masses even more beautiful.**



Vocalists and Instrumentalists in all categories
(Brass, Strings, Percussion, Woodwinds and more)
are invited to participate.



High School Students can earn Service Hours.

***Use this QR code with your smart phone camera
to go to the website and learn more or volunteer:***



<https://stcatherine-austin.org/music-ministry-christmas-info-and-signup-page>

Or for more information, visit Eric Carreiro (Music Director) after Mass,
email eric.carreiro@stcatherine-austin.org
or call Eric at (512) 892-2420 x342.



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Preschool Ministries: Heather Riley

Religious Education (Adult):

..... Marti Salas, Jennifer Gamblin

Religious Education (Children & Youth):

Marti Salas, Sarah Pedrozo, Laura Bristow, Cynthia Rodriguez, Livia Telles-Rodriguez

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am*
 11:30 am, 1:15 pm, 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday 12:00 pm*
Tuesday 7:00 pm
 * Denotes online livestream Masses

Confession

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

Adoration (Day Chapel)

Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Daily Rosary (Day Chapel)

Monday - Friday 11:20 am – 11:45 am

Organizations

ACTS

Rod Whisnant, Actscoreteam@gmail.com

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Ladies Club Brenda Mayes 791-8405

Lay Missionaries of Charity

..... Alison Manzer 745-7206

Prayer Shawl Ministry

..... Heidi Langan 497-1082

Prime Timers Juanita Josel 394-1254

St. Vincent de Paul ... Cathi Brown 826-7035

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance 550-5160

Scouts David Pesek 970-1218

Marriage:

Contact Monica Sanchez at monica.sanchez@stcatherine-austin.org or (512) 892-2420 at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

Baptism:

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

Bulletin:

Send email to Danielle Nepustil at danielle.nepustil@stcatherine-austin.org.

Updated EIM Compliance Information

The mission of the Diocese of Austin's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) program is to help protect people from abuse and unethical behavior through education, action, and reporting, and to listen to and learn from those who have experienced abuse in order to provide healing. **EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese.** Looking for resources and information about safeguarding children and other vulnerable people? Do you want to volunteer and are new to the EIM process? Are you returning to ministry and already have an EIM account? Visit austindiocese.org/eim to learn more about EIM policies and procedures and how they keep our parishes and schools safer for everyone. Contact your parish or school's EIM site administrator, [Evelyn Amador](mailto:Evelyn.Amador@stcatherine-austin.org) at [evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:Evelyn.Amador@stcatherine-austin.org), or eim@austindiocese.org for additional assistance. **Report Abuse:** Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult, or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

Stay Connected!

We want to communicate more effectively with you and make it easy for you to control the announcements you receive and how you are notified. We are now using a service called **CONNECT**. You can subscribe to regular e-mails from St. Catherine of Siena by [clicking here](#). 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, as well as receive weekly updates with a direct link to our digital bulletin. Your information will be completely safe and secure. You can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! Thank you for being a part of our parish community!

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



Donate Online at
stcatherine-austin.org/give-from-home



Call Erin Hummel (512) 892-2420 to set up online giving



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