

SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday.....6:30am, 12:05pm
Saturday.....12:05pm
Sunday.....Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm;
8:00am, 9:30am, noon,
1:45pm Español,
3:30pm Extraordinary Form/
Traditional Latin,
& 5:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday.....11:00am-noon
Saturday.....11:00am-noon
& 4:30pm-5:25pm

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Bishop of Austin

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4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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BAUTIZOS: Si usted desea bautizar a su hijo, lea los requisitos detallados en nuestro sitio web: www.smcaustin.org. Luego, para fijar una fecha para el bautizo, entregue el formulario de solicitud con los documentos necesarios.

MARRIAGE: See Cathedral website: www.smcaustin.org, for detailed information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Registration forms are available on the table at the entrance of the church; in the Cathedral office, or on our website.

Rector's Corner

*For when peaceful stillness encompassed everything
and the night in its swift course was half spent,
Your all-powerful word from heaven's royal throne
leapt into the doomed land. - Wisdom 18:14-15*

Last week I took a night class at the gym. Heading home north from south Austin, I encountered unusually light traffic as I crossed the IH 35 Colorado River/Lady Bird Lake span. I often enjoy gazing at the ever-ever changing skyline as I re-enter downtown, careful not to bump into the driver ahead! But that night I noticed something in the sky: a green light that moved very quickly in an arc, then disappeared. I have seen this before: a shooting star! Indeed, the Geminids meteor shower was visible that week in many parts of the U.S.

As you may know, I am not a morning person, but my dog, Bea, is. Later in the same week, Bea had me up at 5:30 a.m. As Bea took care of her business behind the rectory, I looked up into the eastern sky. There I noticed a brilliant light, much like a star, but much larger than any star I would see. Perhaps I saw Venus or Comet46P/Wirtanen.

To a world without electricity, the heavens very readily declared the glory of God. Ancient mariners learned to navigate the seas with their knowledge of the constellations. We can still experience this wonder when we remember to look up and marvel at the grandeur of our universe, even more so at our own stature in this arena: less than miniscule. And yet, into planet earth and human history leaps the Divine Logos, the Word whose creative power commanded all we see into existence. Leaping with absolute humility into the most vulnerable of human forms: a newborn infant! The joy of Christmas is here! Love has come for each one of us, to warm us with a joy that cannot be taken away, reminding us that God the Father reaches down from heaven with a heart of mercy, to bless. May the wonder of Love Incarnate be our joy as we gather with the shepherds around the feeding trough in a cave, and gaze with the wonder of Mary and Joseph at the newborn babe.

I wish you and your household a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Tim



Weekly Calendar

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE**

No 6:30am or 12:05pm Masses; no confession

4:00pm... Christmas Vigil Mass, Cathedral
5:00-8:00pm. Christmas hospitality, Bishops Hall
6:00pm... Christmas Vigil Mass, Cathedral
8:00pm... Christmas Vigil Mass, Cathedral
10:15pm. Schola pre-Midnight Mass call, Bishops Hall
11:15pm. Lessons & Carols, Cathedral
12:00am. Midnight Mass, Cathedral

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY**

No confession

9:30am.. Christmas Mass, Cathedral
Noon.... Christmas Mass, Cathedral
1:45pm.. Christmas Mass (en español), Cathedral
3:30pm.. Christmas Mass (Traditional Latin), Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

No 6:30am Mass

11:00am-noon..confession, Cathedral
12:05pm. Mass, Cathedral
4:00pm... Schola solo rehearsal, Sheehan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30am... Mass, Cathedral
11:00am-noon..confession, Cathedral
12:05pm. Mass, Cathedral
7:00pm... Catholic Scripture Study, Bishops Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30am... Mass, Cathedral
7:00am... *Men's Forging Ahead*, Bishops Hall
11:00am-noon..confession, Cathedral
12:05pm. Mass, Cathedral
6:30pm... Spanish Choir rehearsal, Sheehan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

11:00am-noon..confession, Cathedral
11:00am..Legion of Mary, library
12:05pm..Mass, Cathedral
4:30-5:25pm..confession, Cathedral
5:30pm.. Vigil Mass, Cathedral

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

7:30am... Family Rosary, Cathedral
8:00am... Sunday Breakfast (St. Vincent de Paul), Bishops Hall

No CFF Classes

4:45pm...SJLMS Coffee, Bishops Hall

AVE MARIA GIFT SHOP**Hours of Operation**

Wednesday-Saturday 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Sundays 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry

Stewardship & Development

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Offertory Collection (*week of 12/16/2018*)

Budgeted amount needed each week: \$21,500

(Numbers not available at time of print.)

First Collection and Mail

Second Collection

Cathedral School of Saint Mary

FY 2018 Year-to-Date Budget

FY 2018 Regular Weekly Offerings

Attendance

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (*a/o 10-31-2018*)\$19,366

Ave Maria Gift Shop Debt Balance (*a/o 10-20-2018*).....\$ 9,679

For questions, concerns, or comments, contact the Director of Advancement, Louis Barron, 512-476-6182 ext. 172; email lbarron@smcaustin.org.

Christmas Flowers envelopes are available in the pews. Your donations help defray the cost of flowers for the Christmas liturgies.

Christmas Offering envelopes are also available in the pews. Thank you for your help to cover the cost of expenses during the Christmas Season.

Los sobres de flores de Navidad están disponibles en los bancos. Sus donaciones ayudan a sufragar el costo de las flores para las liturgias de Navidad.

Los sobres de la Ofrenda de Navidad también están disponibles para ayudar a cubrir el costo de nuestros gastos durante la temporada navideña.

Please pray for...

those who have died;

those in need of healing: *

Mark Anthony Acosta, Jerry Aksland, Christina Barron Almaguer, Kay Alonso, Benjamin Lee Alvarado, Ryan Arredondo, Ilene Baer, Rosalinda Barajas, Ebodia Bautista, Robert Barrera, Ira Bearden, Bobbie Jean, Reef Bonsmann, Betty Brown, Courtney Brown, Theresa Buckman, Brian Burditt, Jessica Burrola, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Dr. Roseanne Butera, Aaron Carroll, Robbie Copple, Ken Craig, Betty Cravens, Felix Cuellar, Claudia De Los Santos, Mary Jane De Los Santos, Carmel DiCarlo, Brandon Durieux, J. C. Ernst, Lillie Flores, Tom Flores, Dorothy Fuller, Glenn Gardner, Suzanne Garvil, Jesse Goldiano, Isabel Grace Gonzales, Mary Gott, Sammy Greco, Greer Family, Eloisa Harkrider, Hope Herrera, Lillian Eve Herrera, Herrera Family, Vanessa Holmes, Diane Ballesteros-Houston, Angel Hyder, Chuck Jehlen, Sherry Joseph, Helen Kouri, Molly Lane, Ledesma Family, Peggy Lee, Rachel Leigh, Eric Limones, Isabel Magallanes, Richard Maldonado, David Mallak, Linda Marie, Richard Martin, Liz Mayer & Baby, Lynette Mayer, Patrice McClintic, Richard John Mcklintok, Ralph Mergler, Msgr. Frank Miller, Kiera Miller, Michael Miller, Lupe Moncebaiz, Veronica Moore, Chandois Norton, Ludwicka Norton, David Organ, Colleen Parrado, Maude Patton, Milton Patton, Portia Peterson, Joyce Pfertner, Gary Porfirio, Sharon Pokorski, Mary Elizabeth Powell, Edward Renteria, Carol Richardson, Joel Rivera, Jorge Rivera, James Roberts, Robinson Family, Linda Romo, Chloe Sanders, Marlene Sato, Preena Scerrigill, Iris Sizemore, Kazuko Smith, Kelly Smith, Gabriel Soto, Denise Spangler, Frances M. Strickland, Bill Tarpley, Patricia Tate, Lena Torres, Jesse Trevino, Linda Trevino, Roland Trevino, Sherry Trevino, Eugenio Valdez, Bernard Vasek, Amiee Vassilli, Ennovy Vester, Jesse Vielma, Shane Walden, Thomas Walker, Louise Walters, Deanna Wheeler, Cicely White & children, Victoria Williams, Wendy Woodruff, Carol Young, Vicente Zavala

and those serving in the military:

HR Shelby D. Aparicio

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PFC Rick German

1LT Cory Houck

Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.

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1 LT Patrick Kuiper

Major David McGuire

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LCPL Eric E. Muñoz

Capt. Nicholas Naquin

1SG Kenneth A. Saffell

Capt. Sean Snook

Sgt. William Speer

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Christopher Ty Trevino

* Call parish office when names of the living can be taken off the prayer list.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24

4:00am.....John Tybor

6:00pm.....Ester Dorotheo†

8:00pm.....Madere family

Midnight.....Guadalupe Garza

Tuesday, December 25

9:30am.....T. J. & Simona Amaro†

Noon.....Marjorie Joseph†

1:45pm.....Bertha Torres†

3:30pm.....Christopher Sierra†

Wednesday, December 26

6:30am.....Barbara & William Mouser

12:05pm.....Luke Coleman†

Thursday, December 27

6:30am.....Barbara Mouser

12:05pm.....Faithful Departed

Friday, December 28

6:30am.....Madere family

12:05pm.....Faithful Departed

Saturday, December 29

12:05pm.....Guadalupe Gonzales†

5:30pm.....McGraw family

Sunday, December 30

8:00am.....Faithful Departed

9:30am.....Ann & Tony Fayad†

Noon.....Cathedral Parishioners

1:45pm.....Benjamin Lee Alvarado

3:30pm.....Madere family

5:30pm.....Tom DeLuca†

**Next Sunday's
Special Second Collection
December 29-30, 2018
Family & Pro-Life Activities
in the Diocese of Austin**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In thanksgiving
for Thomas Laughlin
December 23-December 29, 2018
and
for Dee Amaro
Christmas, December 25, 2018

Cathedral School

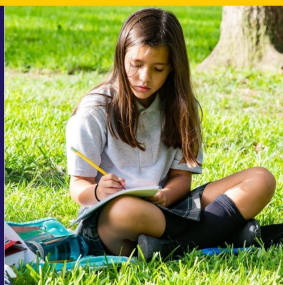
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Consult our website: smcaustin.org/family-registration, for information about registration for Catholic Faith Formation classes and how to begin preparations for your child to receive sacraments.

Consulte nuestro sitio web: smcaustin.org/family-registration, para obtener información sobre el registro para las clases de Formación en la fe católica y cómo comenzar los preparativos para que su hijo recibir sacramentos.

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program welcomes those who want to become Catholic or are seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are interested in coming into the Church or would like more information, contact Deacon Vince, 512-576-4788, or Cherilyn Young, 512-992-2948. **Child care available.**

Faith Enrichment

Video Series on the Eucharist: Bishop Robert Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist as an important part of that presence. This is a fresh look at the Eucharist and its reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and the Real Presence of Christ. **Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm**, in the Donahue Center Cafeteria. **Began Dec. 12; ends Jan. 9.** Contact Deacon Vince, 512-576-4788.

New Book Study: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire. **Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm**, in the Sheehan Room. Contact Deacon Vince, 512-576-4788.

Catholic Scripture Study: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, For questions email LJSmith78704@yahoo.com.

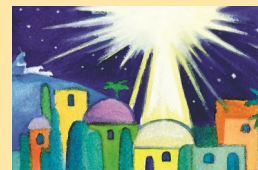
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:*

(All Masses in the Cathedral)

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24: (no confession)

- 4:00pm Vigil
- 6:00pm Vigil
- 8:00pm Vigil
- 11:15pm Lessons & Carols
- Midnight Mass



Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25: (no confession)

- 9:30am
- Noon
- 1:45pm (Español)
- 3:30pm (Traditional Latin)

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31:

- 5:30pm Vigil (English)

New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1:

- 9:30am
- 11:00am-noon confession
- Noon
- 1:45pm (Español)
- 3:30pm (Traditional Latin) Circumcision of the Lord

*Christmas and New Year's are holy days of obligation.

Office holiday schedule

Parish Office closed Monday, Dec. 24, through Tuesday, Jan. 1; reopens Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Oficina cerrada el lunes, 24 de diciembre, hasta el martes, 1 de enero. La oficina reabre el miércoles 2 de enero.

School office closed Monday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 4; reopens Monday, Jan. 7.

Oficina de la escuela de la catedral cerrada Lunes, 24 de diciembre. La oficina abre de nuevo el lunes 7 de enero.

THANK YOU! St. Vincent de Paul gives many thanks for your generous support of the 2018 Christmas Graces. Children from forty-two families will enjoy a more blessed and merrier Christmas. May all of you have a New Year filled with faith, love and family.



Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a las Gracias Navideñas de 2018. Los niños de cuarenta y dos familias disfrutarán de una Navidad más bendecida y feliz. Que todos ustedes tengan un Año Nuevo lleno de fe, amor y familia.

Come out for a special Family Rosary.

There will be a special Rosary next **Sunday, Dec. 30**, the Feast of the Holy Family, at **7:30am**, before the 8:00am Mass. It will be led by the Rodriguez family—Dad Gus, Mom Natalie, and their children. Come out and pray for the special intentions or needs in your own family, and for all families. Questions? Call Becky at 512-947-2822.

**FIRST FRIDAY, JAN. 4**

- 6:30am Mass
- 8:30am-9:25am Confession
- 9:30am Mass (Traditional Latin)
- 10:30am-Noon Eucharistic Adoration
- 11:00am-12:00pm Confession
- 12:05pm Mass

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. The prayers begin on **February 20**, and are done privately in our home using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18**, to receive your **free** copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you. Following, all are invited to collectively make or renew our consecration at a special Holy Mass on **March 25**.

Preparación para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María.

En Fátima, Nuestra Señora dijo, "Mi Inmaculado Corazón será tu refugio y el camino que te conducirá a Dios". Por favor, únase a miles de Fieles de toda nuestra Diócesis para realizar 33 días de oración para la **Total Consagración a Jesús por María**. Cada día de oración representa un año de la vida de Cristo. Las oraciones comienzan **el 20 de febrero** y son hechas de manera privada en nuestro hogar usando un libro de preparación. Por favor visite www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org antes del **18 de enero** para recibir su copia **gratuita** del libro de preparación y oración Montfort. Su libro le será enviado por correo. A continuación, todos están invitados para realizar o renovar, de manera colectiva, nuestra consagración en una Santa Misa especial **el día 25 de marzo**.

Help our homeless neighbors by donating to or volunteering with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, 512-651-6100, www.ccctx.org, or our St. Vincent de Paul Society that provides bus passes and vouchers for clothing and food for the homeless. Let's use organizations we have to truly help homeless persons.

El Rincón del Rector

Para cuando la tranquilidad pacífica abarcaba todo y la noche, en su curso veloz, se pasó la mitad, Tu palabra todopoderosa del trono real del cielo Saltó a la tierra condenada. - Sabiduría 18: 14-15

La semana pasada tomé una clase nocturna en el gimnasio. Al regresar a casa al norte del sur de Austin, encontré un tráfico inusualmente ligero cuando crucé el tramo de I35 Colorado River/Lady Bird Lake. A menudo disfruto contemplando el horizonte siempre cambiante mientras vuelvo a entrar en el centro, teniendo cuidado de no tropezar contra el chófer de adelante! Pero esa noche noté algo en el cielo: una luz verde que se movía muy rápidamente en un arco, luego desapareció. He visto esto antes: ¡una estrella fugaz! De hecho, la lluvia de meteoritos de Geminidas fue visible esa semana en muchas partes de los Estados Unidos.

Como ustedes saben, no soy una persona de la mañana, pero mi perro, Bea, lo es. Más tarde, en la misma semana, Bea me hizo levantarme a las 5:30 a.m. Mientras Bea se ocupaba de su negocio detrás de la rectoría, miré al cielo del este. Allí noté una luz brillante, muy parecida a una estrella, pero mucho más grande que cualquier otra estrella que pudiera ver. Tal vez vi a Venus o Comet46P/Wirtanen.

A un mundo sin electricidad, los cielos declararon muy fácilmente la gloria de Dios. Los antiguos marinos aprendieron a navegar los mares con su conocimiento de las constelaciones. Todavía podemos experimentar esta maravilla cuando recordamos mirar hacia arriba y maravillarnos con la grandeza de nuestro universo, aún más con nuestra propia estatura en este arena: menos que minúsculo. Y sin embargo, en el planeta tierra y en la historia humana salta el Logos divino, la Palabra cuyo poder creativo ordenó que todos los que veamos existan. Saltando con absoluta humildad a las formas humanas más vulnerables: ¡un recién nacido! La alegría de la Navidad está aquí! El amor ha venido para cada uno de nosotros, para calentarnos con una alegría que no se puede quitar, recordándonos que Dios el Padre baja del cielo con un corazón de misericordia, para bendecir. Que la maravilla del Amor Encarnado sea nuestra alegría cuando nos reunimos con los pastores alrededor del comedero en una cueva, y contemplamos con la maravilla de María y José al bebé recién nacido.

Les deseo a usted y su familia una muy feliz Navidad!

Padre Tim



Winter Solstice Prayer for the coming of the Light

In a world so often filled with darkness and sin,
Jesus, You are the rising Son!
When the night of our lives feels longer than we can bear,
Jesus, You are the hope of a new dawn!

When we are anxious for what the future holds,
Jesus, You are the morning star that never sets!
In all our confusion and division,
Jesus, You are the light of the world!

Heavenly Father, in this Advent season, we await Your Son's coming with anticipation.
Send Your Spirit to sustain and carry us through these final days of Advent preparation, as we await the dawning of the Light of the World! Amen.

Traditional Latin Mass

Come experience the ancient traditions and music of the Church. Propers for the Mass are in the *Saint Edmund Campion Missal & Hymnal*

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 3:30pm—High Mass—Christmas Day, Nativity of Our Lord.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 3:30pm—High Mass—Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 3:30pm—High Mass—Octave Day of The Nativity of Our Lord.

Friday, Jan. 4, 9:30am—Low Mass—First Friday of the Month. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Latin phrase of the week: *Cæleste organum hodie sonuit in terra, Ad partum Virginis superum cecinit caterva.*—**Today the celestial choir sounded on earth, The heavenly band sang for the Virgin's birth.**

To receive news and updates about the TLM, visit our website: AustinLatinMass.org. Be social, "Like" us on Facebook: St Joseph Latin Mass Society.

Beyond our Parish

Celebrate Martin Luther King on Jan. 12:

A commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held **Jan. 12, at 11:00am, at St. Louis Parish** in Austin. Auxiliary Bishop Fernand J. Cheri of New Orleans will be the keynote speaker for this event, which will include music, worship and a reception. The prayer service will feature the Holy Cross Parish Choir, the St. Louis School Choir and cultural expressions from various groups. For more information, contact DeKarlos Blackmon, the coordinator for Black Ministry, at 512-949-2471.

Retreat for older teens and young adults:

Together Encounter Christ (TEC), a retreat for older teens and young adults, will be held **Jan. 19-21 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet**. Participants are invited to ignite their relationship with God with this weekend of prayer and witness. Details and registration information are available at www.tec-ctx.org.

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¡Agradecemos a nuestros patrocinadores! Gracias a ellos, recibimos nuestros boletines parroquiales sin costo de LPi. Tina, la representante de LPi está trabajando con nuestra parroquia para aumentar patrocinio del boletín. Para poner un anuncio para su negocio o un anuncio "En memoria de" para su sus seres queridos fallecidos, comuníquese con Tina al 512-431-9413 o al twatson4@lpi.com.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23:

Sun.....Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
MonIs 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/
Mt 1:1-25

TuesIs 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

WedActs 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4,6-8,16-17/
Mt 10:17-22

Thurs.....1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/John 20:1a,2-8

Fri1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Sat.....1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3,5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Sun1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10/1Jn 3:1-2,21-24/
Lk 2:41-52

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23:

Sun.....Fourth Sunday of Advent

MonChristmas Eve

TuesThe Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)

WedSt. Stephen, the First Martyr

Thurs.....St John, Apostle & Evangelist

FriThe Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Sat.....St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Sun.....Feast of the Holy Family

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Vocation Discernment

Discernment Dinners:

- **Jan. 9—A High School Discernment Dinner** will be held from **7:00-8:30pm**, at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Details: www.godiscalling.me
- **Jan. 16—An Adult Discernment Dinner** for men will be held at 7:00pm, at the Borromeo House in Austin. Details: www.godiscalling.me.
- **Jan. 23—A Discernment Dinner for Women** will be held from 7:00 to 8:30pm, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Details: www.godiscalling.me.

Attention men: Are you being called to the diaconate?

Men between the ages of 30 and 59, sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate should discuss this with their pastors and obtain his permission to attend (with their wife, if married) one of the following Inquiry Sessions (offered in Spanish and English):

- Jan. 20 at the Pastoral Center in Austin
- March 17 at the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet
- May 5 at the Pastoral Center in Austin

Each session is from 2:00-5:00pm, and will explore the diaconate, discernment methods, qualities and characteristics sought in applicants, the formation journey, the wife's participation in formation, and the application process. For more information, call 512-949-2459; e-mail diaconateformation@austindiocese.org; or visit www.austindiocese.org/diaconalformation.

Pray for those from the Cathedral currently discerning

vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- Miguel Flores-Diocese of Austin seminarian at St. Mary's, Houston
- Amanda Fuentes-Diocese of Austin postulant, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, MI
- Alex Odom-Diocese of Austin seminarian at Saint Mary Cathedral, Austin
- Ladd Spears-Diocese of Austin seminarian at Holy Trinity, Dallas



Catholic Social Teaching

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Especially appropriate for these days of suffering in our nation is the responsorial psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, "**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved**" (cf. Psalm 80). In a world that is becoming increasingly secular, not only must we invoke the remembrances of the mighty deeds of God as we implore his intervention to save the world, but also must we remember to bring about the plan of salvation through the work of our own hands. Let us be Christ for one another.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Es especialmente apropiado para estos días de sufrimiento en nuestro país, el salmo responsorial del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento "**Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos**" (cf. Salmo 80). En un mundo que se está convirtiendo incrementalmente secular, no solo debemos invocar los recuerdos de las buenas obras de Dios mientras imploramos su intervención para salvar el mundo, sino que también debemos de recordar llevar a cabo el plan de salvación a través del trabajo de nuestras propias manos. Seamos Cristo unos para otros.