

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-11:50am
Saturday.....11:00am-11:50am
& 4:30pm-5:20pm

CLERGY AND STAFF

Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, STL, DD,
Bishop of Austin

Very Rev. Daniel Liu, Rector

Rev. Everardo Cazares, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Antony Savarimuthu, Priest in Residence

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Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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Hours of Operation

Tuesday-Friday 12:30 pm-4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Phone 512-617-5880

Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry

BAPTISMS: Parents should visit the Cathedral website: www.smcaustin.org, for Baptism guidelines; then submit completed application with required documents to schedule Baptism.

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.

Gospel Meditation

Second Sunday of Advent

Mt 3:1-12

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than he. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Mt 3, 1-12

Vamos caminando poco a poco rumbo a la Navidad; el Adviento abre un camino nuevo dando oportunidad a una conversión sincera girando el corazón hacia Dios. El protagonista de este domingo y el que viene es Juan Bautista. Con su mensaje, exhorta a la sociedad de hoy a reencontrar el camino y esperar con esperanza cristiana, que es a la vez jubilosa pero exigente en el cambio radical de acciones que destruyen el espíritu de esta temporada. Muchas compras y prisas sin sentido hacen olvidar lo importante del mensaje: "Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos." Significa abrir el corazón a la luz del mensaje. Un corazón sencillo que perdona y experimenta la conversión en pequeños detalles como: una palabra de amor a su familia, aceptar a la persona que no cae bien, o simplemente quitar la cara aburrida de siempre.

"Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no de fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego." Mas claro el mensaje no puede estar. La presencia salvadora se presenta en este Adviento invitando a hacer obras buenas, preparando y arreglando lo que esta chueco o, como se dice, dejar de hacer tranzas. El Adviento implica ser valientes para hacer el bien. ¿Qué estás dispuesto a cambiar? ¿Qué se debe de enderezar? Recuerda, Isaías lo describe así: "Habitará el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se echará con el cabrito, el novillo y el león pacerán juntos y un muchachito los apacientará." El llamado sigue, ¿que respondes?

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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

6:30am.. Mass, Cathedral
 8:30am.. CSSM Mass, Cathedral
 12:05pm.. Mass, Cathedral
 3:30pm.. CSSM Basketball, DC Gym
 4:15pm.. Cub Scout Meeting, Library
 4:30pm.. Schola Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
 5:30pm.. Bilingual Mass, Cathedral
 6:30pm.. *An Introduction to the Devout Life* Book Study, Sheehan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:30pm... CSSM Basketball, DC Gym
 4:30pm... Schola Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
 6:00pm... RCIA Class, DC Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:30pm... CSSM Faculty Meeting, Library
 3:30pm... CSSM Basketball, DC Gym
 5:00pm... Schola Choir Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
 6:30pm... Book of Revelation Study, Donahue Cafeteria
 7:30pm... St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

3:30pm.. CSSM Basketball, DC Gym
 4:00pm.. Hispanic Ministry for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishops Hall/DC Gym
 6:45pm.. Catholic Scripture Study, Library
 6:00pm.. Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Cathedral
 7:00pm.. Our Lady of Guadalupe Misa en español, Cathedral

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:00pm CSSM Christmas Concert Rehearsal, Cathedral
 3:30pm.. CSSM Basketball, DC Gym
 4:30pm.. PTC Officer Meeting, Bishops Hall
 6:00pm.. SJLM Youth Group, DC Gym
 6:00pm.. Capitol Policy Staff Mass, Cathedral
 7:00pm.. SJLM Youth Group, Cathedral

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00am-3:30pm. SVdP Christmas Graces Donations, Bishops Hall
 9:00pm... Baptism Class (Spanish), DC Cafeteria
 9:30am... Baptisms (English), Cathedral
 10:30am.. Legion of Mary, Library
 1:00pm... Baptism (Spanish), Cathedral
 2:00-5:00pm. CSSM Fun Day, Classrooms
 7:00pm... Parish Christmas Party, Bishops Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**Third Sunday of Advent**

6:00am-3:30pm. SVdP Christmas Graces Donations, Bishops Hall
 10:45am.. CFF Sessions (English)
 11:00am... CFF Las Posadas, DC Gym
 12:20pm.. CFF Sesiones (español)
 4:30pm... Schola Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
 5:00pm... SJLMS Coffee, Bishops Hall
 5:00pm... St. Augustine Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan & CSSM Music Room
 7:00pm... CYA Advent Study: *Nativity*, Bishops Hall
 7:30pm... Christmas Carol Sing-Along, Cathedral

Stewardship & Development

Second Sunday of Advent

Offertory Collection (weeks of 11-24, 12-1-19)

Sunday Coll. 11/24/19	Last Month Oct. 2019	Year to Date 7/1-11/25/2019
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	Sunday Coll. 11/24/19	Last Month Oct. 2019	Year to Date 7/1-11/25/2019
Income	\$ 18,325	\$ 114,154	\$ 573,507
Expenses	\$ 27,310	\$ 113,177	\$ 500,365
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	(\$ 8,985)	\$ 977	\$ 73,142

Sunday Coll. 12/1/19	Last Month Oct. 2019	Year to Date 7/1-12/2/2019
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	Sunday Coll. 12/1/19	Last Month Oct. 2019	Year to Date 7/1-12/2/2019
Income	\$ 14,213	\$ 114,154	\$ 593,488
Expenses	\$ 24,119	\$ 113,177	\$ 530,609
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	(\$ 9,906)	\$ 977	\$ 62,879

Second Collections

11/24/19 Campaign for Human Development \$ 1,386
 12/1/19 St. Vincent de Paul..... \$ 2,657

Attendance 11/24/19..... 1,698
 12/1/19..... 1,612 (includes Thanksgiving)

Encounter Christ Campaign a/o 9-19-19-\$1,189,495 raised; 86% of goal; 190 gifts

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (as of 10/31/2019) \$ 47,215

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9

6:30am.....Peter Clarke, Sr.
 8:30am.....Richard English†
 12:05pm.....Jeano Porfirio†
 5:30pm.....Escalona family

Tuesday, December 10

6:30am.....Scott & Georgina Bouton
 12:05pm.....Jesse Arellano, Jr.†

Wednesday, December 11

6:30am.....Jaclyn Bouton
 12:05pm.....David Omer†

Thursday, December 12

6:30am.....Madere family
 12:05pm.....Delia Hernandez Aleman†
 7:00pm...Thanks to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13

6:30am.....persons with eye diseases
 12:05pm.....Conversion of Sinners
 6:00pm.....Victor Farias†

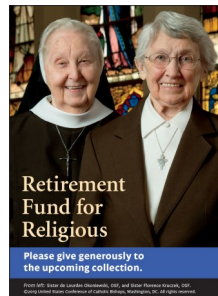
Saturday, December 14

12:05pm.....Petra V. Jalifi†
 5:30pm.....Gonzalo & Julia Lopez†

Sunday, December 15

8:00am.....Ann & Tony Fayad†
 9:30am.....Josephine Gieske
 NoonCathedral Parishioners
 1:45pm.....Thanksgiving to St. Jude
 3:30pm.....Rose Elsom
 5:30pm.....Jinny Sweeza†

Support Aging Religious—Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



Apoye a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos.

Nuestra segunda colecta está asignada al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Muchos miembros mayores en comunidades de religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes de órdenes católicas sirvieron con poco o ningún pago. Hoy día, esas comunidades a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. También ayuda a asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan continuar el buen trabajo que iniciaron sus mayores. Sean generosos.



Please pray for...

those who have died:

Dr. Tim George, Dale Wayne “Buddy” Zett

those in need of healing: *

Paul Ancira, Jim Boyles, Jessica Burrola, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Judith Constantine, Kenneth Craig, Sr., Carmel DiCarlo, John Donatucci, Abel Duarte, Ronald Erickson, J. C. Ernst, Joshua Escalona, Margaret Harrison, Claire Hernandez, Chuck Jehlen, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Jesús Amaro Lopez, Mrs. Lucio, Clarisa Marcée, Alicia Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Gary Porfirio, Bill Scott, Marlene Siering, Tim Sullivan, Vicente Zavala

and those serving in the military:

HR Shelby D. Aparicio	HN5 Jinuel Jehlen	LCPL Eric E. Muñoz
1LT Kyra Barone	1 LT Patrick Kuiper	Capt. Nicholas Naquin
Capt. Mary E. Boyle	Major David McGuire	1SG Kenneth A. Saffell
A1C Paige Derry	Capt. Lawrence McNamara	Capt. Sean Snook
PFC Andrew DiCarlo	Christopher Mercado, USAF	Sgt. William Speer
PFC Rick German	Capt. Chris Morrow	Spec 4 Chris Trevino
1LT Cory Houck	Ensign Evan Moses	Christopher Ty Trevino
Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.	LT Shane Moses	

*Unless requested otherwise, names will appear for three weeks.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

**In Thanksgiving
 The Madere family**

December 8 to December 21, 2019

Cathedral School of Saint Mary

Help Our Parish Educate (H.O.P.E.): Before shopping at HEB, get gift cards from Cathedral School. A portion of each gift card purchase contributes to the School budget, and 100% of the card's value is for you to spend at HEB. **Purchase your HEB gift cards in Bishops Hall after Sunday morning Masses or at the School Office.** Gift cards are \$20, \$50, and \$100. Your support of the H.O.P.E. program is greatly appreciated!



Faith Formation/Formación de Fe

Your family is invited to pray, learn, and grow as disciples in Catholic Faith Formation. **Join us Sundays in the Donahue Center Cafeteria for the Holy Rosary at 10:15am, plus sessions for parents and youth at 10:45am.** For more information, call 512-476-4801.

Su familia está invitada a rezar, aprender y crecer como discípulos en la Formación de la Fe Católica. **Nos reunimos la mayoría de los domingos en la cafetería del Donahue Center comenzando con Santo Rosario a las 12 PM, más sesiones para padres y jóvenes a las 12:20 PM.** Para más información, llame al 512-476-4801.

R. C. I. A.

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Although RCIA is designed to teach the Catholic faith to those wishing to enter the Church, it is also one of the best ways for Catholics to learn the faith more deeply. Therefore, all those seeking to know Jesus and His Church are invited to attend RCIA every Tuesday, beginning Sept 3rd, in the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Vince, 512-576-4788, for more information.

Bible Study

CFF Scripture Study: Parishioner Frank Fuentes offers an in-depth and meaningful examination of Holy Scripture **Sundays, 10:45am-11:45am**, in our library. His style is engaging, interactive, well researched, and backed up by yearly participation in the renowned Steubenville Conferences.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an 11-part study. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of this book mean and see how it is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." **Held at 6:30pm, Wednesdays, through Jan. 29**, in the Donahue Center Cafeteria. Call Deacon Vince for more information, 512-576-4788.

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

Faith Enrichment

Book Study: *An Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales is the subject of our current study **Mondays, at 6:30pm**, in the Sheehan Room.

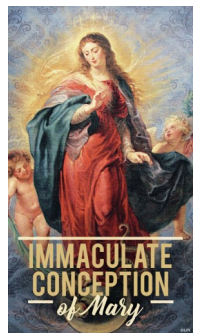
Community Life

Young Adult Advent Study: Are you looking to prepare for Christmas in a special way this season? The Cathedral Young Adults (CYA) invite you to join us for our Young Adult Advent Study. We will have a series of conversations on various Advent themes over the **first three Sunday nights of December** from **7:00-8:00pm**. The first session will be in Bishops Hall. All young adults (18-35) are invited. Light refreshments will be provided. **Upcoming themes: December 8-Incarnation; December 15-Nativity**



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated **Monday, Dec. 9**, and *is not* a holy day of obligation this year.

- 6:30am Mass (English)
- 8:30am School Mass
- 11:00am-noon confession
- 12:05pm Mass (English)
- 5:30pm bilingual Mass



La solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Beata Virgen Maria se celebrará el lunes 9 de diciembre y no será un día sagrado de obligación este año.

- 6:30 am Misa en inglés
- 8:30 am Misa escolar
- 11:00 am-12:00pm confesión
- 12:05 pm Misa en inglés
- 5:30 pm Misa bilingüe

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Graces. It's not too late! If you haven't already done so, please bring your **wrapped gift with straw attached** to Bishops Hall **by Sunday, Dec. 15**, or to the parish office Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5:00pm.



Hosting 4th annual parish-wide Christmas Party, the Knights of Columbus invite you to celebrate **Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Bishops Hall**. Enjoy a meal and talent show featuring fellow parishioners. Purchase tickets online from the Knights' website and **bring a gift listed on a straw from the "Christmas Graces" crèche**. Fr. Tim Nolt will make a guest appearance. If you want to perform in the talent show, contact a member of the Knights of Columbus.



Annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along: Sunday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. This reverent and joyful event will feature organist Brooks Whitmore, the St. Augustine Youth Choir, soprano Sara Jebaily, baritone Stephen Maus, and the congregation singing many of the season's best-loved carols. A cookies and cocoa reception follows in Bishops Hall, hosted by the Youth Choir families. All are invited and all ages are welcome!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:*

(ALL MASSES ARE IN THE CATHEDRAL.)



Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24: (no confessions)

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

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: (no confessions)

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

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27:

(No 6:30am Mass)

- 11:00am-noon confessions
- 12:05pm Mass

New Year's Day—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, Wednesday, Jan. 1: (no confessions)

- 5:30pm Vigil (Tuesday);
- 9:30am
- Noon
- 1:45pm (Español)
- 3:30pm (Traditional Latin-Circumcision of the Lord)

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

READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 8:

SunIs 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12
 MonGn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4[1]/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/
Lk 1:26-38
 Tues.....Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2,3,10ac,11-12,13/Mt 18:12-1
 WedIs 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10/Mt 11:28-30
 ThursJgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17[cf. 8]/
Lk 1:5-25
 FriIs 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6/Mt 11:16-1
 Sat.....Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19/
Mt 17:9a,10-13
 Sun.....Is 35:1-6a,10/Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10[Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-1

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 8:

Sun2nd Sunday of Advent
 MonImmaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(not a holy day of obligation this year)
 Wed.....St. Damasus I, Pope
 ThursOur Lady of Guadalupe
 FriSt. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
 Sat.....St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Sun3rd Sunday of Advent

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Have an announcement for the bulletin?—

Note the following early deadlines in December. (Deadlines indicate when the bulletin goes to print.) Send your announcements as early as possible to jhenschen@smcaustin.org.



- Dec. 15 bulletin—deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 10;
- Dec. 22 bulletin—deadline is Friday, Dec. 13;
- Dec. 29 bulletin—deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 17
- Jan. 5 bulletin—deadline is Friday, Dec. 20

Bulletin Ads

Thank You, Sponsors! Because of you, we are able to receive our bulletins at no charge to our parish from LPi. Tina from LPi is working to increase our bulletin sponsorship. Feel free to contact Tina @ 512-431-9413 or twatson4@lpi.com. Place a business sponsorship; “In Loving Memory” blessings, or “Thank You” acknowledgements in the bulletin.

¡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.

Help Needed

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We are in need of help in the Ave Maria Gift Shop Sundays through Saturdays. Contact Yvonne at ybedell@smcaustin.org, or Louis at lbarron@smcaustin.org, or call the parish office M-F, 8:30am to 5:00pm, 512-476-6182.

Beyond our Parish

Bethlehem Handicrafts: The olive wood handicrafts from the Holy Land are now available in the Austin area. A wide selection of art works, including religious figurines, nativity sets, crosses, rosaries and much more can be purchased in Barton Creek Square Mall and Lakeline Mall until the end of the holiday season.

Benefit Shopping Night: Ten Thousand Villages is hosting another benefit shopping event for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4:00-7:00pm**. Come enjoy refreshments and an evening of Christmas shopping for unique handmade items by makers in villages around the world. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 4803 Burnet Road, Austin 78756.

Catholic Art & Gifts hosts Kathryn Whitaker, Catholic author, for a book signing of her new book entitled *Live Big, Love Bigger*, **Saturday, Dec. 14, 2:00-4:00pm**, 6113 Burnet Rd., Austin. Get 10% discount up to five books on the day of the signing event when you purchase Whitaker's book at full price. Visit www.zieglers.com.

Meet the Musicians

Lee Moore—Bass:

20ish years in Schola. "I'm proud to be a part of the sacred musical traditions of the Catholic Church which Saint Mary Cathedral upholds. A highlight of my time here has been performing the Celtic Christmas concerts, and participating in the modern premiere of the Requiem Mass by Jommelli.



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Everyday Stewardship

Jesus Is Headed Your Way

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had caused him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

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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* located in the pew.

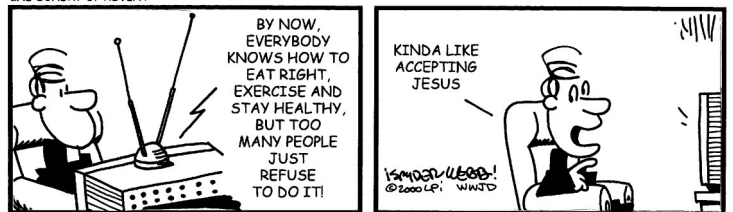
Dec. 15, 3:30pm—Sung Mass—Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Blessing of religious items after Mass.

Dec. 22, 3:30pm—Sung Mass—Fourth Sunday of Advent. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 3:30pm—Christmas Day, Nativity of Our Lord.

Latin phrase of the week: *Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam et veni: ut salvos facias nos.*—Stir up thy might, O Lord, and come: that thou mayest save us. Psalm 79:3

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



La Corresponsabilidad Diaria

Jesús se dirige hacia ti

Un día, escuchamos la noticia de que un posible tornado se dirigía hacia nosotros. Nosotros vivimos a las orillas de una carretera, y se dirigía por ese mismo camino. Mi esposa e hijos se amontonaron en el baño de abajo. No hay muchos tornados en Carolina del Norte, por lo que nuestros hijos estaban particularmente preocupados porque era algo que nunca habían pensado que sucediera antes. El tornado nunca llegó a nuestro vecindario, pero sí hizo que uno de nuestros hijos expresara que necesitaba ir a la Confesión lo antes posible. No había hecho nada excesivamente pecaminoso, pero encontrarse cara a cara con un tornado le había hecho tener dudas sobre su preparación para encontrarse con Dios. Espero que un tornado no atraviese camino a través de tu ciudad o pueblo este Adviento.

A veces, recordatorios de nuestra mortalidad encuentran su camino a nuestra vida. El fallecimiento de un ser querido, un accidente automovilístico o un problema de salud pueden hacernos reflexionar sobre dónde estamos en nuestra relación con Dios. Sin esos momentos, podemos encontrarnos viviendo diariamente sin tener en cuenta dónde está Dios en nuestra vida y si nuestras acciones le agradan ... o si nos arrastran más hacia el mundo.

Adviento es el momento de hacer un inventario para saber en dónde estamos con Dios. ¿Cómo estamos viviendo como buenos corresponsables y discípulos maduros? ¿Qué necesito enmendar con el poder curativo del sacramento de la Penitencia? Puede que no venga un tornado, pero Jesús regresará algún día. Espero corras fuera de tu casa para salir a su encuentro, y Él no te encuentre amontonado y asustado en tu baño.

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Dignity of Life



Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to December 9. (It is normally a holyday of obligation, but it is not obligatory this year). In this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, lovingly knit together by God the Father.

Debido a que el 8 de diciembre cae domingo este año, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María se transferirá al 9 de diciembre. (Por lo general, es un día de precepto, pero este año no lo es). En esta fiesta, celebramos la concepción de María libre de la mancha del pecado original, y reconocemos que la vida de María comenzó en el momento que fue concebida en el vientre de Santa Ana. Del mismo modo, toda vida humana comienza al momento de la concepción, tejidas amorosamente por Dios Padre.

Vocations Discernment

Men's Discernment Dinner for single Catholic men ages 18 and older with an openness to discerning a priestly vocation—**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30-9:00 pm** at Borrromeo Discernment House, 905B Duncan Lane, Austin 78705.

The Heart of Jesus Retreat will be held **Dec. 18-20** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat is open to seniors in high school and men 18 to 35 years old. Father Jonathan Raia and other priests and seminarians will lead participants in learning how to embrace their identity and journey through the discernment of their vocation. The registration fee for this retreat is \$35, which covers lodging, food and retreat materials. Details are available at www.godiscalling.me or 512-949-2430.

Pray for those from the Cathedral currently discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- Sister Maria Paula (Amanda Fuentes), novice, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, MI
- Deacon Miguel Flores, St. Louis King of France, Austin, TX
- Nathan Leonard, Our Lady of Clark Creek Abbey
- Br. Augustine Marie Peter (Ryan Schultz), Canons Regular of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary of the Assumption, Taylor, TX

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How does poverty impact families in Central Texas, and how can we live out our call to serve the poor among us? Join Catholic Charities of Central Texas for a *kNOw Poverty Hour*, an interactive opportunity to see our mission in action and learn how you can help to eliminate poverty in Central Texas. For upcoming dates and to register, visit www.ccctx.org/events.

¿Cómo impacta la pobreza a las familias en el Centro de Texas, y cómo podemos vivir nuestro llamado a servir a los pobres entre nosotros? Únase a Catholic Charities of Central Texas para atender una *kNOw Poverty Hour*, una oportunidad interactiva para ver nuestra misión en acción y aprender cómo puede usted eliminar la pobreza en el Centro de Texas. Para conocer fechas próximas y para inscribirse, visite www.ccctx.org/events.

