

# 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. Adrian Chishimba, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Antony Savarimuthu, Priest in Residence

Deacon Vince Boyle and

Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

Louis Barron.....Director of Development/  
Facility Operations

Yvonne Bedell.....Director of Operations/Finance

Jessica Burrola.....Receptionist (church calendar)

Jaeson Drummond

Director of Catholic Faith Formation

Judy Henschen

Administrative Assistant (church bulletin)

Dr. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona...Director, Sacred Music

Robert LeGros.....Cathedral School Principal

Jeremiah Reyna.....Facility Services

Yvonne Saldaña.....Sacramental Coordinator

Kathy Thomas

Liturgical Coordinator & EIM Administrator

Dr. Brooks Whitmore.....Cathedral Organist



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way  
before you." - Mt 11:10

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## OFFICE HOURS

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## AVE MARIA GIFT SHOP

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

## Third Sunday of Advent

Mt 11:2-11

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?  
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## El Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Mt 11, 2-11

El tercer Domingo de Adviento recibe el nombre de Gaudet, que significa alegría. "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos" (Filipenses 4:4), dice la antífona de entrada. La oración colectiva también nos lleva a reflexionar en el significado permanente de esta alegría: "Mira, Señor, a tu pueblo que espera con fe la fiesta del nacimiento de tu Hijo, y concédele celebrar el gran misterio de nuestra salvación con un corazón nuevo y una inmensa alegría." El Profeta Isaías lo afirma con sus palabras de esperanza a su pueblo: "¡Animo! no teman. He aquí que su Dios, vengador y justiciero, viene ya para salvarlos."

La Navidad se acerca y su luz nos envuelve y llena de esplendor. Todo el ambiente es de fiesta y preparación. Las celebraciones Marianas nos han dejado ese gozo de albergue y acogida al que lo necesita. Ha, si comprendiéramos el motivo de alegría que decimos celebrar, entenderíamos perfectamente que se debe a que Dios y su salvación están cerca. La alegría y la salvación van juntas, no se pueden separar, nos dice la Liturgia. Por este motivo, Juan se alegra desde la cárcel al escuchar la respuesta que Jesús le envía: "Los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de la lepra, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el evangelio. Dichoso aquel que no se siente defraudado por mí." Que la participación en la Eucaristía fomente actitudes que preparen a celebrar la Navidad en familia recordando y viviendo que Jesús nunca nos defraudará.

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## Weekly Calendar

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:00pm...CSSM Christmas Concert Practice, Cathedral  
3:30pm...CSSM Basketball, DC Gym  
4:15pm...Cub Scout Meeting, Library  
6:30pm...*An Introduction to the Devout Life* Book Study, Sheehan  
7:00pm...Austin Rosary Crusade, Bishops Hall

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

3:00-9:00pm...CSSM Christmas Concert/Reception, Preparation, Bishops Hall  
3:30pm...CSSM Basketball, DC Gym  
6:00pm...RCIA Class, DC Cafeteria  
6:00-9:00pm...CSSM Christmas Concert/Reception, Cathedral/Bishops Hall

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:05pm...Mass with Quinceañera Blessing, Cathedral  
3:30pm...CSSM Basketball, DC Gym  
6:45pm...Catholic Scripture Study, Library  
7:30pm...CYA Adoration/Fellowship, Cathedral/Bishops Hall

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

1:00-3:00pm...CSSM & Parish Office Christmas Party, Bishops Hall  
7:30pm...Celtic Christmas Concert, Cathedral

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:30am...Legion of Mary, Library  
7:30pm...Celtic Christmas Concert, Cathedral

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

No CFF Classes

5:00pm...SJLMS Coffee, Bishops Hall

**"Pope urges display of Nativity:** In a document signed in the city where the Nativity crèche was born, Pope Francis... urged Christians to keep the 'beautiful family tradition' of preparing these scenes in the days before Christmas, but also to keep the custom of setting them up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. He wrote, 'As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition... It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.'" (from <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/12/pope-urges-display-of-nativity-scenes-in-both-public-and-private/>)





## Stewardship & Development

### Third Sunday of Advent Offertory Collection (week of 12-8-19)

	Sunday Coll. 12/8/19	Last Month Nov. 2019	Year to Date 7/1-12/9/2019
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,812</b>	<b>\$ 107,785</b>	<b>\$ 621,458</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,140</b>	<b>\$ 115,448</b>	<b>\$ 532,213</b>
<b>Budget Excess/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$ 2,328)</b>	<b>(\$ 7,663)</b>	<b>\$ 89,245</b>

#### Second Collection-Diocese

Retirement Fund for Religious..... \$ 2,839

Attendance ..... 1,574

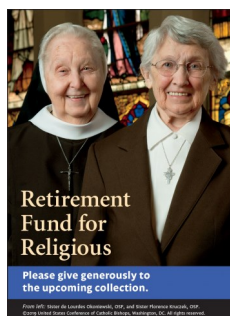
Encounter Christ Campaign a/o 9-19-19-\$1,189,495 raised; 86% of goal; 190 gifts

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

**We are excited to announce a new giving platform called Pushpay,** which is currently active. It is a simple to use, and we ask that you begin to use this new platform in making your donations. You can get access to the new system by going to <https://pushpay.com/pay/smcaustin> which will take you directly to the portal, or text **smcaustin** to **77977**. You will then receive a link to access the portal. You can also access Pushpay by going to the [www.smcaustin.org](http://www.smcaustin.org) website, click on Donation, next click on Giving (new). The current platform we are using, Vanco, is still active and can receive your donations but we are encouraging everyone to begin to use Pushpay. If you have any questions, please contact Louis Barron or Yvonne Bedell in the parish office, 512-476-6182.

**Religious give thanks.** “Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

**Los religiosos expresan su gratitud.** “Gracias’ casi no parece suficiente para expresar lo que significa para nosotros”, dice una hermana católica acerca del apoyo financiero que su comunidad recibió del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. En oración, le doy las gracias por su donativo a la segunda colecta de la semana pasada.



## Please pray for...

### those who have died;

### those in need of healing: \*

Paul Ancira, Jim Boyles, Jessica Burrola, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Catarino Castillo, 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.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 16

6:30am.....Madere family  
12:05pm.....Mary E. Hellerstedt†

### Tuesday, December 17

6:30am.....Chris & Sarah Bouton  
12:05pm.....Richard English†

### Wednesday, December 18

6:30am.....Albina R. Garcia†  
8:30am...Mr. & Mrs. Feliciano Ensomo†  
12:05pm.....Faithful Departed

### Thursday, December 19

6:30am.....Faithful Departed  
12:05pm.....Martin Esteban Aleman†

### Friday, December 20

6:30am.....Madere family  
12:05pm.....Jessica Burrola

### Saturday, December 21

12:05pm.....Msgr. Eugene O'Connor†  
5:30pm.....Msgr. Peter A. Noble†

### Sunday, December 22

8:00am.....Gail Elizabeth O'Connor†  
9:30am.....Enio Beal†  
Noon .....Cathedral Parishioners  
1:45pm...Oscar Ricardo Jimenez Contreras†  
3:30pm.....Madere family  
5:30pm.....Julia Matic Reyes†

**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 helping 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.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for

**December:** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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



**Please welcome Fr. Adrian Chishimba** to the Cathedral as a new parochial vicar. Fr. Adrian has been a priest of our diocese for nine years and has served previously at the parishes of St. John Neumann and St. Patrick (Hutto). Fr. Adrian was on sabbatical away from active priestly ministry this past year and will be here reacquainting himself with parish life and priestly ministry. He is originally from the country of Zambia.

**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.



**Annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along: tonight, 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!



### SMC holiday schedule:

The parish office is closed Monday, Dec. 23, through Wednesday, Jan. 1. The office reopens Thursday, Jan. 2.

The school office is closed Monday, Dec. 23, through Friday, Jan. 3. The office reopens Monday, Jan. 6.

La oficina cierra el lunes, 23 de diciembre, hasta el miércoles, 1 de enero. La oficina reabre el jueves 2 de enero.

La oficina de la escuela de la catedral esta cerrada el lunes, 23 de diciembre. La oficina reabre el lunes 6 de enero.

**Have an announcement for the bulletin?** Note the following early deadlines (indicates when the bulletin goes to print.). Send your announcements as early as possible to [jhenschen@smcaustin.org](mailto:jhenschen@smcaustin.org).

- Dec. 29 bulletin—deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 17
- Jan. 5 bulletin—deadline is Friday, Dec. 20



**Help our homeless neighbors** by donating to or volunteering with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, (512-651-6100, [www.ccctx.org](http://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 already have to truly help homeless persons.



**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)**

- 7:45am (Traditional Latin-low Mass)
- 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 15:**

Sun .....Is 35:1-6a,10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
 Mon .....Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tues.....Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17/Mt 1:1-17  
 Wed.....Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
 Thurs .....Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-6,16-17/Lk 1:5-25  
 Fri .....Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38  
 Sat.....Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,11-112,20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
 Sun.....Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 15:**

Sun .....3rd Sunday of Advent  
 Sat.....St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 Sun .....4th Sunday of Advent

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**Beyond our Parish**

**Ever feel your marriage is under attack?** It is! Our Lady of Fatima told us the final battle would be against families and marriages! Do you have a battle plan? Whether you are newlywed, enjoying your golden years, or somewhere in between, Teams of Our Lady can help you fortify your marriage and make it a priority in a busy world where forces, seen and unseen, are working hard to undermine both your marriage and your faith. Teams is a lay marriage spirituality movement that consists of small teams (5-6 couples) who meet once a month to share, pray, discuss, and support each other in their marriages and faith life. Outside of monthly meetings, couples strive to grow closer to God by carrying out endeavors such as daily personal and conjugal prayer, regular reading and reflection on Scripture, and a monthly sit-down with your spouse to share spiritual, couple, and/or family matters. For more information on Teams in Austin, contact Justin and Gia Talentino at [gialtalentino@startmail.com](mailto:gialtalentino@startmail.com) and go to [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org)

**Boar's Head Pageant, St. Albert the Great in Austin**

This annual event will be held **Jan. 4 at 7:00pm**. A theatrical presentation takes participants to a castle of Olde England, a lavish royal party, the arrival of the Yule Log, caroling and the Boar's Head celebration – the conquest of the ferocious wild boar that celebrates man's triumph over evil. Tickets and more information are available at [www.boarsheadaustin.com](http://www.boarsheadaustin.com).

**Living, Dying and the Power of Presence:** Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jarrell, TX, invites you to this conference by the international filmmaker and speaker Kevin Dunn (<https://fatalflawsfilm.com/>). Come and learn the truth behind the dangers of assisted dying laws that are impacting societies all over the world. **Saturday, Jan. 11, 6:30pm**, no admission fee. For more information, contact the pro-life coordinator at Holy Trinity, Chris Garlasco, at: [cgarlasco@hotmail.com](mailto:cgarlasco@hotmail.com) or call the parish at 512-863-3020. Approved by the Diocese of Austin

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:twatson4@lpi.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.



For the safety of our youngest parishioners, please accompany your children at all times while on campus, including trips to the restroom during Mass and to and from the nursery, faith formation classes and other parish events.



### Para la seguridad de nuestros feligreses más pequeños, les

pedimos que por favor acompañen a sus hijos siempre mientras están en el campus de la catedral. Esto incluye visitas al baño durante la misa, entrando y saliendo de la guardería y las clases de formación religiosa, o cualquier otro evento parroquial.

## Everyday Stewardship

### Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others down such a destructive path. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

-Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

## 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. 22, 3:30pm—Sung Mass—Fourth Sunday of Advent. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 7:45am—low Mass, and 3:30pm—Sung Mass—Christmas Day, The Nativity of Our Lord.**

Latin phrase of the week: *Te, Trinitas, precamur, ut corpora nostra et corda/regas, et protegas, et dones peccatorum veniam. We pray to thee, O Trinity, that thou mightiest govern and protect our bodies and hearts, and grant pardon to the sinners.*

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



## La Corresponsabilidad Diaria

### Liderando el camino

Hay muchos ejemplos de falsos profetas en la historia. Algunos de estos talentosos charlatanes han alejado a las personas de sus familiares y amigos. Han llevado a las personas a hacer cosas malvadas como robar, torturar o incluso asesinar. Es sorprendente cómo aquellos dotados de carisma pueden guiar a otros por un camino tan destructivo. En el mundo moderno de hoy, lleno de tanta tecnología y plataformas de comunicación sofisticadas, uno debe tener cuidado de no caer en una mentira o estafa tan fácilmente.

Juan el Bautista no tenía ninguna tecnología moderna en su caja de herramientas mientras preparaba el camino para el Mesías, Jesús. El conmovió a las personas con un mensaje profundo y por la forma en que vivió su vida. La gente cuestiona si él era el que iba a venir, pero él les aseguró que no era él. En cambio, todo lo que hizo fue preparar a las personas para la venida de Jesús.

Tu y yo podemos guiar a las personas a Jesús con nuestras palabras y acciones, o podemos alejarlos de él. Nuestra corresponsabilidad puede ser un testigo poderoso de cómo Jesús ha cambiado nuestras vidas. Desafortunadamente, si no somos cambiados y actuamos de manera contraria a un discípulo maduro, podemos guiar a las personas por el camino equivocado. Durante la temporada de Adviento, hay mucho por hacer en nuestros hogares y con nuestras familias para prepararse para la celebración de la Navidad. Sin embargo, esto no se trata de un día; Se trata de Jesús. Que nuestras acciones y palabras den testimonio del poder transformador de Jesucristo en nuestras vidas, no solo durante esta temporada, sino durante todo el año.

-Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



## Dignity of Life

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

"Los que mueren en la gracia y amistad de Dios viven para siempre con Cristo. El cielo no es una idea abstracta, sino una relación verdadera y duradera con Dios que está más allá de toda descripción y entendimiento terrenal. Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos y la vida eterna preparándonos ahora, en la esperanza, para nuestro paso de esta vida a la vida eterna".

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB  
"Consideraciones católicas para nuestra partida a la otra vida"



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## Vocations Discernment

**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](http://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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