

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

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Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

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

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

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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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mt 5:17-37

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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VI Domingo Ordinario

Mt 5, 17-37

Ninguna ley divina o humana puede cubrir las decisiones correctas que debemos de tomar en nuestra jornada de vida y en la comunidad. Es preciso tomar decisiones que comprometan al bien común y al ejercicio de la justicia. Recordemos en términos bíblicos, justicia es ejercer la misericordia de Dios en los que nos rodean. Tanto la Primera Lectura como el Evangelio marcan el punto de lo que más se necesita para actuar con rectitud, “Confianza plena en Dios.” Escoger lo correcto ayuda a profundizar en el corazón humano lo que Dios pide a cada uno. Decidir por las cosas buenas en la vida es cosa de todos los días. La Primera lectura del Eclesiástico dice así: “Si tú quieres, puedes observar los mandamientos; está en tus manos el ser fiel. Ante ti puso el fuego y el agua; extiende la mano a lo que prefieras. Delante de los hombres están la vida y la muerte; a cada uno se le dará lo que ha elegido.” (Eclesiástico 5:14-17)

En el Evangelio, Jesús urge que escuchemos la Ley de Dios y la llevemos a plenitud. En los cuatro ejemplos se habla de la rectitud de vida que es encontrada en los mandamientos. Cada día se encuentra la persona en la dicotomía de elegir entre lo que es bueno y lo que no es. Escuchemos a Jesús que reta a hacer decisiones que lleven a hacer crecer el Reino de Dios. Bien sabemos que solo obrando rectamente se logra este objetivo. La clave es la siguiente: “Digan si cuando es sí, y no cuando es no; cualquier otra cosa que se le añada, viene del demonio.” (Mateo 5:37)

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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30pm... *Introduction to the Devout Life* Book Study, Library

7:00pm... Austin Rosary Crusade, Bishops Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:45-3:30pm. CSSM Tutoring, Bishops Hall

6:00pm... RCIA Class, DC Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

3:30pm... CSSM Faculty Meeting, Library

3:30pm... CSSM Basketball Game, DC Gym

5:00pm... Schola Concert Rehearsal, Bishops Hall

7:00pm... Prayer & Life Workshops, DC Cafeteria

7:30pm... St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Noon.... School Board Meeting, Bishops Hall

5:00pm... Capitol Policy Staff/TCC Mass, Cathedral

6:00pm. Rescheduled CSSM Basketball Game, DC Gym

6:45pm... Catholic Scripture Study, Bishops Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00pm... Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00am... Legion of Mary, Library

1:00pm... Opus Angelorum, Bishops Hall

3:00pm... Wedding, Cathedral

7:00pm... New Parishioner Dinner, Bishops Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00am... Sunday Breakfast (Cub Scout Pack 7), Bishops Hall

10:15am... CFF Holy Rosary, DC Cafeteria

10:45am... CFF Sessions (English)

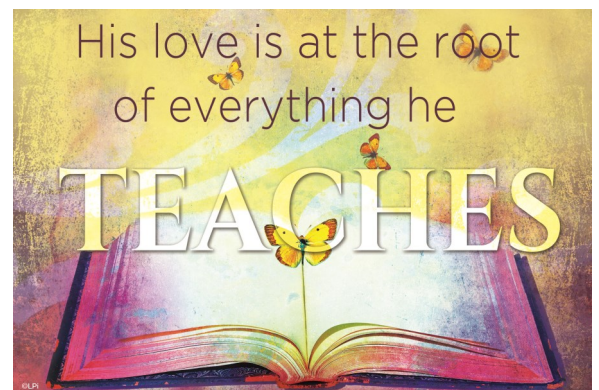
10:45am... CFF Scripture Study, Library

12:00pm... CFF Santo Rosario, DC Cafeteria

12:20pm... CFF Sesiones (español)

5:00pm... St. Augustine Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan & CSSM Music Room

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



Stewardship & Development**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Offertory Collection (week of 2-9-20)

	Sunday Coll. 2/9/20	Last Month Jan. 2020	Year to Date 7/1-2/10/2020
Income	\$ 29,257	\$ 138,529	\$ 978,928
Expenses	\$ 24,170	\$ 107,742	\$ 773,441
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 5,087	\$ 30,787	\$ 205,486

Second Collection *Catholic Higher Education* \$ 1,447**Attendance**..... 1,516**Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment** (as of 12/31/2019) \$ 49,357For questions, concerns, or comments, contact the Director of Advancement, Louis Barron, 512-476-6182 ext. 172; email lbarron@smcaustin.org.

We have 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 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.

Mark your calendar! Our New Member Dinner is Saturday, Feb. 22, after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. If you joined the Cathedral parish after January 1, 2019, plan on attending. Contact Louis Barron at lbarron@smcaustin.org to RSVP by February 18.

Nuestra cena para nuevos miembros es el sábado 22 de febrero, después de la misa de vigilia a las 5:30 p.m. Si te uniste a la parroquia de la Catedral después del 1 de enero de 2019, planea asistir. Póngase en contact con Louis Barron en lbarron@smcaustin.org para confirmar su asistencia antes del 18 de febrero.

Please pray for...**those who have died:**

Mario Javier Rosales, Sr., Marilyn Coleman

those in need of healing: *

Paul Ancira, Jim Boyles, 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, Pedro Flores, Jr., Deyanira Garcia, Margaret Harrison, Claire Hernandez, Sonia Irizarry, Chuck Jehlen, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Jesús Amaro Lopez, Anyssa M., Clarisa Marcée, Alicia Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Lauren & Graham Miller, Marjorie King Parker, Gary Porfirio, Marlene Sato, Bill Scott, Sharon family, Marlene Siering, Tim Sullivan, Vicente Zavala

and those serving in the military:

HR Shelby D. Aparicio

1LT Kyra Barone

Capt. Mary E. Boyle

A1C Paige Derry

PFC Andrew DiCarlo

PFC Rick German

1LT Cory Houck

Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.

HN5 Jinuel Jehlen

1 LT Patrick Kuiper

Major David McGuire

Capt. Lawrence McNamara

Christopher Mercado, USAF

Capt. Chris Morrow

Ensign Evan Moses

LT Shane Moses

LCPL Eric E. Muñoz

Capt. Nicholas Naquin

1SG Kenneth A. Saffell

Capt. Sean Snook

Sgt. William Speer

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

Mass Intentions**Monday, February 17**6:30am.....Madere family
12:05pm.....Andrea Billingsley**Tuesday, February 18**6:30am.....Faithful Departed
12:05pm.....Teresa Ko**Wednesday, February 19**6:30am.....Faithful Departed
8:30am.....Abigail Billingsley
12:05pm.....George Gurley†**Thursday, February 20**6:30am.....Mary Miller
12:05pm.....Marilyn Coleman†
6:00pm.....Augustine Chung**Friday, February 21**6:30am.....Madere family
12:05pm.....Martin Esteban Aleman†**Saturday, February 22**12:05pm.....Petra V. Jalifi†
5:30pm.....Roland Mozard Hebert†**Sunday, February 23**8:00am.....Lila Billingsley
9:30am.....Madere family
NoonCathedral Parishioners
1:45pm.....Wesley Camacho†
3:30pm.....Abraham Westdyke†
5:30pm.....Molly Lane†**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In Memory of

Rick Haddad

February 16-February 29, 2020

**Ash Wednesday**
Second Collection

February 26, 2020

World & Home Missions

Cathedral School of Saint Mary

**Enrollment date for 2020-2021!**

Cathedral School of Saint Mary will begin enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year on **February 18, 2020**. Cathedral School offers the enduring wisdom of the classical Catholic education to students PK3 to 8th grade. Our school provides our students with a fully accredited curriculum, a competitive athletics program and an active sacramental

life. We invite you to tour our campus to witness the beauty and charm of our Cathedral School community and ask questions. Please contact us at 512-476-1480 ext. 303, to speak to Lupe Garcia or visit our website at www.smcschool.org for more information.

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.

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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. Email LJSmith78704@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 512-476-6182 for more information.

Bible Study

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

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 Library. For questions email LJSmith78704@yahoo.com

Community Life

Consecration to St. Joseph: We invite you to begin the 33-day preparation for Consecration to St.

Joseph **February 16 to March 19**, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many, including Bishop Vásquez, have signed up for the Consecration! **You can purchase the book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC, at the Ave Maria Gift Shop for \$16.18 including tax.** "This has to be the best book I have ever read...this book has already changed my life and it is very powerful!" (Dcn. Rodriguez) Pope Pius XII: "If Joseph was so engaged...in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth,



don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?"

Sign up for Consecration to build community and fellowship: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e45a4ab2daaf49-consecration>

To order the book online: <https://www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html?source=cts>

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 26

~ No confessions; all liturgies in Cathedral ~

- 6:30 am Mass with ashes
- 8:30am School Mass with ashes (*Public entry into church not allowed after 8:30am.*)
- 11:00am Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 12:05pm Mass with ashes
- 2:00pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 5:30pm Bilingual Mass with ashes
- 7:00pm Extraordinary Form-Latin Mass with ashes

Lenten Fasting Practices: Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting allows one full meal and two small meals with no eating in between. Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

El miércoles de ceniza, 6 de marzo (no confesiones; todas las misas en la Catedral)

- 6:30 de la mañana Misa con cenizas
- 8:30 a.m. Misa para la escuela (*No se permite la entrada pública a la iglesia después de las 8:30 a.m.*)
- 11:00 a.m. Liturgia de la Palabra con cenizas
- 12:05 p.m. Misa con cenizas
- 2:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra con cenizas
- 5:30 p.m. Misa bilingüe con cenizas
- 7:00 p.m. Misa latina tradicional con cenizas

Cuaresma y prácticas de ayuno: Católicos edades 18-59 están obligados a ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. El ayuno permite una comida completa y dos comidas pequeñas con no comer en el medio. Católicos mayores de 14 años deben abstenerse de comer carne el miércoles de Ceniza los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

Concert by Jeffrey Jones-Ragona: Our Cathedral music director will perform Vaughan Williams' "On Wenlock Edge," a set of songs for tenor and strings, with the Artisan String Quartet, **Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28-29**. Performance to be hosted by Austin Chamber Ensemble and will also feature music by Antonin Dvorak. Jeffrey says, "It has been a dream of mine for over 20 years to perform this beautiful music with world class musicians-- a 'bucket list' item I'm at last realizing with the Artisan String Quartet and pianist Martha Ahern. I hope to see many of my Cathedral family there to hear this beautiful music, by one of our favorite composers of sacred music." Both **performances are at 7:30pm, at First Presbyterian Church (8001 Mesa Dr.),** and there's lots of free parking, too! Information and tickets are available at www.AustinChamberEnsemble.org



Stations of the Cross and Fish Dinners: Cathedral Knights of Columbus invite you to mark your calendars and make plans to join your parish community for their annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners every Friday in Lent, **beginning Feb. 28, from 5:00-6:30pm,** in Bishops Hall. **Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00pm** in the Cathedral.



PARALITURGIA DE SANACIÓN Y ORACIÓN POR LAS FAMILIAS 2020—

Les extendemos la invitación a que puedan asistir a unas reflexiones sobre el crecimiento de la vida familiar junto con momentos de oración aquí en el templo de la Catedral, cada primer miércoles de mes.

**Primer miércoles de cada mes
4 de Marzo a las 7:00 p.m.**

READINGS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16:

SunSir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/
..... 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
Mon.....Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76/Mk 8:11-13
Tues.....Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15,18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wed.....Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-5/Mk 8:22-26
Thurs.....Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-7/Mk 8:27-33
Fri..... 2:14-24,26/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Sun Lv 19:1-2,17-18/Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13/
..... 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16:

Sun 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon..... The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;
..... Presidents' Day
Fri..... Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Sat..... The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Next Sun ..7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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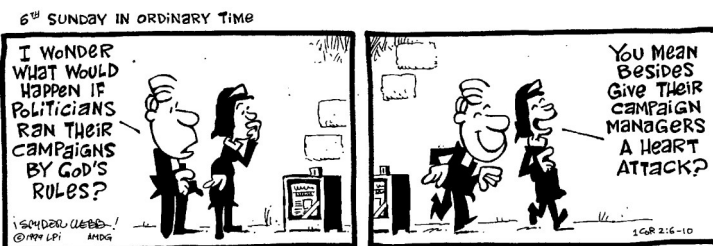
Cathedral Young Adults

Cathedral Young Adults: Join the CYA for their monthly Eucharistic Adoration, from 7:30-8:30pm, followed by social time in Bishops Hall. Stay connected for news of CYA gatherings! If you are interested in getting more information or would like to join the CYA mailing list for updates, email cya@smcaustin.org.

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. 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.



Everyday Stewardship

Don't Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well. -Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

Meet the Musicians

Dr. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona, Director of Sacred Music, has served as a Cathedral musician since August of 1993, when he was engaged as a section leader by John Balka. After Mr. Balka's departure in 1997, he was asked to serve as an interim Chorus Master by Suzanne Ramo, who succeeded Mr. Balka. In 2004, he became the Director of Music and has served in that capacity since. He is a very active performer and also sings with Austin Opera, Local Opera, Local Artist Company, Austin Chamber Ensemble, Texas Early Music Project, La Follia, Austin Baroque Orchestra, and the Texas Bach Festival, in addition to recital and musical theatre appearances. **February 28-29, he will make his debut with Artisan Strings and Martha Ahern, pianist, in a performance of Vaughan Williams' "On Wenlock Edge,"** fulfilling a life-long ambition to perform this work with such a world-class ensemble.



Traditional Latin Mass

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

2020 Traditional liturgical wall calendars are available for \$7.50 each. To purchase, please see an usher before or after Mass.

February 23, 3:30pm—Sung Mass—Quinquagesima Sunday.

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00pm—Sung Mass—Ash Wednesday.

Latin phrase of the week: ***Jubilare Domino omnis terra: servite Domino in lætitia.***—Sing joyfully to God all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness. Psalm 99:2

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries.

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Catholic Life Explained

Question: Are near-death experiences real?

Answer: There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways. On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

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Volunteers Needed

The Parish office is in need of volunteers to help with miscellaneous administrative tasks on Mondays and Thursdays. Office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F. If you are interested in helping out, contact Louis Barron, lbarron@smcaustin.org, 512-476-6182, ext. 172, or Yvonne Bedell, ybedell@smcaustin.org, 512-476-6182, ext. 110.

La Corresponsabilidad Diaria

No Vivas una Mentira

Un día, mi hijo le estaba explicando a su madre que él sentía que ella le había mentado. No era algo muy importante, pero quería aprovechar esta oportunidad para compartir lo importante que es para él decir la verdad. Explicó que él simplemente dice las cosas como son en todos los aspectos de su vida. Pero una hora después, ¡lo atrapamos en una mentira! Una vez más, no se trataba de una cuestión de vida o muerte, pero era una mentira. Cuando se enfrentó con sus propias palabras anteriores sobre lo importante que era para él decir la verdad, solo sonrió. Sí, los culpables a menudo no tienen palabras de defensa.

Jesús lo dijo mejor en Mateo 5: "Digan sí cuando es sí, y no cuando es no." Estaba advirtiendo a sus discípulos sobre juramentos falsos y luego instruyéndolos sobre la plenitud de las leyes hebreas. Podemos intentar hacer lo que decimos y decir lo que queremos decir, pero puede ser demasiado fácil quedarse corto. Nos hacemos llamar discípulos y, sin embargo, proporcionamos evidencia de lo contrario con nuestras acciones (o la falta de ellas).

Incluso si sentimos que no le hemos mentado a nadie, es posible que nos hayamos mentado a nosotros mismos. Nos presentamos como personas generosas, agradecidas y amorosas, pero no respondemos al llamado de Dios en alguna situación porque percibimos que el costo es demasiado alto. Jesús no quiso decir simplemente que su mensaje fuera sobre dos palabras. También quiso decir que cuando dices que eres un discípulo, asegúrate de serlo también.

-Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Respect Life

40 Days for Life: From **February 26 - April 5**, our parish will unite with churches across Central Texas for a 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting and a constant peaceful prayer vigil in front of a local abortion facility. Please stop by the Coalition for Life table outside the church to find out how you can participate in 40 Days for Life or visit CentralTexasCoalition.com.



“Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Vocations Discernment

Project Andrew Saturday, Feb. 29, 10:00am-3:00pm, at Saint Mary Cathedral. Bishop Vásquez invites you, single men, 15 to 45 years old, to come and learn more about the abundant and joyful life of the priesthood! Priests and seminarians from our diocese will witness to the adventure God has led them on in their formation and ministry. Come explore whether God may be calling you to be a priest and gain valuable help in discerning God’s plan for your life. Day includes Mass, prayer and adoration, lunch and great conversations and reflections. Free event, no registration fee. **Deadline to RSVP:** Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 11:59pm. <https://godiscalling.me/discernment-events/2020/2/29/project-andrew>

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
- Philip Gaynor, St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict, LA
- 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

Beyond our Parish

Cedarbrake Retreats: The *Healing through the Heart of Jesus* retreat will be held **Feb. 28-March 1** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple focuses on our identity as God’s loved ones and on the wounds that prevent us from living that identity. Father Charlie Garza, pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin, will be the presenter. Cost is \$250 for a single room, \$200 per person for a shared room and \$115 for commuters, which includes meals and linens for the weekend. Details: www.cedarbrake.org or 254-780-2436.

El retiro de los Doce Pasos para vivir la Cuaresma será llevado a cabo en el Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center en Belton **el 29 de febrero de 9 a.m. a 2:30 p.m.** Durante este día, siguiendo la guía de St. Teresa de Ávila, enfocaremos nuestros corazones en Dios y en descubrir las bendiciones en la temporada de Pascua. Rose Bejar liderará el retiro. Ella nació en la Ciudad de México, en donde ella recibió un título en teología de la Universidad Católica La Salle. Ella es la directora de educación religiosa en St. Ignatius Martyr Parish en Austin. El costo es de \$35 e incluye el almuerzo. Para registrarse o para recibir mayor información, llame al 254-780-2436.

Regina Caeli Academy High School Info

Session: Monday, Feb 17, at 10:30am, 11819 Interstate Hwy 35 S, Austin, 78747. Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool the remaining days. HS Info Session includes presentation and Q&A; children welcome! **RSVP:** khaygood.aus@rcahybrid.org, or call 512-524-6764, www.rcahybrid.org

