

# SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday.....6:30am, 12:05pm  
Saturday.....12:05pm  
Sunday\*.....Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm;  
7:30am Traditional Latin, 9:30am, 11:30am,  
1:30pm Español,  
3:30pm Traditional Latin,  
& 5:30pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are by appointment and can be scheduled on our website, [smcaustin.org](http://smcaustin.org)  
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. Will Rooney, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Antony Savarimuthu, Priest in Residence  
Deacon Héctor Ortiz and  
Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

Louis Barron.....Director of Development/  
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Yvonne Bedell.....Director of Operations/Finance

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

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Director of Catholic Faith Formation

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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



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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  
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*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****Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***Mt 14:13-21*

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there. ©LPi

**XVIII Domingo Ordinario***Mt 14, 13-21*

Este pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo tiene una relación muy íntima con la institución de la Eucaristía. El Señor Jesús pronuncia las mismas palabras de la Última Cena. "Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados, levantó los ojos al cielo, partió los panes y los entregó a los discípulos. Y los discípulos los daban a la gente". (Mateo 14:19). Cristo es el Pan del Cielo que se da en oblación para todos. No importa la raza ni el color de la piel, Él se compadece de la persona y se da en alimento.

El Papa Francisco nos ayuda a comprender este hermoso mensaje del Evangelio de la primera multiplicación de los panes. Pero Jesús, tranquilamente respondió: "Denles ustedes de comer". ¡Todos comieron hasta saciarse y aun así sobró! En este acontecimiento podemos acoger tres mensajes. El primero es la compasión. Frente a la multitud que lo sigue y- por así decir- no lo deja en paz, Jesús no actúa con irritación, no dice 'esta gente me molesta'. Sino que siente compasión. El segundo mensaje es compartir. Primero la compasión, lo que sentía Jesús y después el compartir. El tercer mensaje: el prodigio de los panes preanuncia la Eucaristía. Se ve en el gesto de Jesús que recitó la bendición antes de partir los panes y darlos a la multitud. En la Eucaristía Jesús no da un pan, sino el pan de la vida eterna se dona a Sí mismo, ofreciéndose al Padre por amor a nosotros. Pero nosotros, debemos ir a la Eucaristía con esos sentimientos de Jesús, la compasión. Y con ese deseo de Jesús, compartir. Compasión, compartir, Eucaristía, éste es el camino que Jesús nos indica en este Evangelio. ©LPi

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE****MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 9:30-10:30am.Piano Lessons, Bishops Hall  
 10:00am-1:00pm.CSSM Kindergarten Graduation, DC Cafeteria  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 1:00pm..Baptism, Cathedral  
 5:30pm. Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, Bishops Hall

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 3:30pm...CSSM Faculty Meeting, Library  
 4:00-5:30pm..Piano Lessons, Bishops Hall

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral

**FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 8:30am.. Confessions by appointment  
 9:30am.. EF Latin Mass, Cathedral  
 10:30am-noon. Adoration/Benediction, Cathedral  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 6:00pm.. Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

8:30-10:30am.Wedding, Cathedral  
 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment  
 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral  
 1:30pm.. Wedding, Cathedral  
 4:30-5:20pm.Confessions by appointment  
 5:30pm..Sunday Vigil Mass, Cathedral

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

7:30am EF Latin Mass, Cathedral  
 9:30am Mass in English, Cathedral  
 11:30am Mass in English, Cathedral  
 1:30pm Mass en español, Cathedral  
 3:30pm...EF Latin Mass, Cathedral  
 5:00-6:15pm.St. Augustine Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan & CSSM Music Rooms  
 5:30pm...Mass in English, Cathedral



**STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Offertory Collection (week of 7-26-20)**

	Sunday Coll. 7/26/20	Last Month June 2020	Year to Date 6/29-7/27/2020
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,579</b>	<b>\$ 95,886</b>	<b>\$ 83,556</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,978</b>	<b>\$ 91,702</b>	<b>\$ 91,910</b>
<b>Budget Excess/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,399)</b>	<b>\$ 4,184</b>	<b>(\$ 8,354)</b>

**No Second Collection**

**St. Killian's Candles (a/o 7/27/2020) \$3,053**

**Attendance ..... 763**

**Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (a/o 5/31/2020) \$ 51,106**

**Diocese-Encountering Christ Campaign (a/o 7/01/2020) \$ 154,008**

**Our giving platform Pushpay** is simple to use and only takes a few minutes to set up a recurring gift or to make a one-time gift. There are three ways to donate: (1) text **smcaustin** to **77977**; (2) navigate to our website at [www.smcaustin.org](http://www.smcaustin.org), click on Donation, next click on Give, or (3) enter into your browser <https://pushpay.com/pay/smcaustin> which takes you directly to the portal.

For those who are still using the previous platform Vanco for your recurring giving, **the goal is to have everyone switched over to the Pushpay platform by July 31<sup>st</sup>**. We are close to our goal but we still need to get your gifts transitioned to the new platform.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and sacrifice in supporting Saint Mary Cathedral. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Louis Barron or Yvonne Bedell in the parish office, 512-476-6182.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** The COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout has caused those previously able to manage finances to seek assistance. Please help us serve our neighbors in need as a result of wages lost due to COVID-19. Donations may be made at [smcaustin.org](http://smcaustin.org) DONATE to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**those who have died:**

Fr. Walter Carr, Deacon Willie Cortez, David Krausse,  
 Greg Regalado, Astridah Mumbi Mwenya

**those in need of healing: \***

Paul Ancira, Gisela Bernal, Jim Boyles, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Catarino Castillo, Judith Constantine, Kenneth Craig, Sr., Carmel & Sam DiCarlo, John Donatucci, Abel Duarte, Normajeon Earle, Ronald Erickson, J. C. Ernst, Joshua Escalona, Pedro Flores, Jr., Deyanira Garcia, Claire Hernandez, Jesse Hutton, Sonia Irizarry, Chuck Jehlen, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Jesús Amaro Lopez, Anyssa M., Elleana M., Clarisa Marcée, Alicia Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Alejandro Medina, Lauren & Graham Miller, Matthew Mwenya and Astridah Chishimba, Marjorie King Parker, Mary Jane Perez, Gary Porfirio, Louise Porfirio, Ruth Resendez, Romo-Bedell family, Santos Romo, Marlene Sato, Bill Scott, Sharon family, Marlene Siering, Tim Sullivan, Jean Valerga, Estella Velasquez, Michael & Josie Velasquez, 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 Rick German	Christopher Mercado, USAF	Sgt. William Speer
1LT Cory Houck	Capt. Chris Morrow	SFC Phillip Thompson
Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.	Ensign Evan Moses	Spec 4 Chris Trevno
	LT Shane Moses	Christopher Ty Trevino

\* We appreciate hearing from you about how your loved ones on the prayer list are doing.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 3**

6:30am.....Jim McBride  
 12:05pm.....Ann & Tony Fayad†

**Tuesday, August 4**

6:30am.....Jimmy Bullock†  
 12:05pm.....Martin & Martina Kim

**Wednesday, August 5**

6:30am.....Madere family  
 12:05pm.....Emil & Mary Mekush†

**Thursday, August 6**

6:30am.....Mike Gillean†  
 12:05pm.....Madere family

**Friday, August 7**

6:30am.....Martin Joao Gray-Nei  
 9:30am.....Reparation to the Sacred Heart  
 12:05pm.....Paul & Pat Myers†

**Saturday, August 8**

12:05pm.....Dominic Giarratani†  
 5:30pm.....Msgr. Peter A. Noble†

**Sunday, August 9**

7:30am.....Patricia Bokulich†  
 9:30am.....Jesse Arellano, Jr.†  
 11:30am.....Cathedral Parishioners  
 1:30pm.....Sarahi Rodriguez†  
 3:30pm.....Intentions of SJLMS  
 5:30pm.....John & Edith Neal†

**NEXT SUNDAY**

August 9, 2020

**No Second Collection**



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, Aug. 15, is NOT a holy day of obligation;** however, we will have a special schedule for the Solemnity of the Assumption:

- Vigil Mass of the Assumption in Spanish, Saturday evening, 6:30pm;
- EF Latin Mass, Saturday, 9:00am;
- Confession by appointment, 11:00am to noon;
- Mass in English, Saturday, 12:05pm

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In Memory of  
**T. J. Amaro**

**August 2—August 15, 2020**

FAITH FORMATION



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your donations to the Saint Mary Cathedral on-line Gala supporting our school. We deeply appreciate your generosity and support.

Once all the donations are finalized, we will share the event report with you.

Thank you again for supporting Cathedral School of Saint Mary!

Robert LeGros, M.S.A., Principal

**Farewell, Fr. Antony!**

On August 7, our dear priest-in-residence is moving to St. Martin de Porres Parish in Dripping Springs. He wishes to say that he is very thankful for the parishioners of Saint Mary Cathedral.



Fr. Antony arrived at our parish in February of 2019.

When he was not coordinating the Mission Appeal program for his home diocese in India, or traveling and preaching for Cross Catholic Outreach, Fr. Antony helped with the celebration of Masses, Confessions, and Anointing of the Sick.

We will miss you, Fr. Antony, and we will miss your stories! We wish you well.

If you would like to send Fr. Antony a card or letter, his new address is: St. Martin de Porres Parish, P. O. Box 1062, Dripping Springs, TX 78620, or email [asavarimuthu@yahoo.com](mailto:asavarimuthu@yahoo.com)

**FAMILIES**

**Faith Formation Registration forms are due by August 16.** See [smcaustin.org/single](http://smcaustin.org/single) [smcaustin.org/fam](http://smcaustin.org/fam)

Formación de fe Católica: **Los documentos de registro deben presentarse antes del 16 de agosto.** Ver — [smcaustin.org/single](http://smcaustin.org/single) [smcaustin.org/fam](http://smcaustin.org/fam)

**YOUNG ADULTS**

For updates and questions, contact [smcya.org](http://smcya.org).

**ADULTS**

Would you like to know more about Jesus?  
Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?  
Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?



Call Fr. Will Rooney at the parish office, 512-476-6182, or email [frwill@smcaustin.org](mailto:frwill@smcaustin.org)

**Catholic Scripture Study:** Available via Zoom teleconference. We are currently studying the Gospel according to St. John. Please email [LJSmith78704@yahoo.com](mailto:LJSmith78704@yahoo.com) for free online access.

**Book Study: I Burned for Your Peace-Augustine's Confession Unpacked**, by Catholic philosopher and author, Peter Kreeft, available from online book sellers such as Amazon. Mondays, **6:30-8:00pm** via free Skype teleconferencing. For more information contact L.J. Smith at [LJSmith78704@yahoo.com](mailto:LJSmith78704@yahoo.com)

**Story told by Fr. Antony during a homily**

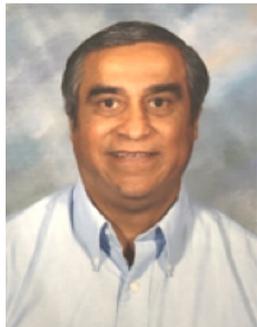
**“The Master’s Hand”**

Wishing to encourage her young son’s progress on the piano, a mother took the small boy to a famous concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked “NO ADMITTANCE.”

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her son was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy’s ear, “Don’t quit, keep playing.”

Then leaning over, the famous pianist reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he played the accompaniment. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was really mesmerized.

That is the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren’t exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life’s work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, “Don’t quit, keep playing.” Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are playing the concerto of your life. Remember, God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.



**Deacon Willie Cortez**, passed away in Austin on Thursday, July 16, 2020, the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at the age of 74. He was an educator most of his life and was ordained a deacon in 1988, serving Saint Mary Cathedral from April 1994 to October 2012. In 1991, Deacon Cortez began assisting and eventually managing Our Lady's Family Center. It was during this time that he also began working at

the Cathedral parish along with his wife Mary, who served as director of religious Education.

Deacon Cortez eventually became responsible for instructing and accompanying other candidates along their journey for the diaconate. In 2003, he and his wife Mary began working at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Austin, until due to health issues they could no longer serve. In June Deacon and his wife celebrated 54 years of marriage.

We offer our deepest condolences to Mary Cortez and their five children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated privately on July 21 at Sacred Heart Parish in Austin.



## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK OF AUGUST 2:

**Sun** .....Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9,15-18/Rom 8:35,37-39/Mt 14:13-21  
**Mon** .....Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102/Mt 24:22-36  
**Tues** .....Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22/Ps 102:16-23,29/Mt 14:22-36  
**Wed** .....Jer 31:1-7/(Ps) Jer 31:10-12b,13/Mt 15:21-28  
**Thurs** ....Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9/2Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
**Fri** .....Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7/(Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,39abcd,41/Mt 16:24-28  
**Sat** .....Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-13/Mt 17:14-20  
**Sun** .....1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### OBSERVANCES FOR HOLY WEEK OF AUGUST 2:

**Sun** .....18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Tues** .....St. John Vianney, Priest  
**Wed** .....The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
**Thurs** ....The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Fri** .....St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
**Sat** .....St. Dominic, Priest  
**Sun** .....19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

**Friday, August 7, 9:30am Low Mass—First Friday of the month.**

**Sunday, August 9, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.**

**Saturday, August 15, 9:00am Sung Mass—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Latin Phrase of the Week: *Ad te, Domine, clamavi: Deus meus, ne sileas, ne discedas a me. Unto thee have I cried, O Lord: O my God, be not thou silent; depart not from me.* Psalm 27:1

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**MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL**, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

[www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism)

**MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS**, a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado un camino para unirse a todos los seres humanos, llamados a ser un solo pueblo, hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo, buscando el perdón por las veces en que hemos fallado en amarnos y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de tu Hijo la gracia que necesitamos para vencer el mal del racismo y construir una sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo, para que el prejuicio y la animosidad no infecten ya nuestras mentes o corazones sino que sean reemplazados por el amor que respeta la dignidad de cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia, el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús alienta nuestros corazones: Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.

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# RESPONDING *to the Call*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

- Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

### El Poder de una Acción Simple

Recuerdo haber visto una historia en un programa de noticias matutinas sobre una niña que quería abrazar a un anciano en una tienda de comestibles. No tenía forma de saber que este hombre acababa de perder a su esposa de muchos años y ahora se sentía muy solo y deprimido. Al principio, el acercamiento al hombre le pareció extraño a su madre, pero la niña insistió tanto en darle un abrazo que acercó los carritos de la compra para que el intercambio pudiera llevarse a cabo. Nadie sabía que desde ese momento la niña pediría visitar a su nuevo amigo al menos una vez por semana durante los próximos cuatro años hasta que el falleciera. En una entrevista poco después del encuentro inicial, el hombre dijo: "No he sido tan feliz desde hace algún tiempo." ¡Imagina la alegría que esa relación les trajo a ambos a lo largo de los años!

Fue solo un momento. Fue un gesto simple. Sin embargo, tuvo un gran impacto que nadie podría haber predicho. Nunca se sabe qué resultará cuando damos solo un poco de nosotros mismos. Esa incertidumbre con demasiada frecuencia nos lleva a detenernos o abstenernos de las simples acciones de amor o gestos de generosidad que podrían ser tan fáciles para nosotros si quisiéramos. Nunca debemos dudar del poder de un simple acto de bondad al azar. La generosidad no necesita ser grandiosa para hacer una gran diferencia. El momento es ahora, y la oportunidad se presenta a menudo para plantar una pequeña semilla que Dios pueda regar y nutrir para que algo hermoso pueda crecer.

- Tracy Earl Welliver



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### Sunday Mass

**Question:** Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

**Answer:** The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237). ©LPi

## RESPECT LIFE

### Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2020

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ.'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, *In Luc.* 10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



### Reflexión sobre la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, 15 de Agosto de 2020

La Asunción de María al cielo nos recuerda peregrinación a nuestro destino final. Nos pasar a la vida eterna mediante las Cuando elegimos vivir y seguir a Dios en fortalecemos nuestra relación con El, y esta del cielo: "Vivir en el cielo es 'estar con San Ambrosio, *De Lc.*, 10,121:PL 15

*Santa Maria, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amen.*

## VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

### 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
- Philip Gaynor, St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict, LA
- Mike Keathley, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, 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

### EIM WORKSHOP (during pandemic)

EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in a ministry requiring EIM compliance to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only) and attend an EIM Workshop at least once every three years. No new EIM Applications are being accepted/submitted during this time of COVID-19 and all in-person EIM Workshops have been postponed. However, the EIM Office has created a Temporary Online EIM Training to fulfill the compliance requirement for those who already have an EIM account and are due or past due to attend an EIM Workshop. Go to [www.austindiocese.org/workshop](http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop) to complete the temporary online EIM training. For more information, call (512) 949-2447.

### TALLER DE EIM

Las políticas de EIM requieren que todos los miembros del clero, seminaristas, empleados y adultos voluntarios sirviendo en un ministerio que requiera el cumplimiento con EIM, entreguen una Aplicación de EIM para el Ministerio (una sola vez) y asistan a un Taller de EIM al menos una vez cada tres años. No se están aceptando/entregando nuevas Aplicaciones de EIM durante este tiempo de COVID-19 y todos los Talleres de EIM en persona han sido pospuestos. Sin embargo, la Oficina de EIM ha creado un Entrenamiento Temporal de EIM en Línea para cumplir con los requerimientos de cumplimiento para aquellos que ya tienen una cuenta de EIM y les ha llegado la fecha, o ya se ha pasado la fecha en que deberían de atender un Taller de EIM. Vaya a [www.austindiocese.org/workshop](http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop) para completar el entrenamiento temporal de EIM en línea. Para mayor información, llame al (512) 949-2447.