# Saint Mary Cathedrai

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday......6:30am, 12:05pm Saturday.....12:05pm Sunday.....Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm; 7:30am Extraordinary Form Latin, 9:30am, 12:00pm, 1:45pm Español, 3:30pm Extraordinary Form Latin, & 5:30pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are by appointment and can be scheduled on our website, 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. David Trahan II, Parochial Vicar Deacon Héctor Ortiz 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.....Sacrament Coordinator Dr. Brooks Whitmore.....Cathedral Organist

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

(512) 476-6182 Fax (512) 476-8799 203 E. 10th Street, Austin, TX 78701 www.smcaustin.org

## AVE MARIA GIFT SHOP

Call or visit the parish office Monday—Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, and the staff will help you.

Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." - Mk 13:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

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(512) 686-6992 ● www.smcschoolaustin.org Enrolling PreK3-Grade 8

**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**

#### First Sunday of Advent

#### Mk 13:33-37

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit over-whelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us. ©LPi

#### **Primer Domingo Adviento**

#### Mk 13, 33-37

¡Adviento es estar preparados! Hoy damos comienzo a un nuevo año litúrgico. Cabe, pues, decir a todos ustedes, ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Si, ojalá sea nuevo en nuestra forma de vivir y de esperar. Todo ha cambiado en este 2020. Nada es igual en la familia y en la sociedad. Ahora debemos cuidarnos más, y estar listos para tanto cambio lleva tiempo, pero es bueno prevenir para no enfermarnos. El virus tomó a muchos desprevenidos, su sufrimiento y muerte ayudó a otros a prepararse, a poner cuidado. Usar la mascarilla, lavarse las manos, tomar precauciones de distancia es vivir este Adviento vigilando y manteniendo la esperanza.

Damos comienzo al Evangelio de Marcos, comienza el ciclo "B". Nos habla de un hombre que se va al extranjero y deja instrucciones y diferentes responsabilidades a sus sirvientes. Marcos, en este ciclo y Mateo, en el año que termina, hablan de velar porque no se sabe cuándo llegará el momento. Sin embargo, Marcos sitúa el retorno del Señor durante la noche. Recordemos que parte de la audiencia de Marcos eran los romanos. Por eso menciona cuatro vigilias---al atardecer, a media noche, al canto del gallo, o de madrugada. Esto guiere decir, estar despiertos siempre sin bajar la guardia, velando. Velar, quiere decir estar despierto mientras otros duermen. Ojalá, que al encender la corona de Adviento en la parroquia y en casa, nos esforcemos por tener presente el deseo de que brille la luz del Señor y nos salve. Que crezca en nosotros la actitud de vigilancia por el hermano y hermana que sufre. ¿Qué haré en este Adviento para estar atento a lo que Dios me pide? ©LPi

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral
11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral
3:30pm.. Faculty Meeting, Bishops Hall
5:30pm.. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Bishops Hall
6:30pm.. RCIA, DC Cafeteria

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30am.. Daily Mass, Cathedral
8:30-9:30am.CSSM School Mass, Cathedral closed to visitors
11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral
1:15-3:00pm.Filming for Virtual Concert, Cathedral closed to visitors
1:30-3:00pm.Parish Staff Meeting, Bishops Hall
3:00pm.. Piano Lessons, Sheehan
4:00pm.. Piano Lessons, Bishops Hall
5:30-9:00pm.Schola Choir Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
7:00-8:00pm.Music Practice, DC Gym

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral 11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral 1:15-3:00pm.Filming for Virtual Concert, Cathedral closed to visitors 7:30pm.. CYA Adoration, Cathedral

#### FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30am.. Mass, Cathedral 8:30-9:20am Confession by appointment 9:30am...EF Latin Mass, Cathedral 10:30am-noon.Adoration/Benediction, Cathedral 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment 12:05pm.Mass, Cathedral 5:00pm.. Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral 6:30-8:00pm CYA Book Study, Bishops Hall classrooms

#### **FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:00-11:30am.Sacristan Cleaning, Cathedral 11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment 12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral 3:00pm...Wedding, Cathedral 4:30-5:20pm.Confessions by appointment 5:30pm.. Vigil Mass, Cathedral

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am...EF Latin Mass, Cathedral
8:30am...Music Rehearsal for 7:30am Mass, Bishops Hall or Sheehan
9:30am...Mass in English, Cathedral
10:00-11:30am.CFF-English, DC Cafeteria
12:00pm..Mass in English, Cathedral
12:00-1:30pm.CFF-español, DC Cafeteria
1:15-2:00pm.Schola Quartet Rehearsal, Bishops Hall
1:45pm...Mass in Spanish, Cathedral
2:45pm...St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan
3:30pm...EF Latin Mass, Cathedral
5:15-5:45pm.CFF-Home School, DC Cafeteria
5:30pm...Mass in English, Cathedral

## STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

## First Sunday of Advent Offertory Collection (week of 11-15-20 *Revised*) (Week of 11-22-20 not available at time of print)

	Sunday Coll. 11/15/20	Last Month Oct. 2020	Year to Date 6/29-11/16/2020
Income	\$ 13,678	\$ 88,217	\$ 426,027
Expenses	\$ 23,089	\$ 120,653	\$ 461,774
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	(\$ 9,411)	(\$ 32,436)	(\$ 35,747)
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St.	Killian's	Candles	(a	10	11	/16	/2020	) \$6.311
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Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (a/o 9/30/2020)	\$ 89,119
<b>Diocese-Encountering Christ Campaign</b> (a/o 10/01/2020)	\$ 160,015

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**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 <u>www.smcaustin.org</u>, click on Donation, next click on Give, or (3) enter into your browser <u>https://pushpay.com/pay/smcaustin</u> which takes you directly to the portal.

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.

Thanks to the generous support of our Cathedral parishioners, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to supply 30 families with gift cards to purchase Thanksgiving dinners.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

those who have died: Philip Williams Sr.

## those in need of healing: \*

Paul Ancira, Gisela Bernal, Jim Boyles, Inez Burrola, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Catarino Castillo, Kenneth Craig, Sr., Carmel & Sam DiCarlo, John Donatucci, Abel Duarte, Normajean Earle, Ronald Erickson, J. C. Ernst, Joshua Escalona, Pedro Flores, Jr., David Gabler, Deyanira Garcia, Rachel Gonzales, John Paul Guajardo, Clara Hernandez, Claire Hernandez, Jesse Hutton, Sonia Irizarry, Jackson family, Chuck & Virginia Jehlen, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Jesús Amaro Lopez, Anyssa M., Elleana M., Clarisa Marcée, Alicia Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Alejandro Medina, Jody Moncebaiz, Lou Moreno, Mariane Oliver, Marjorie King Parker, Joan Pearsall, Mary Jane Perez, Louise Porfirio, Camille Pridgen, Ruth Resendez, Romo-Bedell family, Santos Romo, Marrlene Sato, Bill Scott, Sharon family, Marlene Siering, Tim Sullivan, Jean Valerga, Bernard Vasek, Estella Velasquez, Michael & Josie Velasquez, Lupita Zapata, Vicente Zavala, Fr. Frank Zlotkowski, CSC

#### and those serving in the military:\*

HR Shelby D. Aparicio 1LT Kyra Barone Capt. Mary E. Boyle A1C Paige Derry 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

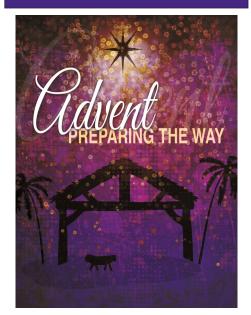
LCPL Eric E. Muñoz Capt. Nicholas Naquin 1SG Kenneth A. Saffell Capt. Sean Snook Sgt. William Speer SFC Phillip Thompson Spec 4 Chris Trevino Christopher Ty Trevino

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30
6:30amFaithful Departed
12:05pmBetty Porfirio†
<b>Tuesday, December 1</b> 6:30amCharlie Vinklarek family†
12:05pmJesse Arellano Jr.†
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Wednesday, December 2
6:30amTony Madere†
8:30amPriests & Bishops Worldwide
12:05pmB. J. Ross†
Thursday, December 3
8:30amMadere family
10:00amGerard Navarro†
Friday, December 4
6:30amPaul & Pat Myers†
9:30amReparation to the Sacred Heart
12:05pmDr. Francesca Alcozer†
Saturday, December 5
12:05pmCelestino Jalifi†
5:30pmGonzalo & Julia Lopez†
Sunday, December 6
7:30amLarry Gene Porfirio family†
9:30amJeanette & Yvette Miller
12:00pmCathedral Parishioners
1:45pmRespect for Life
3:30pmMadere family
5:30pmAnn & Tony Fayad†

#### SECOND COLLECTION Next Sunday December 6, 2020 St. Vincent de Paul



SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION In memory of Bob & Bev Springer November 29—December 5, 2020

## FAITH FORMATION

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL



## **FAMILIES**



CFF Sunday, Nov. 29—Conscience // Sin // Mortal Sin // Venial Sin // The Golden Rule // Mercy // "What Is a Conscience?" (pp. 54-56) // "Time to Be Silent" (p 59) // "What Is Sin?" (pp 64-65) // Jeremiah 31:33

**CFF domingo, 29 de noviembre**—"¿Qué es una consciencia?" (pp 54-56) // "Tiempo para estar en silencio" (p 59) // "¿Qué es el pecado?" (pp 64-65) // Jeremías 31:33

## CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS

For updates and questions, contact <u>smcya.org</u>. You can find more information about events and Adoration times on our Facebook page: **Saint Mary Cathedral Young Adults**, and follow us on Instagram at cya atx.

## **ADULTS**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** welcomes those who want to become Catholic or are seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. **Weekly sessions are on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-8:30pm.** If you are interested in coming into the Church or would like more information, contact Yvonne Saldana, Sacrament Coordinator, at <u>ysaldana@smcaustin.org</u> or 512-476-6182.

**Catholic Scripture Study:** Available via Zoom teleconference. We are studying the Gospel according to St. John. Email <u>LJSmith78704@yahoo.com</u> for free online access.

Cathedral Book Study: *The Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila*, available from Amazon and other sources. We meet **Mondays**, **6:30-8:00pm**, via free zoom teleconferencing. For more information contact L.J. Smith at <u>LJSmith78704@yahoo.com</u>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All Souls' Photo Retrieval: If you had a framed photo on the All Souls' table in the church during November, please stop by the parish office to pick it up. The office is open M-F, 8:30am-5:00p.m.

**Recuperación de fotografías de All Souls:** Si tenia una foto enmarcada en la mesa de All Souls en la iglesia durante noviembre, pase por la oficina parroquial para recogerla. La oficina esta abierta de lunes a Viernes de 8:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Flowers Envelopes** are available in the narthex for you to complete and place in the offering box or parish office mail slot. Honor your living or deceased loved ones with a donation and help our parish defray the cost of flowers for the Christmas liturgies.

Los sobres de flores de Navidad están disponibles en el nártex para que los complete y los coloque en la caja de ofrendas o en la casilla de correo de la oficina parroquial. Honre a sus seres queridos vivos o fallecidos con una donación y ayude a nuestra parroquia a sufragar el costo de las flores para las liturgias navideñas.

Knights of Columbus Food Sale will be set up in the courtyard after morning and noon Sunday Masses through November and December to sell frozen tamales by the dozen, and also pecans. Stop by before 1:30 p.m., to buy some.

Would you like to help lead the Holy Rosary once

a month before or after a Sunday or Saturday Vigil Mass? Please call or email Becky Robinson: 512-947-2822, or <u>beckyrob750@gmail.com</u>. "To Jesus, through Mary."





FIRST FRIDAY, DEC. 4

- •6:30am Mass
- •8:30am-9:15am Confession
- •9:30am Mass (Traditional Latin)
- •10:30am-Noon Eucharistic Adoration
- •11:00am-12:00pm Confession
- •12:05pm Mass



December 8, 2020, holy day of obligation

Monday, Dec. 7 — 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass-English

**Tuesday, Dec. 8**—6:30am, 8:30am-<u>Cathedral School only</u>, 11:00am-noon confessions, 12:05p.m., 5:30pm-Spanish, 7:15pm-EF Latin

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Wedding monitors needed:

Have you been called to "do something" at Saint Mary Cathedral but are unsure of how to assist? Give us a call and see if you may be a good match as a part-time wedding monitor. Our wedding monitors spend time



with our bride/grooms during rehearsal and on their wedding day, for a few hours, and serve as a liaison with parish staff. You will be fully trained in just a few sessions and will assist couples as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in an English, Spanish or Extraordinary Form Liturgy. This is a paid position. Requirements: You must be at least 20 years of age, confirmed and in good standing in the church, and be EIM compliant. Call our parish office at 512-476-6182, ext. 115. We look forward to speaking with you!



#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

#### In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected. -*Tracy Earl Welliver* 

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#### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Friday, Dec. 4, 9:30am Low Mass—First Friday of the Month

Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:30am Low Mass, and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Second Sunday of Advent

Latin Phrase of the Week: *Amen dico vobis, quidquid* orantes petitis, credite quia accipietis, et fiet vobis. — Amen I say to you: Whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you. Mark 11:24

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



#### LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

#### En lo Inesperado

"¿Qué podría pasar después?" ¿Cuántas veces te has hecho esa pregunta en el último año? Aunque con mayor frecuencia usamos esa expresión cuando las cosas no parecen irnos bien, este año ha sido una expresión de los constantes cambios en nuestro mundo que la pandemia de COVID-19 ha provocado. Pero podríamos usar la misma expresión para explicar nuestros sentimientos de estar abrumados por las bendiciones y las cosas buenas, cuando las estrellas parecen alinearse a la perfección.

Pase lo que pase, podemos decir con certeza que mañana no irá exactamente como lo imaginamos. Nuestras vidas están influenciadas por muchos factores y el mundo que nos rodea es cada vez más complejo. En lugar de sorprenderse por lo inesperado, tal vez deberíamos esperar lo inesperado.

Vivir de esta manera nos hace apreciar más profundamente los dones que se nos han dado. Nos ayuda a vivir en el presente y ser conscientes de quienes nos rodean. Nuestras relaciones se profundizan. Nuestro sentido de responsabilidad se construye. Nuestra forma de vida de corresponsabilidad encuentra un nuevo significado y propósito.

Este Adviento no será la misma experiencia que el último Adviento. Queda por ver qué nos deparan los próximos días y semanas. Sin embargo, pase lo que pase, Jesucristo está allí para darnos la bienvenida a lo inesperado. Él celebrará con nosotros en alegría e incluso sentirá nuestro dolor. Puedes contar con lo inesperado, pero también puedes contar con que Él esté allí contigo. Él es ahora y para siempre, Emmanuel, "Dios con nosotros." Él es el esperado en todas las cosas inesperadas. --Tracy Earl Welliver

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#### First Sunday of Advent

#### **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:** When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

**Answer:** Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of



the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness. ©LPi



#### **READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29**

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#### ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

#### **EIM Workshop**

Persons who already have an EIM account and are due or past due to attend an EIM Workshop should complete the Temporary Online EIM Training at <u>www.austindiocese.org/workshop</u> to fulfill their compliance requirement.

#### TALLER de EIM

Las personas que ya tengan una cuenta de EIM y que ya requieren o se hayan pasado de su fecha de requerimiento de asistir a un taller de EIM deberán completar un Entrenamiento de EIM Temporal en Línea en <u>www.austindiocese.org/workshop</u> para llenar el requisito para su cumplimiento.



#### **BEYOND OUR PARISH**

Advent reflection: Cedarbrake will host a virtual afternoon reflection entitled "Advent, A Time of Hope" with Franciscan Father Albert Haase on Dec. 2, at 3:00pm. Father Haase will host a panel of three diocesan priests: Father Brian Eilers, Father Charlie Garza and Father Sang Quan. They will share their perspectives of Advent as a time to enter more fully into this season of hope. This will be recorded for those who wish to view it later. Cost is \$10. Register at

https://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake\_or call the office at 254-780-2436.

#### **Advent Silent Retreat:**

Enter into the silence of the Advent season by setting aside the weekend of Dec. 4-6 to come and pray at Cedarbrake. While the majority of the time will be spent in quiet with God, this retreat will also include opportunity for group prayer and celebration of the Eucharist to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. The cost with meals for a shared room is \$200, a private room is \$250 with an option to stay an extra night (s) before or after the weekend. Register at

https://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call the office at 254-780-2436.

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### **RESPECT LIFE**

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" <u>respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary</u>

"Tras haber recibido el don del Evangelio de la vida, somos el pueblo de la vida y un pueblo para la vida. Es nuestro deber proclamar el Evangelio de la vida al mundo. *Proclamar a Jesús es proclamar la vida.* La gratitud y la alegría ante la incomparable dignidad de la persona humana nos impulsan a llevar el Evangelio de la ida al corazón de todas las personas y hacer que penetre en todas las partes de la sociedad."

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, El Evangelio de la Vida: Breve resumen, <u>respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary</u>

## VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

Austin-Area High School Discernment Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7:00-8:30pm. Join other young men from the Austin area for dinner, evening prayer and a discussion on the journey of discerning your vocation. Visit <a href="https://www.austindiocese.org/vocations">https://www.austindiocese.org/vocations</a> for more information.

**Sequi Christum**—To follow Christ in the Dominican Way—Virtual Discernment Retreat **Dec. 18-20**, for Catholic single women, ages 17-30. For more information, please contact Sr. Catherine Teresa Duyen Anh, OP, Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province \* 832-277-4707 \* houstondominicans.org/inquiry

### 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
- Nathan Leonard, Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey
- Br. Augustine Marie Peter (Ryan Schultz), Canons Regular of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary of the Assumption, Taylor, TX



Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention: For a life of prayer We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### Were you married outside the

**Church?** Would you like to have your marriage sacramentalized, or in the language of the Church, *convalidated*? Call the Parish Office at 512-476-6182, ext. 115, for information or email weddings@smcaustin.org

**Confirmation:** Are you an adult Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but was never confirmed? If you are interested in Adult Confirmation classes, contact the parish office. Call 512-476-6182, or email <u>ysadana@smcaustin.org</u>



