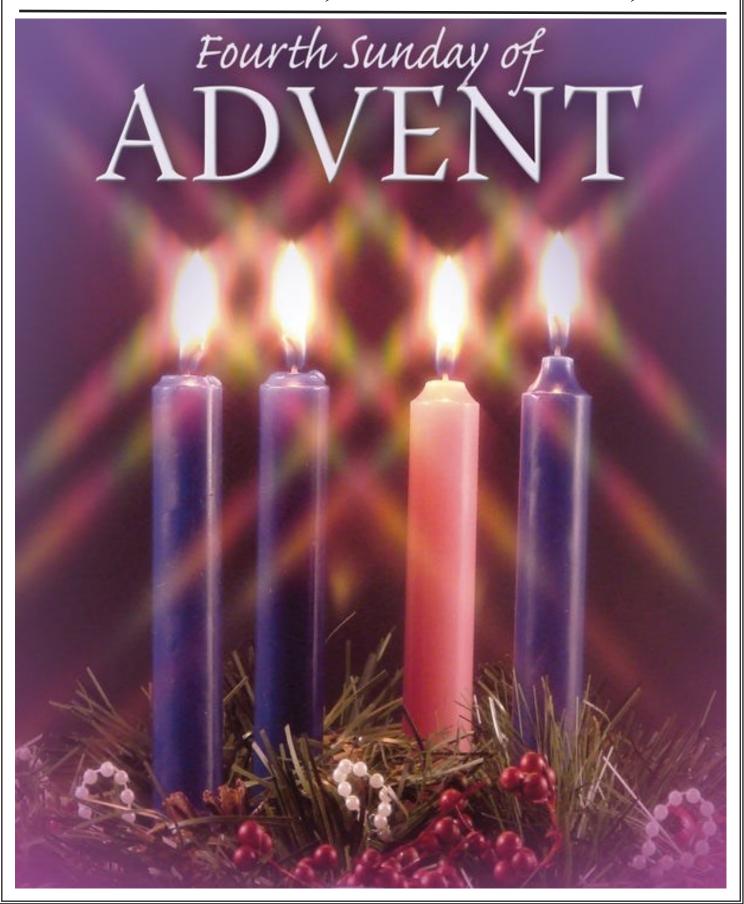
SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL



MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM, EF Latin

9:30 AM 12:00 PM

1:45 PM, ESPANOL

3:30 PM, EF Latin

5:30 PM

MONDAY- FRIDAY

6:30 AM 12:05 PM

First Friday of the month:

9:30 AM, EF Latin

SATURDAY

12:05 PM, Daily Mass 5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil

RECONCILIATION

Confessionals in Narthex Appointment Recommended smcaustin.org MONDAY - FRIDAY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Friday of the month: 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM SATURDAY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4:30 - 5:20 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAYS

10:30 AM - Noon

PARKING AT CAPITOL TOWER GARAGE

MON. - FRI: AFTER 5:00 PM SAT.- SUN: ALL DAY VALIDATE PARKING IN GYM (FLOOR 2)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Todos en la vida buscamos tener espacio. Espacio en un hogar para vivir en paz, para tener privacidad y, sobre todo, espacio para valorar nuestros encuentros con el otro. Hoy, en la liturgia de este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, se narra la Anunciación, donde el ángel Gabriel llega a la casa de María buscando un espacio para Dios. María le hace ese espacio con su "Yo soy la servidora del Señor, hágase en mí tal como has dicho" (Lucas 1,38). Esto quiere decir, sí lo acepto, aquí está el espacio de mi ser y de mi corazón, para alojar a Dios con todas sus consecuencias. Alegrémonos con María y vivamos con fe esta Navidad ya entre nosotros.

"«Hágase en mí según tu palabra». Es la última frase de la Virgen en este último domingo de Adviento, y es la invitación a dar un paso concreto hacia la Navidad. Porque si el nacimiento de Jesús no toca nuestra vida—la mía, la tuya, la de todos—, si no toca la vida pasa en vano... Que la Virgen nos ayude a decirlo con nuestra vida, con la actitud de estos últimos días para prepararnos bien a la Navidad" (Papa Francisco 12-20-2020). ¿Qué espacio está listo en tu hogar para recibir a Jesús? ¿Tu corazón está dispuesto a decir hágase en mí como tú lo deseas? Pidámosle, a María nos ayude a preparar el corazón como una cuna, para que el niño Dios tenga su espacio especial para esta Navidad y que nunca se vaya de ahí.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6:30am...EF Latin Low Mass, Cathedral 8:00am...Latin Sung Mass, Cathedral 10:00am...Mass, English, Cathedral 12:00pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral 1:45pm...Spanish Mass, Cathedral No Confession/Evening Masses

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral 10:50am...Confessions by Appointment 12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral 10:50am...Confessions by Appointment 12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral 7:30pm...CYA Adoration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral 10:50am...Confessions by Appointment 12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

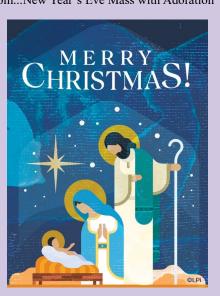
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

11:00am...Confessions by Appointment, Cathedral 12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral 4:30pm...Confessions by Appointment, Cathedral 5:30pm...Vigil Mass, Cathedral

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30am...EF Latin Low Mass, Cathedral 9:30am...Mass, live streamed, Cathedral 12:00pm...Noon Mass- English, Cathedral 1:45pm...Mass, live streamed, Cathedral 3:30pm...EF Latin Sung Mass-live streamed 5:30pm...Mass, Cathedral 10:30pm...New Year's Eve Mass with Adoration



SECOND COLLECTION FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY **DECEMBER 31, 2023**

SANCTUARY CANDLE **DEDICATION** IN THANKGIVING OF MADERE FAMILY DECEMBER 24-**DECEMBER 30, 2023**

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ON **JANUARY 2, 2024**



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2	<u>25</u>
12:00am (midnight)	Raeder Family
6:30am	Gaine Family†
8:00am	.Cathedral Parishioners
10:00am	T.J & Simona Amaro†
12:00pm	Christine Flores†
1:45pm	Henry Kaufman
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Tuesday, December 26

6:30am	Faithful Departed
12:05pm	.Connor Reisenbigler†

Wednesday, December 27

6:30am	Leany Araujo
12:05pm	Faithful Departed

Thursday, December 28

6:30am	Faithful Departed
12:05pm	Madere Family

Friday, December 29

6:30am	Jesus Araujo†
12:05pm	Lucas Almaguer

Saturday, December 30

12:05pm	 Faithful D	eparted
5:30pm	 Armendariz	Family

Sunday, December 31

7:30amGlenn Crittendon	ı
9:30amMadere Family	y
12:00pmAnn & Tony Fayad	†
1:45pmFather Deo	
3:30pmFather Matthew Mcheely	
5:30pmCathedral Parishioners	
10:30pmSandy Guiheen & Enochs Family	
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STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Income Coll.

Offertory Collection (week ending 12/10/23)

-	12/4-12/10/23	September 30, 23	7/1/23-12/11/23
Income	\$ 35,206	\$ 121,601	\$ 696,694
Expenses	\$ 29,629	\$ 139,168	\$ 653,557
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 5,578	\$ (17,567)	\$ (49,460)

Last Month

Year to Date

Second Collections-

St. Killian's Candles *a/o 12/11/2023 \$22,353*

Sunday Attendance — 1,396

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (9/30/23) \$ 304,436



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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Louis Barron or Yvonne Bedell in the parish office, 512-476-6182.

OUR COMMUNITY

ATTN: HOMESCHOOLED and CATHOLIC SCHOOL **FAMILIES**

Confirmation and First Communion preparation process/ classes will begin in January for children.

- Confirmation preparation: 13 18 years of age
- First Communion preparation: 6yrs or 7yrs of age

For more information, please email the Religious Education Coordinator at ysaldana@smcaustin.org before December 30th.

English

If you have not yet received the sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation and are over the age of 18, please call the parish office before January 9th. Classes in will begin at the end of January. You will need a copy of the sacraments you have received in order to participate.

Spanish

Si aún no ha recibido el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación y tiene más de 18 años, llame a la oficina parroquial antes del 9 de enero. Clases comenzarán a finales de enero. Necesitará una copia de los sacramentos que haya recibido para poder participar



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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, PRAY FOR US.







Join us in answering Mary's call to pray the rosary

Monday - Saturday:

11:30 a.m. before the noon Mass

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. before the 5:30 Vigil Mass Sunday:

7:00 a.m. before the 7:30 a.m. Latin Mass 10:30 a.m. after the 9:30 a.m. Mass

1:15 p.m. before the 1:45 p.m. Spanish Mass

5:00 p.m. before the 5:30 p.m. Mass



LEGION OF MARY

NEW SPANISH LEGION OF MARY PRAESIDIUM

Meetings in Spanish for the Legion of Mary Praesidium will be every Saturday at 4:00 PM at the library. Meetings for the Legion of Mary Praesidium in English are every Thursday from 6:30 PM to 7:45 pm at the library. Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic church with well over 3 million active members in almost every country in the world. Everyone is invited to join us. For information in English, contact Milagros Cardenas at 510-734-8239.

NUEVO PRAESID<u>IUM LEGION DE MARIA EN</u> **ESPANOL**

La reunion de la legion de Maria es los sabados a las 4:00 PM en la bibloteca .Ademas el Praesidium Legion de Maria en Ingles se reunen cada Jueves de 6:30 PM a las 7:45 PM en la biblioteca. Legion de Maria is la organizacion apostolica mas grande de Catolicos de nuestra iglesia. Con mas de 3 millones de miembros activos en casi todos los paises del mundo. Todos son bienvenidos. Para informacion en Espanol, contacte Amparo Gonzalez at 512-621-0878.



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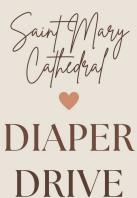
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Please join us in prayerfully considering donating diapers and wipes for the Austin Diaper Bank.



Donation Boxes will be set up around the campus for the month of January





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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Sunday, December 31, 7:30 am Low Mass and 3:30 pm Sung Mass — Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. Monday, January 1, 8:00 am Sung Mass — Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Latin Phrase of the Week:

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

Be social, "Like" us on Facebook: St Joseph Latin Mass Society.

STUDY GROUPS

<u>Cathedral Book Study:</u> Our current Book Study topic is Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*-The Splendor of the Truth. We meet every Monday, 7:00-8:30 PM, via free Zoom teleconferencing. You can download the encyclical from:

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf jp-ii enc 06081993 veritatis-splendor.html You can also find the encyclical on the USCCB and New Advent websites. Please join us!

For more information, contact <u>Jagamurphy@sbcglobal.net</u>.

<u>Catholic Scripture Study:</u> Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm. We meet via free zoom teleconferencing Our current study focus is Paul's Second Letter Corinthians. Come join us! For more information contact L.J. Smith at LJSmith78704@yahoo.com

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/

Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc

..... and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednes: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

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Open Daily 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry

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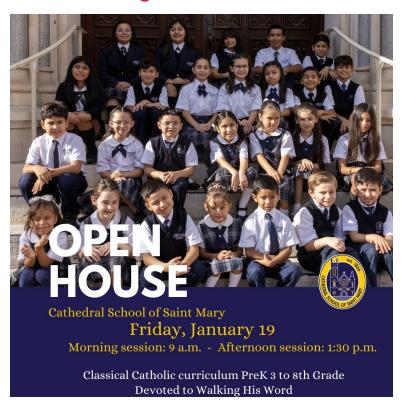
Dear Friends.

"A child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests." (Isaiah 9:5) Merry Christmas! What gifts do you have for baby Jesus today? Here at school our students have been preparing gifts for Him all month! We have busied ourselves with making advent wreaths in Kindergarten, light strings with prayer intentions to light up the world in First Grade, crystal Christmas trees for a chemistry experiment in Fourth Grade, reenacting the events of Our Lady Guadalupe's apparition in Fifth Grade, and preparing and presenting beautiful songs for our Advent Concert, which took place this past Tuesday. While outwardly we await with joy the excitement of Christmas morning, inwardly we consider how we can give the best of our talents and our love to our Creator. We offer our lives, our works and hearts to the Lord this Christmas, and invite you to do the same! May our best gifts always be the light of faith, hope and love all wrapped up in virtue to offer this precious child, both in the poverty of His human birth and in the glory of His divine return.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas, Teresa Pione Director of Admissions and Development



Merry Christmas



YOU'RE INVITED



VISITING OPPORTUNITIES:

- January 12 & 26, 2024 8:30am-10:30am
- April 12, 2024- 8:30am 10:30am

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School is a coeducation college preparatory school that offers an extensive curriculum to satisfy a variety of student academic and extra-curricular interests. Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our Parent Information Sessions to learn more about our school, enjoy a student-led tour of our beautiful campus and hear about our admission process. To register for an information session and other visiting opportunities go to our website: saviochs.org/admissions or contact Holly Bologna, Director of Admissions at 512-388-8846 ext. 5504

Sensory friendly Mass in Huto

St. Patrick Parish in Hutto celebrates a sensory friendly Mass on the first Sunday of every month at 5pm. There will be dimmer lights, softer music, no incense and no bells. If you or someone you know would like to benefit from a Mass like this, please join us. All are welcome.

VOCATION 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
- Brandon Bain, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary's Seminary, Houston, TX
- Jack Graves, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Frater Austin (Mike) Seethaler, Norbertines,
 St. Michael's Abbey, Silverado, CA
- Frater Aloysius (Gilbert) Inman, Norbertines,
 St. Michael's Abbey, Silverado, CA
- Frater Athanasius (Basil)Inman, Norbertines,
 St. Michael's Abbey, Silverado, CA
- Nathan Leonard, Brothers, Slaves of the Immaculate Heart
- Ryan Principato, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have died: Elvia Mireles Those in need of healing:

Baltierra family, Fr. David Barr, Gisela Bernal, Martha Caicedo, Beth Carr, Angelica Carteno, Isabel Casiano, Catarino Castillo, Ricardo Castro, Kenny Conyers, Kenneth Craig Sr., Arlene De Leon, Carmel & Sam DiCarlo, Charlotte Dwyer, Ronald Erickson, Joshua Escalona, Nicole Esparza, Bernard Ferré, Bill Gordon, John Paul Guajardo, Anne-Marie Hansen, Charles Claire Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Jesse Hutton, Chuck Jehlen, Ana Johnson, Zeke Johnson, Kathleen Kahil, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Anyssa M., Brooke M., Elleana M., Kevin & Liza Mandeville, Briella & Priscilla Martinez, Carter May, Alejandro Medina, Senorina N. Medina, Susan Mlerzwik, Jody Moncebaiz, Lou Moreno, Fr. Bill Mouser, Pearl Nixon, Mariane Oliver, Marjorie King, Joe Geisler, Paul Check, Parker, Susannah Paul, Joan Pearsall, Louise Porfirio, Camille Pridgen, Ruth Resendez, Jason Salinas, Marlene Sato, Imelda Soza, Tim Sullivan, Bill Tarpley, Anthony T, Jean Valerga, Bernard Vasek, , Michael & Josie Velasquez, Dennis Vinklarek, Brandon W., Deanna W., Mark W., Lupita Zapata, Vicente Zavala, Fr. Frank Zlotkowski, Donna Carone, Yoli McKee, Adrianna Barron, Dorothy Barron, Elizabeth Jimenez, Jason Barron, Derrelle Pridgen, The Bandle Family, Rachael and Juanita Valadez and Family, Jose Carlos Florez, Joyce Smith, Steve Young, Peggy Lee Oster, Julio Rivera, Joyce Smith, Steve Young, Carteno & Romero Family, Christian Escalona, Colin & Caitlyn Thomas and Family, John Ambrose "Ro" Thomas, Therese Thorp, Deborah Skirko, Nellie Erickson, Linda Mathew, Petra Carrillo, John Paul Sanchez, Judith Constantine, Sally Derilo, Rosella Sayers, Lisa Devore, Danny Johnson, Jim Crosby, Bernice and Byron Bullock, Petra Nesensohn & Mother, Aaron Smith, Debra Sue Trinque, Stella Trevino, Pena and Ubias Family, Iris Marez, Trinity Thompson

and those serving in the military:

Capt. Chris Morrow SFC Phillip Thompson PFC Rick German Ensign Evan Moses Spec 4 Chris Trevino 1LT Cory Houck LT Shane Moses Christopher Ty Trevino HR Shelby D. Aparicio
HN5 Jinuel Jehlen
LCPL Eric E. Muñoz
PFC Joseph Anthony Barcenas
1 LT Patrick Kuiper
Capt. Nicholas Naquin
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