

ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
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## Organ Prelude - *Laudate Deum omnes angeli eius*, arr. Gerald Near

Note: The melody is taken from one of the Gregorian chants proper to the day.

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Processional Hymn - *The Church's One Foundation*

**Please stand**



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the  
3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her  
4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter  
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one  
war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for -  
One, And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose



and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To  
faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -  
ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her  
rest is won. O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he  
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she  
long - ing eyes are blessed, And the great Church vic -  
save us by your grace That we, like saints be -



bought her, And for her life he died.  
press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
fore us, May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.  
Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## Invocation

### Penitential Act – *Lord Have Mercy*, Palestrina, arr. Covington

Sung: **Kyrie Eleison,**  
**Christe Eleison,**  
**Kyrie Eleison**

**Glory to God—Mass of St Theresa, Covington**

(Organ)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace on earth to  
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we  
give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God, al -  
migh-ty Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ On - ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on  
us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men,  
a - men.

**Collect**

*Please sit*

# THE LITURGY *of the* WORD

## First Reading - *1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19*

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

## Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 40:2, 4ab, 7-10*



I waited, I waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. R.

You delight not in sacrifice and  
offerings,  
but in an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Then I said, "See, I have come." R.

In the scroll of the book it stands  
written of me:  
"I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within  
me." R.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O LORD. R.

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## Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20*

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

## Gospel Alleluia - *John 1:41, 17b*

We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

**Please stand**

## Gospel - John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

## Homily

*Please sit*

## Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,

(*All bow for the following words*)  
**and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

## Prayers of the Faithful

## Announcements

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

## Preparation of the Gifts

**Offertory Anthem** *Behold the Tabernacle of God*, William H. Harris (Sat, 5 PM, Sun 11 AM)

*The Rain Will Seek the Rivers* by Robert J. Powell (Sun, 9 AM)

## Invitation to Prayer

*Please stand*

## Prayer over the Offerings

## Holy, Holy, Holy —Mass of St Theresa, Covington

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord  
God of hosts, Hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est.

*Please kneel or be seated*

## Mystery of Faith —Mass of St Theresa, Covington

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

**Great Amen—chant**

*Please stand*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

**Lamb of God from Mass for St. Theresa, Covington**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
grant us peace. Grant us peace.

*Please kneel as you are able*

**Communion Antiphon – St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon, Columba Kelly, OSB**

Congregational Refrain

It is your love, O Lord, that I seek.

**Communion Hymn – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart With  
gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O  
saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the sheep - herd calls his sheep, They  
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our  
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The  
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No  
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then  
  
know and heed his voice; So when you call your  
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us  
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.

fam - ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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**Communion Meditation God's Love, Richard Shepherd**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Please stand**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Hymn of Thanksgiving - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,  
 2. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er,  
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,

Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
 Let us all your life re - ceive;  
 Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord.

Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion

All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Nev - er - more your tem - ples leave.  
 Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.

Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;  
 Serve you as your hosts a - bove,  
 Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,  
 Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,  
 Till we sing be - fore the Al - might - y,

Let your love in us en - dure.  
 Glo - ry in won - der, pre - cious love.  
 Lost in love, and praise.

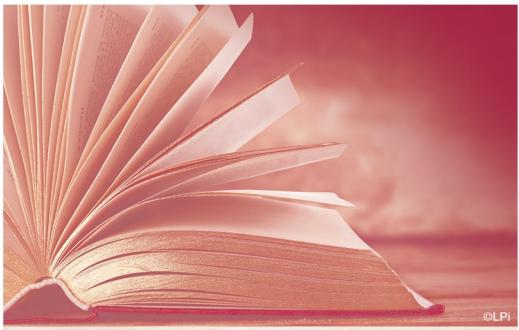
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 Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## Blessing and Dismissal

### Organ Postlude - *Hyfrydol*, arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for you servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)



## PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)



## SECOND READING

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)



## GOSPEL

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

# THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

**WELCOME** to St. Theresa Parish! We are glad you are here and want to walk with you no matter where you are on your journey of faith.

**Rev. Larry Covington, Pastor**  
**Rev. Moses Iyogwoya MSP, Parochial Vicar**

### MASS TIMES

**Monday—Friday** | 11:30 AM  
**Saturday** | 5:00 PM  
**Sunday** | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM\*, 11:00 AM  
\*This mass will be livestreamed.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon—Friday** | 9 AM—5 PM | **512-451-5121**

**BAPTISM**—Contact Donna Henderson, parish secretary.

**MARRIAGE**—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) at least six months in advance of the wedding.

**FUNERALS**—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) for arrangements.

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**—Contact Amy Allert (x1008).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 1/17	Children's Gospel Reflection, YouTube video Children's Catechesis, self paced, online RCIA, 11:30 a.m., Elmer Hall, Rm. 202
Mon, 1/18	Adult Confirmation Class, 7 p.m., Rm. 202
Tues, 1/19	Pastoral Council Meeting, 6 p.m. <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b> Connections, 7 p.m., Family Center & Zoom Theresa Moms, Endow, 8:30 p.m., Zoom
Wed, 1/20	Catalyst Men, 6:15-7:20 a.m., Zoom <b>Joshua Bible Study</b> , 7 p.m., Elmer, Rm. 202 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
Thur, 1/21	<b>Joshua Bible Study</b> , 9:15 a.m., Rm. 202 Grief Support, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
Sat, 1/23	Reconciliation, 4:00-4:45 p.m., church
Sun, 1/24	Children's Gospel Reflection, YouTube video Children's Catechesis, self paced, online RCIA, 11:30 a.m., Elmer Hall, Rm. 202

More information at [www.sttaustin.org](http://www.sttaustin.org).

## DAILY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 16

**Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17**  
5:00 p.m.....Walter Tacquard

### Sunday, January 17

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**I Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20**  
Jn 1:35-42  
7:30 a.m.....Alex and Leila Brown  
9:00 a.m.....Jimmy McGinn & Shirley McGinn  
11:00 a.m.....Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

### Monday, January 18

**Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22**  
11:30 a.m.....James Cullen †

### Tuesday, January 19

**Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28**  
11:30 a.m.....Marcia Hopkins

### Wednesday, January 20

**Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr**  
**Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6**  
11:30 a.m.....Charles O'Connell †

### Thursday, January 21

**Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**  
**I Cor 1:26-31 Ps 23:1b-3a, 4-6 Mt 13:44-46**  
11:30 a.m.....Ann Grace Ramos

### Friday, January 22

**Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-14 Mk 3:13-19**  
11:30 a.m.....Donna Hebner

### Saturday, January 23

**Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**  
**Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3:20-21**  
5:00 p.m.....Claudia Johnson

### Sunday, January 24

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20**  
7:30 a.m.....James Harris  
9:00 a.m.....William DeBoer †  
11:00 a.m.....Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

# Parish News

## MORRIS STEVENS MOVES INTO MUSIC DIRECTOR ROLE

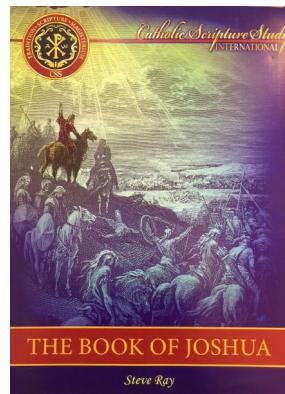


We welcome Morris Stevens as the new Director of Music Ministry at St. Theresa, after serving for 29 years as our assistant director of music. Morris received his Bachelor's degree from UT Austin and his Master's degree in Choral Conducting from the UT San Antonio. He completed his Ph.D. in Music Education at the UT Austin in 2001. He served 13 years at St. Edward's University as Assistant Professor of Music and Assistant Music Director. He also taught music and directed choirs for more than two decades at area high schools and published music literacy textbooks.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY ON JOSHUA

### STARTS JANUARY 20TH

Join us for this new study on *The Book of Joshua*, from Steve Ray and Fr. Scott Courtney. We all need role models to encourage us through the mess that daily life can become. Joshua was no stranger to this challenge, especially when charged with picking up where Moses left off, and leading the Israelites with prudence and patience. Choose **Wed. 7 - 9 p.m.** (on Zoom) or **Thurs. 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.** (in-person with masks).



## CATALYST MEN'S GROUP RESUMES

Men of St. Theresa's Parish, would you like to deepen your faith and strengthen your fellowship with other Catholic men during 2021? If so, Catalyst invites you to join 50-60 other men by Zoom every Wednesday morning as they explore how to become better disciples of Christ in a world that sometimes seems turned upside down. Find the calendar of content and more info at [sttaustin.org/catalystmens-ministry](http://sttaustin.org/catalystmens-ministry). Please email [menofcatalyst@gmail.com](mailto:menofcatalyst@gmail.com) to receive the latest "Catalyst Caller" email containing the session video content and a Zoom link for participating in group discussions. Join Catalyst every Wednesday morning, 6:15-7:20 a.m. Roll out of bed, grab some java, and join us when you can!



## ARE YOU CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary for your Sacrament of Marriage in 2021, we'd like to honor you with a certificate from the Bishop. If you are celebrating your 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or above, you may send the following information, **by Jan. 18**, to Linda Gockel at [linda-gockel@sttaustin.org](mailto:linda-gockel@sttaustin.org):

- ◆ Name of the couple as you would like it to appear
- ◆ Number of years of marriage you will be celebrating
- ◆ Your mailing address
- ◆ Your email address

We regret that we will not be able to celebrate milestone anniversaries in person this year due to the pandemic and limits on capacity at Mass.



## STEWARDSHIP

### Contributions:

Weekly—Jan 4-10.....\$36,692  
Month of January to date....\$50,795  
Fiscal Year '21 to date....\$1,094,523

### Budgeted Offertory:

January Budget.....\$153,467  
FY21 Budget.....\$1,990,856

*For more information visit [sttaustin.org/ways-to-give](http://sttaustin.org/ways-to-give). Please contact Geneva in the parish office if you need assistance. Thank you! your support!*



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

During the month of December, St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Theresa Conference helped:

**46 Families  
145 Individuals**

**Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of:**

**Kathy Grady**

*Welcome*  
Through Baptism:

**Luke Montgomery Marrs**

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar is a wonderful way to remember a loved one who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or who has passed. Contact the parish office for information.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## WELCOME NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR

We are excited to announce that Austin Choate will be spearheading our Middle School Youth Group starting this semester! Austin will be working with Chase Crouse in the Youth Ministry department to help expand our ministry and keep it growing. Austin was hired by the school last semester as the new middle school religion teacher. Originally from Dallas, he earned his BA in philosophy, religious studies, and Great Books from the University of Texas, where he also met his wife and converted to Catholicism. He has an MA in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas and is currently completing his PhD in theology. He and his wife have three young children.



**M.S. Youth Group Resumes January 31st online at a NEW Time: 6:00—7:00 p.m. Sundays.**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers the children of the parish and school who will be celebrating their first Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 9th.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PRESENT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW

All are invited to enjoy a Virtual Talent Showcase **Jan. 23** at 6:30 p.m. It is a free evening of talent, inspiration and celebration in honor of Catholic education.



*Congratulations*  
**CLARE SPRINKLE**  
ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL, AUSTIN

Bishop Bill Wack of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee will give the keynote address. Congratulations to STCS teacher **Clare Sprinkle** for being named the Unsung Hero of our school. She has been teaching P.E. at St. Theresa for 33 years and will be honored at the virtual event on Jan. 23rd. Visit [CSDATX.org](http://CSDATX.org) to reserve a spot, to become a sponsor or to donate online. Proceeds from the event are returned to schools for tuition assistance.

## STCS CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 19      Return to in-person classes with online option  
January 23      Virtual Talent Showcase for Catholic schools  
Jan 31—Feb 5    Catholic Schools Week  
February 13     School Gala



## SENIOR ADULTS CORNER

We thank God for our senior adult parishioners and pray for their continued safety during this pandemic. We want to recognize and respond to their needs. If you are a senior adult and need support of any kind, please contact Sr. Ann Pennington at (512) 451-5121, ext. 1017 or [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org).

**The Senior Adult Friendship Group** is taking a break during the month of January. They normally meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays on the outdoor terrace of Elmer Hall or in the Great Room, depending on the weather. All are welcome!

**Grief Support Group** meets each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information and/or to be put on the Zoom invitation list, please contact Sr. Ann at [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org). All ages welcome.



"On behalf of our residents at Waterloo Terrace, we want to give a **HUGE** thank you for your donations and time. The Welcome Home Baskets you have provided are truly making a difference for our residents, many of whom are moving in without the supplies they need to make their home comfortable. With your help, we have been able to give residents the resources to feel more at home in their community. We are blown away by your thoughtfulness- inclusion of items like wall art, 2021 calendars, and artificial plants have definitely brought smiles to our residents' faces. Thank you again for your support!" - **Trinica Sampson**, Supportive Services Program Manager at Foundations Communities.

## Sr. Ann Pennington Announces "Semi-Retirement"



Sr. Ann Pennington, SFCC, D.Min., director of senior adult ministry and outreach for the parish, has announced that she will be moving to Waco Feb. 1st to enjoy "semi-retirement."

She will be renting an apartment in the independent living section of Providence Park where she will be actively involved in ministry. "Waco is quite familiar to me since I am a Baylor graduate and spent several years there in various types of ministry including church music and chaplaincy in hospital, long-term care, and hospice settings," she said. "When I called to ask about apartment availability, a former colleague answered the phone. A short time later, I was told that, out of appreciation for my years of ministry in Waco, Providence Park had decided to waive my entrance fee of \$1800."

We will miss Sr. Ann's ever joyful spirit and her compassionate pastoral care and guidance for the elderly of the parish. Sr. Ann started the senior adult ministry at St. Theresa six years ago, which included not only pastoral visits to the sick and homebound, but also many opportunities for seniors to gather for cards and games, socializing, bible studies, Holy Communion service at Brookdale, day trips and more. Kay Hays was new to Austin when she joined the parish about five years ago. "As a result of Sr. Ann's efforts, I have made many good friends with whom I can socialize," she said. "I am so very grateful!"

During the pandemic senior adult activities have been curtailed, but Sr. Ann has stayed in touch with the seniors of the parish. "Sr. Ann has been our angel during the pandemic," says Judy Hickey. "She emails me and my husband Paul every week to see how we are doing and to send prayers our way."



Sr. Ann noted "it has been a joy and a privilege to be part of a parish whose members live out their faith in service and support to each other and to the community at large."

### Showing Appreciation

For those of you who would like to show your love and appreciation to Sr. Ann, we have set up a retirement gift page at [sttaustin.org/news](http://sttaustin.org/news) where you can donate online. Her order, Sisters For Christian Community, has no retirement fund or facilities for sisters.

Also, cards and gifts can be sent to the parish office before January 31st. An online card option can be found in the E-Bulletin.

Thank you Sr. Ann for your love and care of our senior neighbors and for allowing the Holy Spirit to work through you to bring the love of God to so many people. You will be greatly missed!

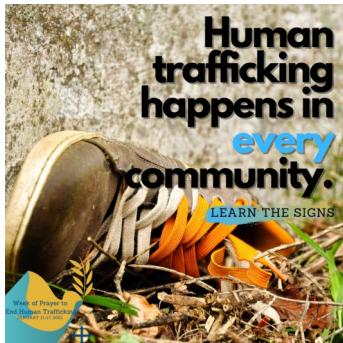


*Sr. Ann visits with residents of Brookdale Northwest Hills.*

# PARISH and DIOCESE

## PRAY TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops is urging all Catholics to pray for an end to human trafficking and to take time to learn more about this horrific crime that impacts many innocent victims in our Texas communities. There are three types of human trafficking: sex trafficking, forced labor and domestic servitude.



- ◆ Truck stops, hotels and private homes are among the places where people are sold for commercial sex.
- ◆ Forced labor is when victims work for little or no pay. Factories, farms and construction work are all places where people are forced to make products or food with little or no compensation.
- ◆ Domestic servitude includes nannies, maids or domestic help. Often women, these modern-day slaves are hidden in plain sight and held against their will because their identification papers and travel documents are taken by their traffickers.

Learn more and see daily prayers for the week at [txcatholic.org](http://txcatholic.org).

## CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY

This weekend is Called by Name Sunday, a new initiative by the Diocese of Austin with a special focus on vocations and recruitment. Envelopes are available in the church narthex to be used for nominating someone you know who you think would be a possible candidate for the priesthood or religious life. You can also do so online here: [cn.godiscalling.me](http://cn.godiscalling.me) God delights in accomplishing His will with our cooperation, so let's say "yes."

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR CATHOLICS ABOUT HOSPICE

Many people who are considering hospice care for a loved one have questions about how it is viewed by the Catholic Church. Our own Sr. Ann Pennington, who has worked as a hospice chaplain, has reassuring information and many tips to share on the subject. Find them in the News section of the homepage of the parish website [sttaustin.org](http://sttaustin.org).



## FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Are you looking for a way to create a great start in your relationship for the New Year? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication. From the comfort and security of your home, you'll be guided online by three couples and a priest to help you rediscover your dreams, rekindle your romance and become more aware of God's desire for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of March—April experiences at [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or contact [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com) or call 512-677-9963.

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