



*Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin—Most Rev. Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop*

# Church of the Visitation

## Catholic Church

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### Clergy

#### Pastor

Rev. Darrell Kostiha

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### Mass Times

#### Weekend

◇ Saturday, 6:00pm

◇ Sunday, 8:00am

◇ Sunday, 11:00am

*(St. Matthew, Rogers)*

#### Weekday

◇ Tuesday, 8:00am

◇ Wednesday, 8:00am

◇ Thursday, 8:00am

◇ Friday, 8:00am

### Confessions

Saturday, 4:15-5pm

Sunday, 7:30-7:50am

### Adoration

◇ Tuesday, 6:30pm

*Church doors are open from  
7:30am—7:30pm daily*

### Sermon on the Mount

By Cosimo Rosselli (1439–1507)

The blessings and woes in the Gospel are a fulfillment of Old Testament wisdom. The righteous, like trees by water, prosper by trusting in the Lord, while the wicked, trusting in humans, wither. Jesus uses the rich and poor to symbolize spiritual states. The rich are self-sufficient, while the poor humbly trust God. This upside-down Gospel promises spiritual treasure in poverty and eternal life through suffering. Hahn emphasizes that true joy and freedom come from the New Covenant, not earthly prosperity.

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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



# Dear Padre,

*I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?*

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

#### Monday

February 17  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1–15, 25  
Mk 8:11–13

#### Tuesday

February 18  
Weekday  
Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10  
Mk 8:14–21

#### Wednesday

February 19  
Weekday  
Gn 8:6–13, 20–22  
Mk 8:22–26

#### Thursday

February 20  
Weekday  
Gn 9:1–13  
Mk 8:27–33

#### Friday

February 21  
Weekday  
Gn 11:1–9  
Mk 8:34–9:1

#### Saturday

February 22  
*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*  
1 Pt 5:1–4  
Mt 16:13–19

#### Sunday

February 23  
*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23  
1 Cor 15:45–49  
Lk 6:27–38

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 15, 2025—6:00pm

**Ushers** ..... Mike Heise, Michael Heise  
**Altar Servers** ..... Maverick Cannon, Berkley Gilmore, Bryla Wilde, Mallory Wilde  
**Rosary Leaders** ..... Patricia Simecek  
**Lector** ..... Mary Jane Hubik  
**Gift Bearers** ..... Mark & Patricia Hoelscher  
**EMHC** ..... Katie Wilde, Kathy Janacek

### Sunday, February 16, 2025—8:00am

**Ushers** ..... Charles Moeller, Carl Hubik  
**Altar Servers** .... Wylie Stojanik, Brenn Hering, Cooper Hering, Chase Hughling  
**Rosary Leaders** ..... Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff  
**Lector** ..... Emory Vogelsang  
**Gift Bearers** ..... Mark & Valerie Gausemeier  
**EMHC** ..... Emory Vogelsang, Connie Petru, Mark Bartek  
**Money Counters** . . . Jerry & Darlene Fikes, Gary & Bernadette Ketterman  
**Vocation Cross** ..... Randy & Linda Lorenz  
**Church Cleaners (Feb 17-22)** ..... Janice Ranly, Charla Kahlig, Kayla Skala, Pam Bartek, Lanette Ranly

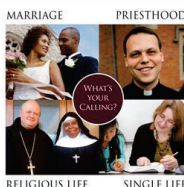
**Saturday, February 22, 2025—No Mass**

### Sunday, February 23, 2025—8:00am

**Ushers** ..... Marvin Meyer, Edward Meyer  
**Altar Servers** ..... Grant Meyer, Aubrey Meyer, Callen Meyer  
**Rosary Leaders** ..... Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff  
**Lector** ..... Renae Willberg  
**Gift Bearers** ..... Steven & Rachel Gausemeier  
**EMHC** ..... Kayla Skala, Katie Wilde, Kathy Janacek  
**Money Counters** .... Clifford & Susan Neumann, Ronnie & Rita Kleypas  
**Vocation Cross** ..... Chris & Peggy Hrabal  
**Church Cleaners (Feb 24–Mar 1)** Jill Williams, Bernice Bulls, Tammy Ryan, Sherri Savage, Bridget Odstrcil

*Note: If you are unable to participate in Mass as assigned, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you!*

**Are You Being Called?** . . . "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:20) A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office: 512.949.2430 or visit [vocations@austindiocese.org](mailto:vocations@austindiocese.org).



## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Saturday, February 15, 2025—6:00pm

† Lucille Heise  
 † Elmer Hoelscher  
 † Herbert F & Helen W Hoelscher

### Sunday, February 16, 2025—8:00am

† Frank & Helen Jezisek  
 Parishioners

***No daily Masses or Adoration this week.***

**Saturday, February 22, 2025—No Mass**

### Sunday, February 23, 2025—8:00am

† Jean Driska  
 Parishioners

*To request a Mass intention for a special intent or for a loved one, please send the request to the church office.*

## Westphalia Senior Citizens

### Potluck

Thursday, Feb 20, 10:30am

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## Announcements

### Today's Meetings/Events

- ♦ Food sale at St. Ann Catholic Church, Rosebud, 8am-1pm, \$12/plate.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

- ♦ Feb 19, Wed, 6pm, **Youth Group meets.**
- ♦ Feb 19, Wed, 6:15pm, **K-8 grades RE Classes.**
- ♦ Feb 19, Wed, 6:30pm, **Choir Practice.**
- ♦ Feb 26, Wed, 6:30pm, **Choir Practice.**
- ♦ Mar 3, Mon, 6:30pm, **Knights of Columbus Meeting, WPH.**
- ♦ Mar 9, Sun, 9am-noon, **Little School Museum and Convent** will be open.
- ♦ Mar 27, 7pm, **Lent Penance Service.**
- ♦ Apr 2, Wed, 5:30pm, **Altar Server Training.**

### Surrounding Areas Meetings/Events

- ♦ Feb 20, Thurs, 10:30am, **Third Thursday Senior Citizens Potluck**, Centennial Room. Bring a dish. Everyone welcome.
- ♦ Mar. 2, Sun, 1-4pm, **Bingo Extravaganza**, Christ the King Catholic Church, Belton. Call Donna Leune for details at 254.744.3440.
- ♦ Mar 6, Thurs, 5:30pm, **Bishop Joe's Farewell Mass** at St. Luke, Temple. Reception afterwards. Everyone welcome.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, please help us to be humble and meek, pure of heart and merciful. May we initiate peace and hunger for righteousness.

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

No daily Mass or Adoration from Feb. 18 – Mar. 28 (exceptions noted below).

Sat., Feb. 22 – No Mass

Sun., Feb. 23 – Mass with Fr. Pedro

Sat., Mar. 1 – Mass with Fr. Vincent

Sun., Mar. 2 – No Mass

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5 – Mass at 8am & 5:30pm

Fridays during Lent (Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21,

Mar. 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11) – Stations of the Cross & Mass, 6pm

Lent Penance Service – Mar. 27, 7pm

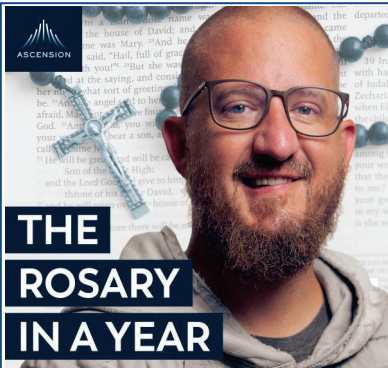
Holy Week times will be announced later.

## Notice Regarding East Section of St. Mary's Cemetery

To make our cemetery more attractive, grass will be allowed to grow over the gravesites and will be mowed. In preparation, dirt work will be done to fill in low spots. To facilitate this, anyone who has loved ones in the East Section is asked to remove any decorative rock from gravesites and assure any plants or other items at the gravesite are on or directly beside the headstone. This will allow grass to grow and free passage of the mower.

Any items not in compliance with the above will be removed on March 3, 2025.

**Word of Life** . . . We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.



## The Rosary in a Year

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## Attention High School Seniors

Will you be attending college in the fall? Our Altar Society will be presenting \$1,000 scholarships to two graduating seniors who are members of the Church of the Visitation. Applications are available on our church website at [churchofthevisitation.org/altar-society](http://churchofthevisitation.org/altar-society) and are due March 31, 2025. *Don't miss this opportunity for help with your college expenses!*





## Parish Directory

### Parish Councils

Parish .....	Kayla Skala .....	254.217.0143
Finance .....	James Kahlig .....	254.721.4443
Liturgy .....	Connie Petru .....	254.913.7837

### Ministries

Altar Servers .....	Kayla Skala .....	254.217.0143
Altar Society .....	Connie Petru .....	254.913.7837
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EMHC .....	Connie Petru .....	254.913.7837
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Knights of Columbus .....	Maverick Cannon .....	254.718.8104
Lectors .....	Shawna Ranly .....	254.721.0475
Money Counters .....	Rita Kleypas .....	254.913.7245
OCIA .....	Geraldine Kahlig .....	254.721.1663
.....	Catherine Kahlig .....	254.493.7486
Parish Hall .....	B.A. & Janice Ranly .....	254.217.0087
Religious Education .....	Alicia Fikes .....	254.537.2775
Rosary Leaders .....	Geraldine Kahlig .....	254.721.1663
St. Mary's Cemetery .....	Rita Kleypas .....	254.913.7245
Ushers .....	Joseph Daskocil .....	979.587.1607
Vocations .....	Kayla Skala .....	254.217.0143
Vocations Cross .....	Kay Rabroker .....	254.721.8406
Youth Ministry .....	Katie Wilde .....	254.718.4715
Website .....	.....	254.584.4983

*Note: If you are interested in joining any ministry, call the contact above or church office. You must be EIM certified to participate.*

## Sacraments

**Baptism**—Parents should contact the church office to initiate a request for baptism. Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation session and all paperwork and requirements must be reviewed and approved by Fr. Darrell.

**Reconciliation**—Confessions are held before weekend Masses. If it is not possible for you to attend during those times, please call the church office for an appointment with Fr. Darrell.

**Weddings**—Contact the parish office six months prior to desired date to meet with Fr. Darrell to start the marriage process. Do not make reservations until your initial meeting with Fr. Darrell.

**Anointing of the Sick**—The sacrament of the sick is offered to anyone who is in need of healing. Through this special anointing, the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace and courage. In the event of serious illness, death or other sacramental emergency please call the parish office. If you anticipate surgery, arrange to have this anointing before you enter the hospital.

**Hospital Visits**—Hospitals and nursing homes do not call the parish to inform us when a parishioner is admitted. This is the responsibility of the family to make

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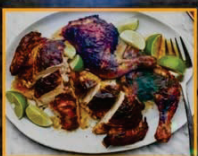
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Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.





And raising his eyes  
toward his disciples  
he said: “Blessed are  
you who are poor, for  
the kingdom of God  
is yours.”

LUKE 6:20

## It's All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**here we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

### Reflect

***Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?***





Youth attending DCYC—Diocesan Catholic Youth Convention—in Waco last weekend were Jackson Palmer, Mason Wilde, Rhyder Palmer, Hanna Meadows, Aubri Kleypas, Zoey Fikes, Adda Yezak, Addison Wilde, Tamryn Stock, and Gillian Kahlig.

## Be Slow to Judge and Quick to Love

It's not easy to always feel love for our fellow humans. Even minor but annoying incidents can get in the way such as getting cut off in traffic, stuck behind an older couple taking their time, delayed by a disinterested, tattooed cashier who can't make change, or hassled by a homeless man panhandling.

Instead of giving in to frustration, try opening your heart.

The person who you cut you off in traffic might be a single mom rushing home after working a full day to spend a few precious minutes with her children.

The tattooed, disinterested cashier may be a college student struggling with exams and worried about getting student loans for next semester.

The older, meandering couple may be savoring this moment together knowing that there will not be many more of them.

The panhandling homeless man may be a slave to addictions we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Instead of getting steamed over every-day annoyances, offer love. "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:37).



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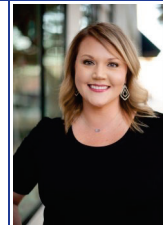
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suddenly you are doing the  
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- St. Francis of Assisi

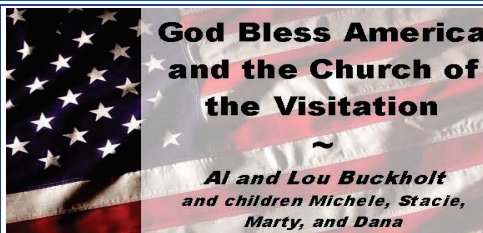


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— Psalm 121  
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