CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

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Pope Francis
Rome, Italy

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

(Christmas)

Joe S. Vasquez Bishop
Diocese of Austin

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

333 Thornberry Drive
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Somerville, Texas 77879
Office 979-596-1966

ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays at 10:00 am
Wednesdays at 9:00 am

First Friday of the month at 5:00 pm

Pastor:
Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday
11:00a-4:00p

Office email:
secretary.stanns@gmail.com

Website Address:
www.saintann-somerville.org

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Deacon Limas Sweed
P.O. Box 485
17370 Sweed Road
Washington, Texas 77880
Church & Office 936-878-2910

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEULE

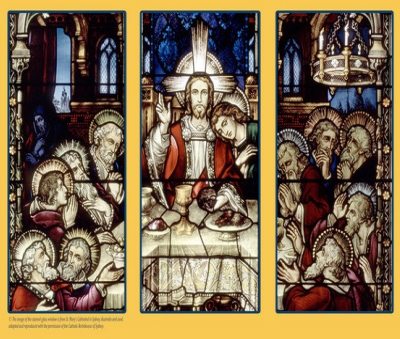
Sundays at 12:00 Noon
First Thursday of the Month at 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Ann

Wednesday: after 9am Mass

Adoration—4pm on the First Friday of the Month

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance
Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding
To Register in the Parish: Forms are available near the entrance of the church



THIS IS MY BODY
THIS IS MY BLOOD

ESTO ES MI CUERPO
ESTO ES MI SANGRE

ST ANN PARISH LIFE...*come and be with us*

EXCERPTS FROM CHRISTMAS HOMILY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM….

Bethlehem this day resembles heaven; hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices; and in place of the sun, enfolds within itself on every side, the Sun of justice. And ask not how: for where God wills, the order of nature yields. For He willed; He had the power; He descended; He redeemed; all things yielded in obedience to God. This day He Who is, is Born; and He Who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassability, remaining unchanged.

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him Angels, nor Archangels, nor Thrones, nor Dominations, nor Powers, nor Principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb…..Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He became Flesh. He did not become God. He was God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom heaven did not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was placed in a manger so that he, by whom all things are nourished, may receive an infant's food from His Virgin Mother…..To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We wish you a Blessed Christmas and we ask you to pray for peace everywhere and for one another so that God may be pleased with us:

Father Thaddeus Tabak, SDS, Deacon Limas Sweed, and the Staff of Saint Stanislaus, Saint Ann, and Blessed Virgin Mary Communities.

Catholic Social Teaching

The Nativity of the Lord
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

Un dia sagrado ha brillado para nosotros. Vengan naciones, y adoren al Senor, porque hoy ha descendido una gran luz sobre la tierra. Aleluya.

The Nativity of the Lord
1st Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10
Psalm 98: 1-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6
Gospel: John 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
1st Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27
Psalm 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8
2nd Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

YOU NOW CAN JOIN DAILY MASS FROM THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN via livestream each weekday that the Pastoral Center is open. Go to www.austindiocese.org/watch to pray with us as we celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and the Proclamation of God's Word, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel of the Diocese of Austin. Tune in on weekdays at home, at your desk or mobile.

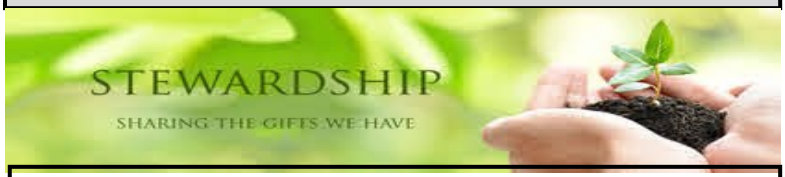
TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Please join thousands of faithful throughout the Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.** Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in our homes using the consecration preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 18 to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and to obtain more information.

St. Stanislaus & St. Ann Parishes will be hosting a special Healing Service and Retreat by Paul Rymniak on JanuASS FROM THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN via livestream each weekday that the Pastoral Center is

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE: The landscape for opposing abortion has changed since June, when the U.S. Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson overturned its nearly 50-year-old Roe decision. The Diocese of Austin is emphasizing local efforts to build a culture of life -- to expand outreach to families facing crisis pregnancies and to families who are in need. Masses for Life will be said on January 28 at 10 **a.m. at 3 parishes in Austin: San Jose, St. Louis, and University Catholic Center.** After Mass, you are invited to participate in the Texas Rally for Life at the Texas State Capitol at 1 p.m. For more information, visit Texas Rally for Life

Pray the Rosary

CHURCH LIFE...*one body-many members*



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

- **December 18 Sunday Collection: $ 950.00**

Second collection January 1, 2023 for the Feast of the Holy Family to support the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Life, Marriage & Family. Throughout Central Texas there are maternity homes, foster care programs and adoption services that help expectant mothers, children in need and entire families. These important services and programs provide much needed assistance and promote our Catholic values of respecting all human life. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) envelopes are still available if there is anyone who still needs to make a pledge. You can also go online to the diocesan website and give to CSA.

St. Ann:

Parish Goal:.$7,500.00…….Amount Pledged:.$3,165.00

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Parish Goal: $2,000.00…….Amount Pledged: ..$390.00

Update on Encountering Christ Campaign

St. Ann: Parish share (30%)……..……..$18,289.00

Blessed Virgin Mary's Parish (30%)……..…$ 3,903.90

BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ST. ANN & BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Next Week's Ministers	Sun. Jan. 1—10:00a
Greeters/Ushers	Lucinda Murphy Buddy Walters
Lectors	Theresa Perez
Altar Servers	Benjamin Zapalac

Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 25	10:00a	For the People and for +John Murphy
Wed. Dec. 28	9:00a	+Albert Rodriguez
Sun. Jan. 1	10:00a	For the People and for +Martin & Angela Rodriguez

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

PRAY WITH US...*come and adore Christ*

The sanctuary lamp is given for the honor and glory of God and in memory of.....
+Jose Vittonel Jr.

St. Ann & Blessed Virgin Mary:
Please pray for the needs of our Parishioners & Friends

Tom Arredondo	Casey Oinonen	Lucia Orozco
Pauline Sanchez	Linda Hays	Glen Cason
Karen Eckert	Mario Munoz	Marcelina Maldondo
Tony Hlavaty	Gloria Villarreal	Frank Vittonel
Saundra Arredondo	Miguel Bonilla	Eliodoro Dominguez
Kathy Oinonen	Jackie Beck	Bernice Brinkman
John Alfred Orozco	Bobby Villarreal	Agrapina Fonseca

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Col. Cesar Rodriguez
Jerry Gutierrez
Alan Turner
Col. Jennifer Hlavaty
Alejandro Irizarry Zaharis
Maj. Joseph H. Dannenbaum, IV, MD
Maj. Carolyn R. Hetrick, DDS
Lt.Col. Jarrett Hlavaty
1LT Christopher M. Torres
Lt.Col. Jarrett Hlavaty

Apostolate

	Wed. Dec. 28	Wed. Jan. 4
Collection Counting	Tom Hodges Del Orozco	Tom Hodges David Salinas

Schedule of Religious Education classes:

December 25	No Class
January 1	No Class
January 8	Class

Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Inspired by the Nativity and the Holy Family, Catholic Charities works to strengthen families, starting at the very beginning of their parenting journey. Our St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program focuses on providing mentorship, advocacy and support to new and expectant mothers and fathers as they work to provide a safe and healthy start to life for their children. For more information, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley), or visit www.ccctx.org

Praised be Jesus Christ!

(respond with) **Now and Forever, Amen!**

ST ANN PARISH MINISTRIES...*come and be with us*

St. Ann's Gift Shop

Closed January 1 and will reopen on January 8, 2023

Come by and see what we have

ADORATION—4PM
On the 1st Friday of the month

Everyone that spends time in adoration of Jesus develops a personal relationship with Him, and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts.

Caldwell KC Council 6366

Monthly Council Meeting

1st Thursday of the Month

St. Mary's Parish Hall

Contact John Kucera

979-739-7867

Merry Christmas To All from:

Annie & Johnnie Sweed & Family

In memory of

+Simon "Sam" Vasquez
+Dorothy Woods
+Connie Moreno
+Angelita (ET) Munoz
+Sr. Mary John Della Morte
+Robert Hays III
+Lorenzo "Larry" Moreno, Sr.
+Carroll Discher
+Michael Discher
+Valeria Schoppe
+Benino "Ben" Orozco
+Cecilia Negrete Baca
+Milady Kristof
+Elizabeth Milsaps
+Jose Vittonel, Jr.
+Bernarda Escobedo
+Matilda Orozco

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KEDC 88.5 FM
Religious Education for
The Domestic Church

Listen online: www.redcradio.org

Talk Radio for Catholic Life
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From the Office:

1. We are looking for someone to clean the church. If you know someone, please call the office—(979) 596—1966.
2. Are you receiving your envelopes?
3. Is your information up-to-date?
4. If you want something in the bulletin, please write it down and turn it in at least a week in advance.

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Reminder:

The following are dispensed from attending Mass and may remain at home to watch a live stream Mass if:

- You are sick
- 65 or older
- Advised by health care workers not to attend

Upcoming Events

Dec. 25: Christmas

Jan. 1 : New Year's Day; Solemnity of Mary; Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1: No CCE classes; Mass—10:00am

Jan. 6: Adoration –4pm; Mass—5:00 pm

Jan. 8: The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 29: Bethlehem Group

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

Pray for Vocations

New Vocation Director:
Rev. Greg Gerhart

If you know of anyone interested or is not sure, have them visit the Vocations website:
Godiscalling.me
On the diocesan website

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