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December 29, 2024 *The Holy Family of* *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*



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Diocese of Austin



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor:
Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

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11:00a-4:00p

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

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

First Friday of the month at 5:00 pm

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Website Address:
www.saintann-somerville.org

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Ann and Blessed Virgin Mary before the scheduled Mass
Adoration at St. Ann: 1st Friday of the Month
Adoration at Blessed Virgin Mary: 1st Thursday 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



CSA GOOD NEWS FOR THE BRENHAM/LA GRANGE DEANERY AND FOR OUR PARISHES!!! That's a beautiful recognition that as a Deanery we did a good job for last year's CSA campaign. If you have not given to this year's CSA campaign, there are envelopes on the counter as you exit the Church. We are still praying for 100% participation of either a monetary donation or prayers for the 2024-2025 year. ***Together, we can make a difference.***

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



THE STORIES FOR LIFE by Rev. Robert J. Hermley

I bumped into a stranger as he passed by, "Oh, excuse me please" was my reply. He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you." We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye.

But at home a different story is told, how we treat our loved ones, young and old. Later that day, while cooking the meal, my son stood beside me very still. When I turned, I nearly knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown. He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said, "while dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use, but the family you love, you seem to abuse. Go and look on the kitchen floor, you'll find some flowers there by the door. Those are the flowers he brought for you. He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue. He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise, you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."

By this time, I felt very small, and now my tears began to fall. I quietly went and knelt by his bed; "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said. "Are these the flowers you picked for me?" He smiled, "I found 'em out by the tree. I picked 'em because they're pretty like you. I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."

I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today; I shouldn't have yelled at you that way." He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway." I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

Love for God was the cornerstone of the Holy Family. Their love for the Father and their desire to be faithful to him and to please him in all things was what also strengthened their love for each other.

Out of love also came the virtues of obedience and acceptance. They accepted God's unique, individual plan for each of their lives and were obedient to His call. Mary accepted God's plan to be the mother of Jesus. Joseph accepted taking Mary into his home and was obedient to being the foster father of God's son. Jesus accepted the will of his Father which was often a difficult road to follow but one he followed in obedience.

The Holy Family also models forgiveness. And forgiveness leads to love. In fact, Jesus was the prime model for forgiveness as part of the Holy Family. For example, Jesus didn't utter a single word in his defense against those who hurt him. Furthermore, he forgave those who put him to death. [Family https://sharinginfaith.com/the-holy-family-and-what-we-can-learn-from-them/](https://sharinginfaith.com/the-holy-family-and-what-we-can-learn-from-them/)



Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), Has the theme: **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. Holy Father said: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

Ushers and Lectors: Please look at the schedule of Masses over the Christmas Holidays. If you attend one of these Masses over the Holidays whether it is on Sunday or Wednesday and you notice that St. Ann may need you to help usher or read, and you are not on the schedule, please step forward to help. Thank you in advance for your help. Blessings to all.

For Your Information: Beginning in 2025, please keep in mind that Fr. Thaddeus Tabak not only says Mass here at St. Ann, but he will also say Mass at Blessed Virgin Mary on Sundays and on the 1st Thursday of the month. Therefore, you can also request Masses to be said for your loved ones at Blessed Virgin Mary. For more information, come to the office at St. Ann to schedule.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10
2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

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

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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| • Dec. 22 | Sunday Collection | \$ 2,121.00 |
| • Dec. 25 | Christmas Day | \$ 1,687.00 |

Second collection TODAY for USSSCB Pro-life Activities. Please be generous.

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

Mass Intentions (at St. Ann)

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| Sun. Dec. 29 | 10:00a | +Catherine Stavinoha |
| Wed. Jan. 1 | 10:00a | + Matilda Orozco |
| Fri. Jan. 3 | 4:00p 5:00p | Adoration +Leo Schubert |
| Sun. Jan. 5 | 10:00a | +Alice Lossen |

Mass Intentions (at Blessed Virgin Mary)

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| Sun. Dec. 29 | 12:00p | For the People and as requested |
| Wed. Jan. 1 | 12:00p | For the People and as requested |
| Thurs. Jan. 2 | 4:00p | For the People and as requested |
| Sun. Jan. 5 | 12:00p | For the People and as requested |

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| Next Week's Ministers (St. Ann) | Sun. Jan. 5—10:00a |
| Greeters/Ushers | James & Janet Zapalac |
| Lectors | Sarah Frazier |

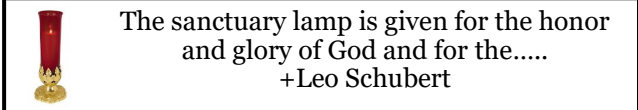
Catholic Social Teaching: Feast of the Holy Family

Each of us was made by God, created in God's image and called to an authentic and holy life in Christ through the grace of the Holy Spirit. In Keeping true to our commitment to raising children in the faith, we must continue to transmit the full truth concerning the human person at every stage from conception to natural death. May we focus not only on the gifts of family life, but also the family as the basis of a peaceful and just society.

Celebracion de la Sagrada Familia

Cada uno de nosotros fue hecho por Dios, creado a imagen y semejanza de dios y llamado a una vida autentica y santa en Cristo a traves de la gracias del Espiritu Santo. Al mantenernos fieles a Nuestro compromiso de criar a nuestros hijos en la fe, debemos continuar transmitiendo la verdad completa sobre la persona humana en cada etapa, desde la concepcion hasta la Muerte natural. Enfoquemonos no solamente en los dones de la vida familiar sino Tambien en la familia como la base de una Sociedad pacifica y justa.

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



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

Pauline Sanchez Carol Brinkman Charles Jablonski

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| Dolores Turner | Marcelina Maldonado | Gloria Villarreal |
| Kathy Oinonen | Rosie Guerra | Patrick Ford |
| Eddie E. Jessie | Arapina Fonseca | Luz Maria Ramirez |
| Casey Oinonen | David E. Sweed | Ofelia Alvarez |
| Patsy Stavinoha | Thomas Arredondo | Mary Moreno |
| Mario Munoz | Thomas Villarreal | Vaughn Marco |
| Lucia Orozco | Alice Perez | |



Col. Cesar Rodriguez
Jerry Gutierrez
Alan Turner
Col. Jennifer Hlavaty
Alejandro Irizarry Zaharis
Maj. Joseph H. Dannenbaum, IV, MD
Maj. Carolyn R. Hetrick, DDS

Apostolate

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| | Fri. Jan. 3 | Wed. Jan. 8 |
| Collection Counting | Del Orozco Susan Mattern | Del Orozco Lucy Hodges |

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY INFORMATION

1. If you are new to the Parish, and you would like to share your time and talent with St. Ann or Blessed Virgin Mary, please follow these steps: 1) please log in to austindiocese.org/eim-instructions to learn how to create an account, 2) sign up for a workshop (new applicants only) or update your compliance, contact eim@austindiocese.org for further assistance.
2. If you had an eim account and it is not active or your account was converted to VIRTUS and it is not active, contact eim@austindiocese.org for further information.
3. If your VIRTUS account is active and you are serving in Ministry, contact eim@austindiocese.org for further assistance.

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

St. Ann's Gift Shop

Open on the 1st & 2nd Sundays
after Mass

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 Steven Pipkin
979-219-4704

Flowers For the Altar

See the sign in sheet on the counter
Choose the date and leave your name and contact information. Deliver the flowers on Sunday before Mass. For questions or for more information, contact the office or see Maggie (979) 596-1966.

In memory of

+Benino "Ben" Orozco
+Cecilia Negrete Baca
+Milady Kristof
+Elizabeth Milsaps
+Jose Vittonel, Jr.
+Bernarda Escobedo
+Matilda Orozco
+Lucinda Orozco Murphy
+Francis Thomas
+Jesus Gutierrez
+Robert "Bobby" Villarreal
+Antonio Negrete
+Francisco Vittonel
+Evangeline Escobedo
+Bernice Brinkman
+Frank G. Maldonado, Sr.
+Leo Schubert



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Collection Counters

St. Ann is in need of volunteers to help count the Collection on Wednesday mornings after the daily Mass. If you are available or have questions, call Maggie in the office 979-596-1966.

CATHECHISTS

ARE Always NEEDED!!!!

We are still looking for more help. Please leave your name and contact information as you exit the Church.

Religious Education

Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

SAMPLE

HELP NEEDED AT MASS!

St. Ann Parish is in need of help for our Sunday Mass. We currently need additional Ushers and Lectors. If you are available to help, please contact the parish office (979) 596-1966.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 1: Mass at 10:00am
Jan. 2: BVM mass at 4:00 p
Jan. 3: Adoration-4p; Mass-5p
Jan. 5: SAAM Food collection
Feb. 2: SAAM Food Collection
Feb. 6: BVM—Mass at 4pm
Feb. 7: Adoration-4pm; Mass-5pm
Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Pray for Vocations

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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