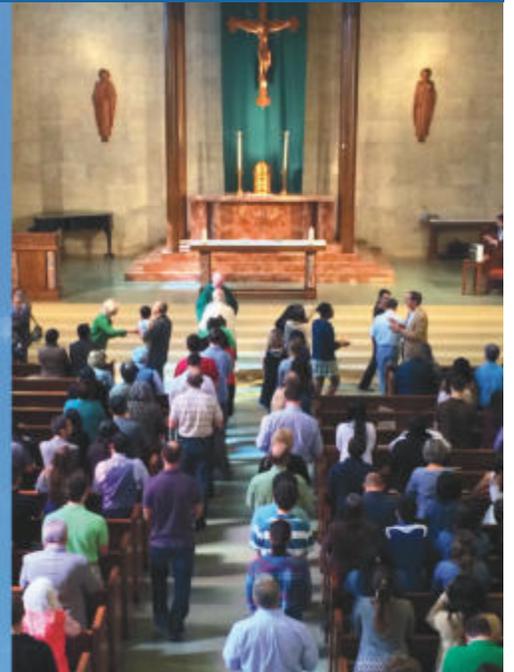




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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. in the church
 Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**ALL DAILY & SUNDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED,
 EXCEPT FOR 5 P.M. SATURDAY VIGIL & 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY,**

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (no appointment needed). Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing will be observed. We welcome requests for appointments for other days or times, please visit StAustin.org/Reconciliation.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

For information on becoming Catholic, please contact Rachel Vaughn at rvaughn@staustin.org.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Austin Catholic Parish, guided and served by the Paulist Fathers, is a dynamic, urban, Roman Catholic faith community of the Diocese of Austin.

Empowered by the Word of God, formed and nourished by the Eucharist and made bold by the Holy Spirit, we strive, through prayer, education and service to others, to manifest God's transforming love in the world and to deepen our relationship with God, one another and the universal Church. Inspired by our patrons, St. Paul the Apostle and St. Augustine of Canterbury, we dedicate ourselves to Jesus Christ, and to His continuing mission to sanctify, teach, heal, reconcile and serve.

THE PAULIST FATHERS

The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle was founded in 1858 as the first community of priests established in North

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (answering phones)
 Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (answering phones)
 Saturday & Sunday Closed

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR DELIVERIES, PICK UPS, OR BY APPOINTMENT

WHAT TO EXPECT — MASKS STAY ON!

Seating is limited to maintain 6' between households, we have about 15% of our normal capacity. We clean and sanitize after every Mass. Masks must be worn by all over 2 years of age. Doors open 20 minutes before Mass, please maintain the 6' spacing as you wait. We close our doors when Mass begins.

Please follow the instructions regarding Communion:

- Wearing your mask over your nose and mouth, approach the altar in a single file using the tape on the floor for space,
- Cup your hands to give the presider or Eucharistic min-

FROM FR. CHUCK

**Happy Easter!**

In spite of the ongoing pandemic, we had a wonderful and beautiful Triduum and Easter celebration here. Many thanks to Rachel Vaughn and the RCIA Team for a large class of Baptisms, receptions into the Catholic Church, and Confirmations. While many parishes struggled to have anyone to wel-

come at the Easter Vigil, we were blessed with a bumper crop! The Spirit is a-movin' here!

Thanks also to all those who made our liturgies so prayerful, beautiful, and meaningful: to Dr. Andrea Pobanz and all the musicians, cantors, and choir members; to our excellent lectors, to the ushers, to all who helped decorate, and to all who donated for altar flowers.

I am especially grateful to the clergy who assisted and presided: to Deacons John De La Garza, Dan Wright, and Billy Atkins; to Fr. Paolo Puccini and Fr. Rich Andre. We have a clergy team here that is not only very talented but also diverse. That helps a lot.

Thanks to all who attended, both in person and virtually. A special thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes to pull this all off: Stephen King, K Kriesel, and Frank Garcia.

Now on to Pentecost! As more and more of us are fully vaccinated against the Corona Virus, we expect we will have more people returning to church. Attendance at the Easter Masses maxed out what we are able to accommodate under the need to maintain social distance. But as more of us are fully vaccinated, that will undoubtedly change. When can we finally take the ugly blue tape off the pews in the church, put holy water back in the fonts, and return to the normal pre-Covid? I don't know. I expect we will do so in steps, maybe loosening up a bit by Pentecost, then some more over the Summer. Hopefully by next Fall, we will be back to something closer to "normal". All we can do is keep our vigilance up against the pandemic, encourage each other to get vaccinated, and roll with the punches.

God bless!

Fr. Chuck

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Celebrating The Easter Season

As we did for Advent, Christmas, and Lent, we've curated a selection of music, resources, and more for you. Two playlists, a new set of lectionaries to enhance your study of the Word in the daily and Sunday Readings will help you keep the bright joy of Easter celebration. We'd love to share your suggestions for readings, reflections, music or more - if you have resources to share with our community, please send them to us at [Bulletin](#).

Please Keep Praying...

To St. Joseph for continued progress for our [property development project](#) and for all involved in packing and sorting!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

Pray with us for the children who will be celebrating their First Eucharist from now to Pentecost. We hope, as Fr. Chuck does, that their love of the sacrament be as rich on their 77th and 777th reception of the sacrament as it is on their first.

Visit [Faith Formation](#) for information on programs for young people and adults, including registration for catechesis.

RCIA

We welcome with great joy our 15 neophytes received into our Church in the beautiful service of *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night* last Saturday night. They achieved their goal of preparation, study, and discernment. As we have through their journey to date, our prayers of support and encouragement remain with them now and forever.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or finishing Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation as an adult, please email [Rachel Vaughn](#).



GIVE

Greeters Needed for Mass!

As more people return to Mass, we would appreciate some extra help welcoming our guests! **The only requirement is being EIM compliant**, otherwise this involves no contact, only a welcoming spirit to all who come to pray with us! If you can help, please arrive 15-20 minutes before the Mass you attend and one of the priests will show you the ropes! Feel free to contact Dr. Ap (apobanz@staustin.org) if you have any questions.

Volunteer Receptionists Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help out part-time at the parish reception desk over the next few months. Duties include answering phones, receiving deliveries, handling incoming and outgoing mail, etc. No computer experience is required, but it would be a bonus. If interested, please contact Sharon Jones at sjones@staustin.org.

Storage Space Needed

As we move forward on our Property Development Journey, we've identified the need for an off-site storage solution. Do you have some space where we could place a storage container (like a big shipping container) where we could store furniture, desks, and other things that do not need climate control? If you have available space on your ranch or homestead, and could accommodate this request, please let us know with a call to the parish office or email Development@StAustin.org. We'd only need to access the container a couple of times a year, if that. THANKS!

CHARITY & JUSTICE

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

During this Pandemic, we have reached out to many of our neighbors whose lives have been impacted by this deadly disease. One young man in particular was desperately in need of our help. He had been through many difficult times before landing in Austin. He

was raised in the projects in Houston with a mother who had many problems. After her death, he lived with his grandmother, who also died. Having no family to help him, he started working on cattle ranches training horses, then moving to Austin in hope of a better paying job. Having little money, he lived in his truck until it broke down. Although he had gotten a job, he became ill with COVID and could no longer work. He had rented an apartment but now was behind in his rent and owed \$2600. Thankfully, he called us at SVDP and we immediately applied for help from the Diocese and other SVDP conferences, since we couldn't handle this large amount of rent alone. When we called to tell him that we had raised the money and were delivering the rent check to his landlord, he cried with relief and gratitude. He is now stronger, back to work and getting his life back on track. He told us that he knows now that he is not alone, and that God heard his prayers for help.

Thanks for your gifts to our Easter basket project!

Join Us in Prayer for Life - Celebrate Mass in Our Spiritual Bouquet

St. Austin Catholic Parish and the parish Gabriel Project ministry dedicated a spiritual bouquet of Monthly Masses for Life in 2021. The monthly Mass for Life will be offered for the intention of "greater respect for all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death" on **Tuesday, May 4, at 8 a.m.** Please join us for Mass to pray for life, either in the church or from home. Prayer is of utmost importance in all we do on behalf of every aspect of life. Thank you and God bless!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Knightly News

Thank you for joining our Good Friday observances of the Stations of the Cross and the Commemoration of Our Lord's passion. The Knights offer FREE on-line memberships until **June 30**. Much more information about the Order and membership signup can be viewed at our [KofC webpage](#).

Prayer Blanket Blessing & Anointing of the Sick Monday, April 12 at 8 a.m. Mass

Please join us for the monthly Blessing of Prayer Blankets. The Prayer Blanket Ministry members continue to work from home. If you are interested in either sending or receiving a prayer blanket or helping this ministry, please contact Nancy at tnejs@aol.com or 512-837-3658.

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

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Melissa Estrada by Christa, Christopher & Tino
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