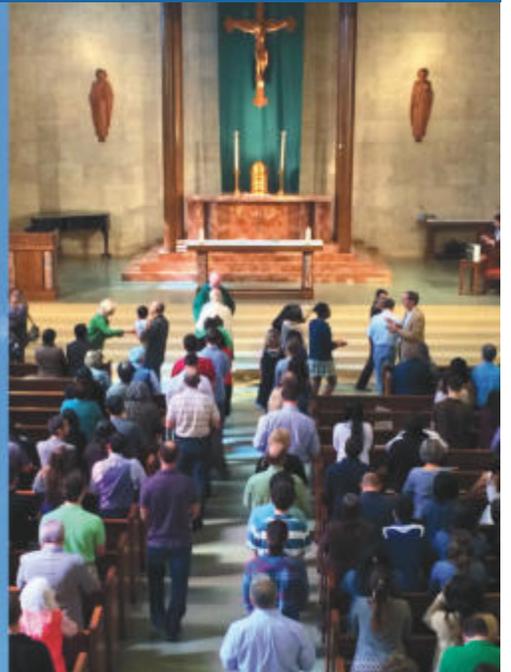




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MASS SCHEDULE

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,
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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 minister a wide space to lay the Blessed Sacrament
- Step to the side, 6' away from the Eucharistic minister, and move your mask, to consume the host.
- Replace your mask properly covering your nose and mouth.

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 America. They came to Austin in 1908 to establish St. Austin Catholic Parish, named to honor St. Augustine of Canterbury. The Paulist Fathers also staff St. Paul the Apostle Parish in nearby Horseshoe Bay.

FROM FR. CHUCK



Alleluia! Happy Easter! (Easter is a season, not a day.)

For those of us who reside in Austin there is an important vote coming up in two weeks, on Saturday May 1, over whether to reinstate the city-wide camping ban. There are people committed to both sides of this issue, and it is an emotional issue since it is so much in

our face whenever we travel around the city. The proposition also would restrict pan-handling.

In my house, at the Paulist dinner table, we have had an energetic conversation about this issue, exploring both sides. Perhaps at your family's table a divergence of opinions also holds forth.

I am NOT going to tell you how to vote. I am telling you how- ever TO vote. Because the issue is difficult, and there are cogent arguments on both sides, and we probably feel unsure or uncertain as to what is exactly the best approach, does not excuse us from our civic responsibility to vote. What is the best course of action for us to adopt at this particular time in the particular circumstances we find ourselves right now? Reasonable and caring people can differ on their assessment of what is most just and helpful right now. How do we assist people in need while at the same time holding them to account for cleanliness and safety? While it is confusing, it is our responsibility as citizens to cast our ballot, as best as we can discern the path forward.

So I encourage you to study the issues; to discuss with those whose opinion you respect (not necessarily those that you agree with), and to pray over the issue. Then screw up your conviction and commitment, and go vote. That is your duty and your privilege.

God bless,

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...

Ask St. Joseph to intercede for te continued progress for our [property development project](#) and for all involved in planning, packing, and sorting!



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

For the next several weeks, please continue to pray with us for the children who will be celebrating their First Eucharist from now to Pentecost. Their names are posted on our [Holy Eucharist](#) web page. 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 continue to pray with great joy for our 15 neophytes recently welcomed into our Church. 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

Stewardship Appeal Re-Scheduled to Early May

Last week, readers of our eNews learned that our annual Stewardship Appeal would take place this weekend. Our plan changed when we assessed the impact of new information. Fr. Chuck approved postponing the event to early May.

As we look ahead to that appeal, we'll share a few thoughts on giving. The first comes from the Apostle Paul -

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity..." ~ 2nd Corinthians 9:11

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!

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.

JOB VACANCY

Employment Opportunity - Part-time Receptionist

St. Austin Catholic Parish is looking for a mature, responsible candidate for the position of part-time receptionist. Hours are Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., with one-hour lunch breaks. Occasional additional days are required. Duties include welcoming visitors, screening and routing incoming calls, sorting mail, and a variety of administrative and clerical tasks, for example, streamlining office operations. Abilities to deal with emergencies in a timely and effective manner, multitasking, and stress management skills are essential. *To apply for this position, please email your résumé to ~ SJones@StAustin.org*

CHARITY & JUSTICE



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Austin's upcoming May 1 election has at least one "controversial" Proposition, and that is Prop B...As Fr. Chuck mentions elsewhere, it is a sticky issue. As a Vincentian, I try to "consult" with some of our early founders to gain wisdom for situations such as this. Here are some quotes I found:

"Don't think it is a small thing to be devoted to the relief of those in distress" - St. Vincent de Paul

"The world has grown cold; it is for us to rekindle the vital fire which has been extinguished." - Frederic Ozanam (Founder of the SVDP Society)

"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. It's justice's role to prevent the attack" - Frederic Ozanam

In his recent work called "Let us Dream", Pope Francis mentions several times, in several languages, that we need to strive for these three things for all people: Land, Lodging and Labor.

Invitations to Rise in Advocacy & Support

Elder fraud scams are proliferating! Now the trend is to impersonate trusted government agencies and businesses. Make sure that the elders you love are alert to these fraudulent schemes. Share the resources we've assembled at our newest Advocacy Plaza. While there, take a moment to celebrate a Paulist centennial. It's all at [Aging](#).

Peace at another of our Advocacy Plazas, take a moment to remember Paulist Fr. Kevin Devine who died on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25th) at the age of 90. Fr. Kevin's reflection created on his return from a tour of duty in Vietnam provides an opportunity to pray for [Peace](#).

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

Who is St. Austin?

And Why Is Our Parish Named in His Honor?

What does the name of our parish tell us? Is St. Austin's a church only named for the place where it is located?

The name of our parish gives us, first of all, a glimpse into the spirituality of the Paulists. It is characteristic of them to name a church after a city whose namesake has the same name as a saint. Part of the Paulist charism is to meet people where they are, so the name of our church is an expression of their gift for evangelizing.

St. Austin, or St. Augustine of Canterbury as he is more commonly called, expresses the missionary spirit of the Paulists. He brought the knowledge of the Christian faith, and the Rule of St. Benedict to England in 596.

Augustine had been a monk in the monastery of St. Andrew in Rome founded by St. Gregory, a future pope and biographer of St. Benedict. Gregory sent Augustine to instruct the Anglo-Saxons. In Canterbury, Augustine rebuilt an ancient church which formed the nucleus for his metropolitan basilica and for the later monastery of Christ Church.

And so when the Paulists came to the mission territory of Texas in 1907 to establish St. Austin parish, the church was named in honor of another missionary, St. Augustine of Canterbury.

From Susan Anderson Kerr in "The Spirit", Summer 1989

Knightly News

Our Council is growing! We recently welcomed several men into our ranks. James Obute joined the Knights right after helping us with the Marti Gras car parade. Jeffrey Wolfe recently returned to Austin and transferred from his former council in Virginia. Trading the Gulf Coast for the Hill Country, Jorge Garcia, a Fourth Degree Knight for many years, transferred from Corpus Christi. Welcome James, Jeffrey and Jorge! In honor of the beatification of our founder, Blessed Fr. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus continues to offer FREE on-line memberships until June 30, 2021. More information about the Order and on-line membership sign-up can be viewed at [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

ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Raise Up Young Eagles!

On May 1, the St. Austin School 32nd annual Grand Tour, Eddie's eMazing Race this year, will take flight on a quest for your support!



Thank you to everyone who supported our students during the second collection. Your gifts and kind words are a wonderful support to our students and are very much appreciated. There's still time to help them reach their goal of \$95,000 by contributing to [SACS Eddie's eMazing Race](#). Find the link at our website!

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