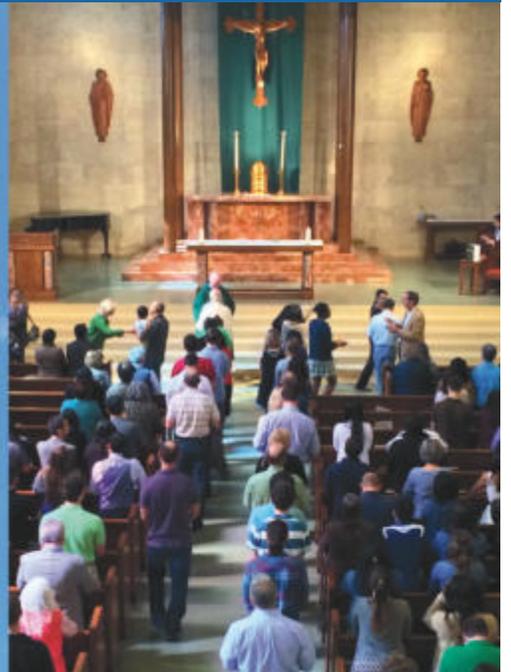




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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

**EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. & SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.,
 ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED.**

VISIT STAUSTIN.ORG, YOUTUBE, OR FACEBOOK.

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 — MORE PEOPLE

Effective May 22nd, we can no longer guarantee 6' distancing between households. We encourage everyone to be vaccinated as soon as eligible. We can't promise a risk-free environment for those not fully vaccinated, but will continue to offer livestreamed Masses. Seating remains limited. Masks must be worn by all over 2 years of age. Doors open 20 minutes before Mass.

About Reception of the Eucharist - We only offer Communion in the form of bread, placed in your hand. Please ~

- Wear your mask over your nose and mouth.
- Cup your hands to give a wide space to receive the host.
- Step 6' to the side of the minister and move your mask to consume the host.
- Replace your mask, fully 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



Happy Ascension!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, when Jesus ascended into Heaven before His disciples and was taken up into the clouds and then seated at the right hand of the Father. We celebrate that today. But in Philadelphia and various dioceses in the Northeast, Jesus ascended this past Thursday. I have actually celebrated the Ascension twice in one year, having been in New York on Ascension Thursday, and then here in Austin on the following Sunday. In either case we look for Jesus to come again in power and glory, and finally straighten out the mess our world is in.

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost when, according to St. Luke, the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles, Mary and the disciples 50 days after Easter. We consider this the birthday of the Church, so Happy Birthday!

Because the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples in the form of tongues of fire, we wear red vestments on Pentecost. I encourage you to search through your wardrobe and find something red to wear to church next weekend. It will be a visual reminder that as followers of Christ we are to be on fire with the Holy Spirit, so that by the example of our lives and by our words we will convincingly proclaim the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus, leading to salvation from sin and death and to the fullness of life with God forever. That is the great prize Jesus won for us!

Pentecost brings to an end the 50 days of the Easter season. But we don't return immediately to Ordinary Time. It is almost as if we are reluctant to let go of the season of Jesus' triumph over sin and death, and try to stretch it out a little longer. So the Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday. And then the Sunday after that we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi Sunday. Having exhausted all our excuses, we then finally return to Ordinary Time for the rest of the Summer.

So enjoy and be inspired by the great feasts we are observing beginning this weekend. It is certainly a high-point of the church year. There is very good reason to celebrate!

God bless!

Fr. Chuck



**Give love!
Get fully vaccinated!**

Pope Francis Invites All to Pray!

The Holy Father asks the world to pray the Rosary on Monday, May 17, at 11 a.m. Central /6 p.m. in Rome. Cardinal Wilton Gregory will lead us in Joyful Mysteries to be livestreamed from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Join a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May "to ask for the end of the pandemic." Find more at Events on our [webpage](#).

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Training for New Liturgical Ministers

As exciting as it is to be able to return to Mass and the joy we feel as many places and opportunities begin to reopen, we've decided it's best to wait until this fall to offer training to new liturgical ministers. For one, we're in the midst of preparing for a rather large move (with the renovation project!), and also, since liturgical ministries are very much "hands on" it's best for us to play it safe until there is more certainty and clarity on safe practices in these settings. Your patience is appreciated and we encourage you to stay tuned for when we're able to offer this! In the meantime, if you are interested in becoming a minister, **NOW** is the time to get your EIM training taken care of (or make sure you are current) as it is a requirement to serve at Mass. Information on EIM can be found at [Diocese of Austin](#)

Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red and Honor Our Saints!

May 22nd & 23rd we'll celebrate the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles to strengthen them on their mission of evangelization. In honor of this joyous feast, it is a popular tradition to wear **RED** to Mass or wear clothing that represents one's native culture/country, signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ. Also at Masses that weekend, we'll invite everyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation to write their Confirmation Saint name on a nametag and wear it for Mass that day (tags and markers at the doors). Come, Holy Spirit! Read more in Events at [StAustin.org!](#)

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 at apobanz@staustin.org if you have any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

For the next several weeks, please continue to pray with us for the children who have been and 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. 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 RVaughn@StAustin.org.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Changes Coming to Our Little Corner!

Did you have every intention of attending the webinar last Sunday yet missed it? It happens! Watch a video of the presentation and review at StAustin.org. There's a quick link to the page from the Property Development photo button on our Homepage.

CHARITY & JUSTICE



Take CAUTION! Learn practical tips from the Securities & Exchange Commission!

St. Austin's is proud to host a virtual investor education and fraud awareness presentation for senior parishioners and their caregivers. There are two opportunities for you to attend. The material to be covered will be the same in both. No reservations are required, simply join by opening zoom at StAustin.org/aging on Sunday, May 16 10 a.m. or Tuesday, May 18 7 p.m.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Here is a follow-up on last week's request for help at the Vincentian Family Center. The Center houses one of the larger food pantries in Austin, carries on Client Services four other days per week and runs the St. Vincent de Paul Store. However, there are only five paid staff persons! They are looking for some folks who might want to answer the phone or do some clerical work a few hours per week. You do **not need to be a member** of St. Vincent de Paul to help with these tasks.

Another request from the Vincentian Family Center is for someone who can do IT analysis. They would like to assess whether or not they are spending wisely and using the most efficient technology to help people **and** do it well. This is not a longtime task, but just a "quick favor".

If any of these sound interesting, please contact Huddie at hwmswim@gmail.com

COMMUNITY LIFE

Help Us Remember and Celebrate!

Your memories of St. Austin's campus will be highlighted at a **Commemoration Ceremony** to be held before all the changes begin. Remember that our church will remain in place. Whether you attended St. Austin School, were a UT coed living in Newman Hall or have been a parishioner at St. Austin, your photos and memories are precious! One of our parishioners recently shared memories of attending the first eighth grade class in the new St. Austin School in 1955. Another parishioner remembered living in the dorm at Newman Hall back in the 50s. Please email your stories and photos by May 31 to Stewardship@StAustin.org. Thank you for helping make this Commemoration really special!

Prayer Blanket Blessing & Anointing of the Sick Monday, June 14 at 8 a.m. Mass

Please join us for the monthly Blessing of Prayer Blankets. If you are interested in either sending or receiving a prayer blanket or helping this ministry, please contact Nancy Hrin at tnajs@aol.com or 512-837-3658.

ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



After over 100 years on our block between Guadalupe and San Antonio St., SACS will be migrating south just a few miles during our development phase. Our school will be on the same campus as San Juan Diego High School and San José Catholic Church.

Eddie's eMazing Race, was a great day for our parish and school community! ***Our thanks to all who supported our students. Your gifts and kind words mean the world to the school families, faculty, and staff!*** Need a 2nd chance? There's still time to give at StAustinSchool.org.



Knights News

All are welcome to participate with the Knights of Columbus in a virtual Fraternal Benefits Night on **June 2nd at 7:30 p.m.** featuring Tom Hegna, author and expert in retirement planning. Tom will share many tips from his book "Don't Worry, Retire Happy." This information will be helpful for anyone even if retirement is still years away. Pre-registration is required so don't delay! Please see the Council's [webpage](#) to register and for more information.

The BIG Move It Sale! Saturday, July 24

Mark your calendar for the big MOVE IT SALE. As we begin to plan for the event, we know that we're going to need to borrow a few pop-up canopies - like the ones you take to the beach for shade. Get ready! We'll be looking for willing volunteers and lots of eager shoppers! Details will follow! ***Pray for our development journey toward a bright future continuing our mission!***

GIVE

Please Pledge Your Stewardship Support!

Thanks to all who've made their stewardship commitment for 2021 - 2022. Your commitment gives our parish planners the information they need to budget for the coming fiscal year. Your faithful contributions let us bring God's Love to life here and now. Knowing what we can rely on allows us to confidently plan the vibrant programs that will keep us connected as we grow. In making your commitment this year, we ask you to consider a recurring pledge of stewardship. A predictable income flow is our best gauge of what we'll be able to accomplish.

Please visit StAustin.org to ***make your pledge through the website.*** The process is both safe and secure, it's efficient for you, and saves resources! **Thank YOU!** Questions? We'd be happy to answer any questions about Stewardship. Please call Mitzi or Pat at 512.477.9471.



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