Saint Mary Cathedral

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday…….6:30am, 12:05pm
Saturday……..12:05pm
Sunday……Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm;
7:30am Extraordinary Form Latin, 9:30am*,
12:00pm, 1:45pm Español*,
3:30pm Extraordinary Form Latin*,
& 5:30pm

* live streamed

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are by appointment and can be scheduled on our website, smcaustin.org
Monday-Friday…….11:00am-11:50am
Saturday……...11:00am-11:50am
& 4:30pm-5:20pm

Clergy and Staff

Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, STL, DD,
Bishop of Austin

Very Rev. Daniel Liu, Rector
Rev. Will Rooney, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David Trahan II, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Héctor Ortiz and
Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

Louis Barron……Director of Development/
Facility Operations
Yvonne Bedell…….Director of Operations/Finance
Jessica Burrola……..Receptionist (church calendar)
Jaeson Drummond
Director of Catholic Faith Formation
Judy Henschen
Administrative Assistant (church bulletin)
Dr. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona…Director, Sacred Music
Robert LeGros……...Cathedral School Principal
Jeremiah Reyna……..Facility Services
Yvonne Saldaña…… Sacrament Coordinator
Dr. Brooks Whitmore…….Cathedral Organist

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

(512) 476-6182 Fax (512) 476-8799
203 E. 10th Street, Austin, TX 78701
www.smcaustin.org

Ave Maria Gift Shop

Call or visit the parish office Monday—Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, and the staff will help you.

Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Cathedral School of Saint Mary

910 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 686-6992 ● www.smcschoolaustin.org
Enrolling PreK3-Grade 8

Baptisms: Parents should visit the Cathedral website: *www.smcaustin.org,* for Baptism guidelines; then submit completed application with required documents to schedule Baptism.

Bautizos: Si usted desea bautizar a su hijo, lea los requisitos detallados en nuestro sitio web: *www.smcaustin.org*. Luego, para fijar una fecha para el bautizo, entregue el formulario de solicitud con los documentos necesarios.

Marriage: See Cathedral website: *www.smcaustin.org,* for detailed information.

New Parishioners: Registration forms are available on the table at the entrance of the church; in the Cathedral office, or on our website.

Lent in the Domestic Church

This month we experience the season of Lent. A time in which we, like Christ, will spend 40 days in the desert for a time of prayer and sacrifice. Our prayers and sacrifices help us grow in relationship with Christ. They unite us more closely to him as we journey with him to the cross and celebrate his resurrection at Easter.

Lenten Family Calendar*
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
3rd week of Lent, March 7-13, 2021

Sunday: Pray while you go for a walk.

Monday: Fast from overscheduling your time. Leave some time to simply be.

Tuesday: Curtail your extra spending and donate what you save to your chosen charity.

Wednesday: At the end of the day, take time to thank God for all the graces you received during the day.

Thursday: Pray the Rosary or other traditional prayers of the Church. Realize that you are joining your voice to millions of others who have prayed these prayers through the years.

Friday: Fast from the habit, substance, practice, or mindset that most stands in the way of your growing closer to God.

Saturday: While grocery shopping, purchase an additional day's supply of food and drop it off at a local food pantry, e. g. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 901 W. Braker Lane, Austin 78758, 512-251-6995, ext. 101, or kanobia@ssvdp.org

*www.loyolapress.com

Calendario familiar de Cuaresma*
3a semana de Cuaresma
7 de marzo-13 de marzo

- **domingo**: Ore mientras camina.
- **lunes:** Ayuna de sobre programar su tiempo. Deja algo de tiempo para simplemente estar.
- **martes**: Reduzca sus gastos adicionales y done lo que ahorra a la organización benéfica que elija.
- **miércoles**: Al final del día, tómese un tiempo para agradecer a Dios por todas las gracias que recibió durante el día.
- **jueves**: Rezar el Rosario u otras oraciones tradicionales de la Iglesia. Date cuenta de que estás uniendo tu voz a la de millones de personas que han rezado estas oraciones a lo largo de los años.
- **viernes**: Ayuna del hábito, la sustancia, la práctica o la mentalidad que la mayoría de las veces se interpone en su camino para acercarse a Dios.
- **sábado**: Mientras hace las compras, compre alimentos para un día adicional y déjelos en una despensa de alimentos local, e. g. despensa de alimentos de St. Vincent de Paul, 901 W. Braker Lane, Austin 78758, 512-251-6995 x 101 o kanobia@ssvdp.org

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Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 8
6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral
11:00am-noon..Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral
11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral
3:30pm...Faculty Meeting, DC Cafeteria
6:00pm...RCIA, DC Cafeteria
7:00-9:00pm.CYA Women's Bible Study & Fiat 90, BH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
Parish Office closed 1:00-3:00pm for staff meeting
6:30am....Daily Mass, Cathedral
8:30am... CSSM Mass (school only), Cathedral
11:00am-noon..Confessions by appointment
12:05pm..Daily Mass, Cathedral
1:00-3:00pm.Staff Meeting, BH
3:00pm... Piano Lesson, Sheehan
4:00pm... Piano Lesson, BH
5:30pm... Schola Rehearsal, BH
6:00pm... Discernment Dinner, Cathedral, BH
7:30-8:45pm.Exodus 90 St. Joseph's Fraternity, Library

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
6:30am... Daily Mass, Cathedral
10:00am..organ lesson, Choir Loft
11:00am-noon..Confessions by appointment
12:05pm..Daily Mass, Cathedral
5:30pm... Capital Policy Staff/TCCB Mass, Cathedral
7:30pm... CYA Adoration, Cathedral, DC Gym

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
6:30am...Daily Mass, Cathedral
11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral
2:00-8:00pm.K of C Fish Fry, BH
5:00-7:00pm.Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, DC Gym
6:00-6:30pm Schola Rehearsal, BH
6:30pm...Stations of the Cross, Cathedral

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
6:30-8:00am.Exodus 90, Cathedral
11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment
12:05pm.Daily Mass, Cathedral
1:00-4:00pm.CFF Workshop (Teen Confirmation), DC Cafeteria
4:30-5:20pm.confessions by appointment
5:30pm...Vigil Mass, Cathedral

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am.. EF Latin Choir (7:30am Mass) Rehearsal, BH
7:30am...EF Latin Low Mass, Cathedral
8:30am...EF Latin Choir (7:30am Mass) Rehearsal, BH
9:00am...RCIA gathering, Library
9:30am...Mass (RCIA 2nd Scrutiny)-*live streamed*, Cathedral
10:00-11:30am.CFF-English, DC Cafeteria
10:45am-12:15pm.Exodus 90 Group C Weekly Meeting, 7th Grade Classroom, #10
12:00pm.Mass (English)-RCIA 1st Scrutiny, Cathedral
12:00-1:30pm.CFF-español, DC Cafeteria
1:45pm...Mass (Spanish) *live streamed*, Cathedral
2:45-3:30pm.St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan
3:30pm...EF Latin Sung Mass-*live streamed,* Cathedral
5:15-5:45pm.CFF-home school, DC Cafeteria
5:30pm...Mass (English), Cathedral
7:00pm...CYA 7 Deadly Sins/7 Lively Virtues Study, BH

Stewardship & Development

Third Sunday of Lent
Offertory Collection (week of 2/28/21)

	Sunday Coll. 2/28/21	Last Month Jan. 2020	Year to Date 6/29-3/1/2021
Income	$ 14,676	$ 120,045	$ 807,454
Expenses	$ 22,359	$ 97,403	$ 782,581
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	$ (7,683)	$ 22,642	$ 24,873

No Second Collection

St. Killian's Candles a/o 3/1/21 **$ 10,049**

Attendance-Sunday Mass **983**

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (1/31/2021) $ 102,997
Diocese-Encountering Christ Campaign (2/01/2021) $ 181,475

Our giving platform Pushpay is simple to use and only takes a few minutes to set up a recurring gift or to make a one-time gift. There are three ways to donate: (1) text **smcaustin** to **77977;** (2) navigate to our website at www.smcaustin.org , click on Donation, next click on Give, or (3) enter into your browser https://pushpay.com/pay/smcaustin which takes you directly to the portal.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and sacrifice in supporting Saint Mary Cathedral. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Louis Barron or Yvonne Bedell in the parish office, 512-476-6182.

Special Collection: Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at *www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.*

Please Pray For...

those who have died:
Alfred Montville

those in need of healing: *
Paul Ancira, Patrick Justin Augero, Fr. David Barr, Gisela Bernal, Jim Boyles, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Catarino Castillo, Kenneth Craig, Sr., Carmel & Sam DiCarlo, John Donatucci, Abel Duarte, Ronald Erickson, Joshua Escalona, Nicole Esparza, Pedro Flores, Jr., Deyanira Garcia, Rachel Gonzales, Paula Griffin, John Paul Guajardo, Clara Hernandez, Claire Hernandez, Jesse Hutton, Jackson family, Chuck Jehlen, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Jesús Amaro Lopez, Anyssa M., Brooke M., Elleana M., Clarisa Marcée, Alicia Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Lynette Mayer, Alejandro Medina, Senorina N. Medina, Jody Moncebaiz, Lou Moreno, Mariane Oliver, Marjorie King Parker, Joan Pearsall, Camille Pridgen, Ruth Resendez, Fr. Will Rooney, Romo-Bedell family, Santos Romo, Marrlene Sato, Bill Scott, Sharon family, Marlene Siering, Tim Sullivan, Jean Valerga, Bernard Vasek, Velasquez, Michael & Josie Velasquez, Dennis & Loretta Vinklarek, Deanna W., Mark W., Beth Ann Walmus, Lupita Zapata, Vicente Zavala, Fr. Frank Zlotkowski, CSC

and those serving in the military:*

HR Shelby D. Aparicio
1LT Kyra Barone
Capt. Mary E. Boyle
A1C Paige Derry
PFC Rick German
1LT Cory Houck
Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.
HN5 Jinuel Jehlen
1 LT Patrick Kuiper
Major David McGuire
Capt. Lawrence McNamara
Christopher Mercado, USAF
Capt. Chris Morrow
Ensign Evan Moses
LT Shane Moses
LCPL Eric E. Muñoz
Capt. Nicholas Naquin
1SG Kenneth A. Saffell
Capt. Sean Snook
Sgt. William Speer
SFC Phillip Thompson
Spec 4 Chris Trevino
Christopher Ty Trevino

* We appreciate hearing from you about how your loved ones on the prayer list are doing.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8
6:30am……..Jerry Brooks
12:05pm……Paula Griffin

Tuesday, March 9
6:30am……Josef Schiavolin
12:05pm……Ann & Tony Fayad†

Wednesday, March 10
6:30am……..Jack Visage†
8:30am……..Madere family
12:05pm……...Alice Visage Engelbrink†

Thursday, March 11
6:30am……Lillian Vinklarek†
12:05pm……Tilly Attal†
5:30pm……..Kenneth James Baunoch†

Friday, March 12
6:30am……conversion of sinners
12:05pm……...Jesse Arellano Jr.†

Saturday, March 13
12:05pm……Petra V. Jalifi†
5:30pm……Virginia Marchan†

Sunday, March 14
7:30am……..Madere family
9:30am……Genevieve Schiavolin
12:00pm……...Cathedral Parishioners
1:45pm……Rebecca Valenzuela Barrera†
3:30pm……Antoinette Silva
5:30pm….Sr. Bernard Marie Borgmeyer†

Special Collection
Next Sunday
March 14, 2021
Catholic Relief Services

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimentos al hambriento, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y traen el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta ya que **es Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Más información sobre la colecta en *www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.*

Sanctuary Candle Dedication
In Thanksgiving
The Madere family
February 28—March 13, 2021

Faith Formation

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

If you are interested in the school, please call 512-476-1480 to schedule a school tour. We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. You can access the enrollment forms at www.smcschool.org.

Si esta interesado en la escuela, llamar al 512-476-1480 para programar un recorrido por la escuela. Ahora estamos aceptando solicitudes para el año académico 2021-2022. Puede acceder a los formularios de inscripción en www.smcschool.org.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS

For updates and questions, contact smcya.org. You can find more information about events and Adoration times on our Facebook page: **Saint Mary Cathedral Young Adults,** and follow us on Instagram at cya_atx.

ADULTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcomes those who want to become Catholic or are seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. **Weekly sessions are on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-8:30pm.** If you are interested in coming into the Church or would like more information, contact Yvonne Saldana, Sacrament Coordinator, at ysaldana@smcaustin.org or 512-476-6182.

Catholic Scripture Study: Available via Zoom teleconference. We meet Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm. Email LJSmith78704@yahoo.com for free online access.

Cathedral Book Study: We meet **Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm,** via free zoom teleconferencing. For more information contact L.J. Smith at LJSmith78704@yahoo.com

Announcements

Fish Fry Fridays, pre-order at www.kofc14055.org. Pick up at Donahue center between 5:00-7:00pm. Spaced out dine-in seating available.

Stations of the Cross, Friday evenings at 6:30pm, in the church.

Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission project that supports local missionary efforts in and outside the Diocese of Austin. Boxes are in narthex; place your alms inside and pray for missions worldwide. **Boxes collected on Easter Sunday.**

La Campaña Misionera diocesana *De las Cenizas a la Pascua* ha comenzado. Cada familia está invitada a recoger una cajita. Deposite algunas monedas durante la Cuaresma, y ore por las misiones en todo el mundo. **Devuelve tus cajitas el domingo de Pascua.**

Total Consecration: Make or renew your "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" at a special Mass on **Thursday, Mar. 25**, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. **Bilingual Rosary at 6:00pm, and Mass offered at 6:30pm**. More information and links to live stream at www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org. Due to COVID, in-person seating will be limited.

Hacer o renovar colectivamente nuestra "Total Consagración a Jesús a Través de Maria" durante una Santa Misa especial el día de la Anunciación del Señor. **El rosario bilingüe a las 6:00 p.m. y Misa ofrecida a las 6:30 p.m. el jueves de marzo 25.** Visite www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org para mayor información y los enlaces a la transmisión en vivo. Debido a COVID, los asientos en persona serán limitados.

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry

In order to be eligible to continue serving in ministry at our parish/school, the diocese requires that you be compliant with EIM policies regarding EIM training. There is now an online training opportunity to fulfill your compliance requirement (good for 3 years). Please go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop or www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim ASAP to complete the online EIM training; the training page includes instructions on how to login to your EIM account to find information you will need to provide in order to receive credit for completing the training. Volunteers serving in ministries which require EIM compliance will no longer be eligible to serve after June 1, 2021 if compliance is not up to date. Please contact our parish/school EIM site administrator or the diocese if assistance is needed.

Etica e integridad en el ministerio

Para poder ser elegible de continuar sirviendo en ministerio en nuestra parroquia/escuela, la diócesis requiere que esté en cumplimiento con las políticas de EIM en lo referente al entrenamiento de EIM. Existe una oportunidad de entrenamiento en línea para satisfacer el requisito del cumplimiento (bueno por 3 años). Por favor, vaya a www.austindiocese.org/workshop<http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop> or www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim<http://www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim tan pronto como sea posible, para completar el entrenamiento de EIM en línea; la página de entrenamiento incluye instrucciones sobre cómo entrar a su cuenta de EIM para encontrar información que necesitará proveer para recibir crédito por la compleción del entrenamiento. Los voluntarios sirviendo en ministerios que requieren el cumplimiento con EIM no podrán ser elegibles más para servir después del 1 Junio 2021 si su cumplimiento no está actualizado. Por favor, contacte al administrador del sitio de EIM de nuestra parroquia /escuela o a la diócesis si necesita asistencia.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14, at 2:00am. Turn clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 13.

Easter flowers envelopes are in the pews. Remember a living or deceased loved one with a dedication. Donations help offset the cost of Easter liturgy flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Los sobres de Pascua están disponibles en los bancos. Recuerdo con dedicación a un ser querido vivo o fallecido. Las donaciones ayudan a compensar el costo de las flores de la liturgia de Pascua. Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday, March 14, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 21, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Latin Phrase of the Week: ***Ad te levavi oculos meos, qui habitas in cælis.*** **To thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven.** Psalm 122:1

To receive news and updates about the TLM, visit our website: AustinLatinMass.org. **Be social, "Like" us on Facebook: St. Joseph Latin Mass Society.**

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity

We are a community of permanently professed Catholic lay men and women striving, through the grace of God, to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. Want to learn more? Please visit us at stpadrepioofs.org. *(submitted by Saint Mary Cathedral parishioner)*

Everyday Stewardship

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.
—Tracy Earl Welliver
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La Corresponsabilidad Diaria

Los Padres Simplemente no Entienden

¿Alguien recuerda la vieja canción de rap del Fresh Prince, también conocida como Will Smith, "Los padres simplemente no entienden"? A medida que crecemos, a veces nos cuesta imaginar que nuestros padres nos puedan comprender. Puede parecer imposible que mamá y papá recuerden el estrés de la semana de exámenes o la presión de los compañeros. Nosotros nunca los vimos de niños; nunca vimos sus caras decepcionadas cuando no fueron invitadas a una fiesta, o sus esperanzas frustradas con una mala calificación en el examen. Nunca los vimos añorar su hogar en su primera semana de universidad o nerviosos por invitar a su amor platónico al baile de la escuela.

A menudo somos de la misma manera con Dios. Nos quejamos de lo que nos pide. "Él no comprende el pecado, Él es todo bueno," pensamos. " Él no comprende la tentación, es perfecto".

En las Escrituras, Dios puede ser un padre, diciéndonos lo que podemos y no podemos hacer. Y, sin embargo, en Su genio divino, a veces es simplemente un hombre junto a un pozo, pidiendo una bebida.

Para mí, resulta que yo no necesitaba decirles a mis padres nada sobre lo que estaba pasando cuando era niño; ellos ya lo sabían. Lo que necesitaba era que me dijeran qué hacer y cómo hacerlo.

De manera similar, no necesitamos hablar con Dios sobre la naturaleza humana. Necesitamos que Dios nos hable de su naturaleza. Tiene la bondad de pedirnos un trago, para entrar en nuestra humanidad. Pero tenemos que recordar, por nuestro propio bien, tener la humildad de pedirle algo también: el agua que saciará nuestra sed eterna.
—Tracy Earl Welliver © LPi

Made for Immortality

Alice von Hildebrand
May 2, 2012

Dr. Alice von Hildebrand is a Catholic philosopher and theologian, and the widow of philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand. She taught philosophy at Hunter College and has written several books. In a recent wide-ranging interview in her New York home Hildebrand spoke at length on topics ranging from womanhood, marriage and celibacy, to the eternal destiny of the human soul. This is the fourth article in a series of excerpts from this interview:

Have you ever thought about pleasure? Usually we think of pleasure as consisting of physical satisfaction. But let's say you eat a really delicious meal. Where is the pleasure, really? Not in your foot. Your big toe doesn't enjoy the food.

Or have you ever thought that when you listen to music, (and when I say music I mean classical music – I cannot tell you the joy I experience when I hear Mozart!) that it tickles your ear? No. Or when you see a beautiful landscape, do you feel it with your eyes? No. There is something more. These experiences involve spiritual senses.

Once you lose your sense of the meaning of life, or of the love of God, or love of your neighbor, if you lose that spiritual sense of self-giving and sharing, what is left? Physical pleasure. And you know, pleasure by itself is tragic. This is because when you have a craving, the craving gets more and more intense, and then, when you satisfy the craving all you are left with is a moment of keen satisfaction located somewhere in your body. Then it's over. And what happens? You have to start all over again. No pleasure or set of pleasures lasts forever. The essence of pleasure is that it is of short duration.

But God created us for immortality. What we long for is more than what pleasure can give.

What does it mean to be made for immortality? It means there is something inside you that is going to last for ever and ever and ever. In my apartment building there are all sorts of people; it's a little microcosm of humanity. Sometimes I feel so sorry for the people because it seems that all they are doing is making money and more money – for what? You can't take gold with you in your casket. Yet many of them only live for sheer pleasure; they forget that they are actually made for immortality.

Pleasure always comes to an end. My taste buds died a few months ago. When I eat it's all chalk or sand, or whatever it is. I taste nothing. The pleasure is gone. Nevertheless I must feed myself because if I don't eat you know what happens. So the pleasure in eating is gone. Now for the first time in my life I truly understand God's goodness in giving us human beings taste buds. Up to now I have taken them for granted. And now I say to myself, did I truly thank God for the pleasure of taste?

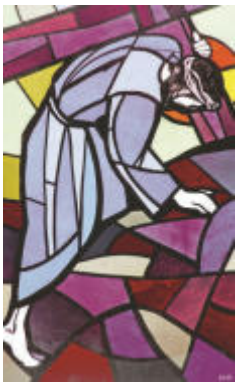
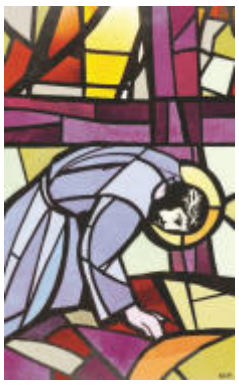
But now – please listen, this is crucial – to experience pleasure, to truly experience pleasure, we need to thank God. We must join pleasure to gratitude. When we do this, pleasure is no longer just a physical sensation. Your experience is one of joy. Do you understand the difference? Unfortunately what people want today is only pleasure, and consequently in all their fleshly pursuits they lack true joy. That is sad, because joy is what can truly satisfy. (continued)

I was once teaching a course on metaphysics and trying to give arguments for the immortality of the soul. My body's going to die, I argued – maybe very soon – but my soul is immortal. I proceeded to present my case. At the end, a man raised his hand and said, "If you succeed in convincing me that I have an immortal soul, then I will declare you to be my worst enemy. If I have an immortal soul, as you say, then I will be held responsible for my lifestyle." His words broke my heart.

Just think: each of us will be held responsible for our lives. And this is because we are made for immortality. Our lives do not, or at least should not, consist solely of fleeting pleasures. We should be focusing on things of eternal value. Too many of us want to maximize fun and pleasure, to make it more intense and longer-lasting. We try every which way to eliminate suffering in our lives. And alleviating pain and suffering certainly has its place. But we cannot forget Christ's message, "whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:24)

Christ's way – ultimately, his way of redemption – leads through suffering. Christ knew suffering. He knew anguish. He knew fear. Yes, even suffering has a meaning. That is why it is such a blessing to have faith, to know there is a God who has created you and loves you, and who has a plan for you beyond this temporal existence of ours. To know you have an immortal soul, and to respect it as such, is a true blessing. Respect your soul, and respect the souls of those around you. Then your life will have lasting meaning.

https://www.plough.com/en/topics/life/grieving/made-for-immortality

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7:

Sun..... Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Mon ..... 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tues..... Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wed ..... Dt 4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs.... Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri..... Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17/Mk 12:28-34
Sat..... Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21b/Lk 18:9-14
Sun..... 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7:

Sun..... 3rd Sunday of Lent
Mon ..... St. John of God, Religious
Tues..... St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Sun..... 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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Respect Life

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

"[El Evangelio de la Vida] quiere ser pues una confirmación precisa y firme del valor de la vida humana y de su carácter inviolable, y, al mismo tiempo, una acuciante llamada a todos y a cada uno, en nombre de Dios: ¡respeta, defiende, ama y sirve a la vida, a toda vida humana! ¡Sólo siguiendo este camino encontrarás justicia, desarrollo, libertad verdadera, paz y felicidad!" (*El Evangelio de la Vida* 5)

Vocations Discernment

Men's Discernment Dinner: Wednesday, March 10, 6:00-10:00pm, Come to the Cathedral for Evening Prayer, dinner, and discussion with other men seeking the Lord's will. We'll discuss what discerning one's vocation looks like. https://godiscalling.me/events/2021/3/10/mens-discernment-dinner Help us plan by letting us know you're coming. If attending for the first time, sign up with the first link. If you've been before, sign up with the second link. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Visit https://godiscalling.me/events/2021/3/10/mens-discernment-dinner to RSVP and sign up.

Pray for those from the Cathedral currently discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- Sister Maria Paula (Amanda Fuentes), novice, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, MI
- Philip Gaynor, St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict, LA
- Mike Keathley, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Nathan Leonard, Our Lady of Clark Creek Abbey
- Br. Augustine Marie Peter (Ryan Schultz), Canons Regular of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary of the Assumption, Taylor, TX

Beyond Our Parish

Young Adult Formation Opportunities:

- ***The Father's Heart*** is a 5-day silent retreat for young adults based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Young Adults Ages 18-35, **March 13-17,** Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet, TX. Cost is $175 for professionals and $100 for students, missionaries and faculty/staff of Catholic churches and schools. Visit https://austindiocese.org/tfh to register.
- ***Apostles on Mission*,** A Formation Program from the Catholic Apostolate Center. Classes start **March 18, 6:00pm CT**, online via Zoom with live instructors,10 sessions meeting once a week, open to all age groups, cost $25 all inclusive.**Sign up today at:** cathapostle.org/AOMSpr21 This 10-week online course features live instruction, hosted via synchronous Zoom. To register go to: cathapostle.org/AOMSpr21

Regina Mater, an educational community of Catholic families, offers in-person and home learning for PreK-3 to 12. We invite you to an outdoor Stations of the Cross for the whole family at our new property on **March 26, 5:00-7:00pm**. We are also scheduling personalized tours for the 2021-22 school year. Email office@reginamater.us or see www.reginamater.org for details.

Pathway to Healing, Saturday Mar. 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center, a face-to-face meeting to help participants begin awareness of the healing process of nullity (annulment) to persons considering or already seeking a declaration of nullity. Contact Patricia Thompson at 512-970-7063, email patricia-thompson@austindiocese.org.

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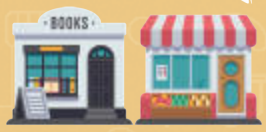

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