# 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
scheduled on our website, smcaustin.org
Monday-Friday......11:00am-noon
Saturday......11:00am-noon
& 4:30pm-5:20pm

#### CLERGY AND STAFF Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, STL, DD, Bishop of Austin

Very Rev. Daniel Liu, Rector Rev. Doug Jeffers, Parochial Vicar Rev. Will Rooney, Parochial Vicar Deacon Héctor Ortiz and Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez

Louis Barron.....Director of Development/
Facility Operations
Yvonne Bedell.....Director of Operations/
Finance
Judy Henschen....Administrative Assistant
(church bulletin)
Dr. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona......Director,

Sacred Music Robert LeGros..Cathedral School Principal Yvonne Saldaña.....Sacrament Coordinator Kassandra Sanchez.......Mission Director David Stith.......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

Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Sundays 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Saint Mary Cathedral volunteer ministry



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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#### CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

910 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 476-1480 ● 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 our website.

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

6:30am....Daily Mass, Cathedral

11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment

12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

4:15pm... Cub Scout Pack 7, Library

6:30pm... Austin Students for Life, DC Cafeteria

6:30pm Austin Rosary Crusade, BH

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

6:30am....Daily Mass, Cathedral

11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment

12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

6:00pm....KC's Monthly Meeting, BH 6:30pm... CYA Women's Bible Study, Library

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral

8:30am... CSSM Mass (closed campus), Cathedral

11:00am-noon.Confessions by appointment

12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

6:00pm... RCIA, DC Cafeteria

6:30pm... Epiphany Water Blessing, Cathedral

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30am....Daily Mass, Cathedral

11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment

12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral

6:30pm.....Catholic Scripture Study, Library

6:30pm... EF Latin Epiphany Mass, Cathedral

#### FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral

8:30-9:20am.Confessions by appointment

9:30am... EF Latin Mass, Cathedral

10:30am-noon.Adoration, Cathedral

11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment

12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral 2:20-3:15pm.CSSM Adoration, Cathedral

5:00pm... Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral

7:00pm... Spanish Choir Rehearsal, DC Cafeteria

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

6:45-7:45am.Lauds & Holy Hour, Cathedral

9:00am-noon.Baptism Prep Class (Span.), Sheehan

9:00am... CYA Waffles & Planning

9:30am... Holy Day Mass, Cathedral

10:30am-3:00pm.Legion of Mary, Library

11:00am-noon. Confessions by appointment

11:00am-1:00pm.Catholic Daughters, BH

12:05pm. Daily Mass, Cathedral

3:30pm... Wedding, Cathedral

4:30pm... Confessions by appointment

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

#### The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am...EF Latin Low Mass, Cathedral

8:30-11:30am.Sunday Breakfast (St. Vincent de Paul) BH

8:45-9:15am. Chanted Lauds (Morning Prayer), Cathedral

9:30am...Mass-live streamed, Cathedral

10:45am Religious Ed. (English)

10:45-11:45am.Catholic 101, Library

12:00pm.Mass, Cathedral

12:00pm.Las clases de educación (español)

12:00pm. Spanish Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan

1:30pm... Roman Catechism Class, Library

1:45pm....Mass (Spanish)-live streamed, Cathedral

2:00pm... Religious Ed. (Home/Catholic Schools)

2:45pm... St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan

3:30pm....EF Latin Sung Mass-live streamed, Cathedral 5:00-6:30pm.SJLM Community, BH

5:30pm....Mass (English), Cathedral

#### STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

The Epiphany of the Lord Offertory Collection (week of 12/19/21)

Income Coll. 12/13-12/19/21	Last Month Nov. 30, 2021	Year to Date 7/1-12/20/2021
\$ 40,351	\$ 130,914	\$ 647,328
\$ 5,796	\$ 102,864	\$ 587,351
\$ 34,555	\$ 28,050	\$ 59,977

Income

Expenses

Budget Excess/(Deficit)

Second Collection-Diocese 12/19/21 Cathedral School \$ 594

**St. Killian's Candles** a/o 12/20/21 \$5,421

Attendance-Sunday Mass 1,318

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (11/30/21) \$ 119,597 Diocese-Encountering Christ Campaign (12/01/21) \$ 229,255



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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Louis Barron or Yvonne Bedell in the parish office, 512-476-6182



### Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention:

#### For true human fraternity—

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### those who have died: Leroy Behnke, Patsy Salinas those in need of healing:

Gabriela Acosta, Jill Alvarez Acosta, Maria Alphonsa, Paul Ancira, Karen Andrasi, Andy & Stephanie Andrasi & Elizabeth Andrasi Deere, Patrick Justin Augero, Baltierra family, Fr. David Barr, Gisela Bernal, Jim Boyles, Juan Burrola, Sr. & Yolanda Burrola, Martha Caicedo, Beth Carr, Isabel Casiano, Catarino Castillo, Kenny Conyers, Arlene De Leon, Carmel & Sam DiCarlo, Charlotte Dwyer, Abel Duarte, Andrew Duarte, Jolene Eckler, Ronald Erickson, Joshua Escalona, Nicole Esparza, Pedro Flores, Jr., Deyanira Garcia, Paula Griffin, John Paul Guajardo, Anne-Marie Hansen, Charles Emmanuel Hart, Claire Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Jesse Hutton, Jackson family, Chuck Jehlen, Ana Johnson, Zeke Johnson, Mindy Kanewske, Hee-Jung Kim, Maria Guadalupe Ledesma & family, Anyssa M., Brooke M., Elleana M., Kevin & Liza Mandeville, Clarisa Marcée, Briella & Priscilla Martinez, Vanessa Matocha, Carter May, Ellie Mayer, Alejandro Medina, Senorina N. Medina, Jody Moncebaiz, Lou Moreno, Fr. Bill Mouser, Mariane Oliver, Marjorie King Parker, Ron Patrick, Louise Porfirio, Camille Pridgen, Ruth Resendez, Katie Salazar, Marrlene Sato, Sharon family, Marlene Siering, Imelda Soza, Barbara Stinson, Tim Sullivan, Bill Tarpley, Jean Valerga, Bernard Vasek, Estella Velasquez, Michael & Josie Velasquez, Mark Vickery, Dennis Vinklarek, Brandon W., 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 FN Fritzinger, Nathaniel A. 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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

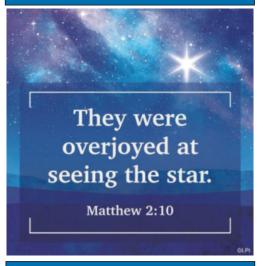
Monday, January 3		
6:30amGene Cameron†		
12:05pmDolores Zambrano†		
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Tuesday, January 4		
6:30amFaithful Departed		
12:05pmMiranda Coipel		
Wednesday, January 5		
6:30amLucille Mecey†		
8:30amMadere family		
12:05pmAbrian Acuña Jr.†		
Thursday, January 6		
Thursday, January 6		
6:30amEmma Espinosa Monroy†		
12:05pmMelissa Jnolwis		
6:30pm(FWR's intention)		
Friday, January 7		
6:30amMin-Q Kim		
9:30Ella Quill Donoghue†		
12:05pmVocations to the priesthood		
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Saturday, January 8		
12:05pmHerlinda Moses†		
5:30pmVocations to the priesthood		
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Sunday, January 9		
7:30amKoons family		
9:30amJesse Arellano Jr.†		
12:00pmCathedral Parishioners		
1:45pmMadere family		

### SECOND COLLECTION

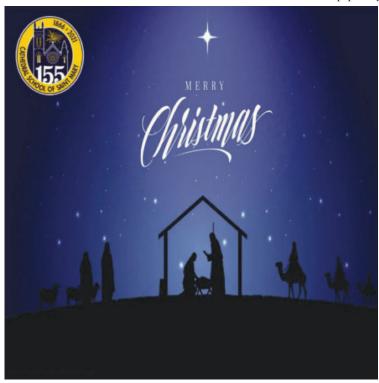
3:30pm.....Helen Kirou†

5:30pm.....Brett & Hee-Jung Cranford

NEXT SUNDAY
JANUARY 9, 2021
NO SECOND COLLECTION



SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION
IN MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER SIERRA
JANUARY 2-JANUARY 15, 2022



#### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **ADULTS**

Do you have big questions about the intersection of faith and life? Interested in becoming Catholic, in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you wondered who Jesus is, or what Catholics believe? Perhaps God has been tugging on your heart? Do you want to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist? Join us for Catholic 101 Sundays at 10:45-11:45am, in the Library where we read God's Word and explore your questions. For more information, call the office or sign up at <a href="https://smcaustin.flocknote.com/information">https://smcaustin.flocknote.com/information</a>

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the process of welcoming adults into the Catholic faith. It takes place gradually within the community of the faithful, the Church. God's own people provide an example to help those seeking the sacraments. RCIA offers an opportunity for those seeking to become Catholic to gather in a small group and learn more about the faith. Almost every parish in the world has an RCIA process. At our parish, RCIA meets every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00pm, until June. Focusing on the tenets of Christianity, then on the teachings and experience of the Church, and with the support of their mentors in the faith, individuals prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Aseparate age-appropriate program is available for children and youth. To find out more, call the parish office or signup at: https://smcaustin.flocknote.com/rcia

All are welcome to join our Catechism class where we will go over the Catechism of the Council of Trent, Thomas

Aquinas' Summa Theologica, and other great works of Catholic doctrine. This will be a setting to grow intellectually, cultivate the interior life and meet other Catholics striving for the Faith. Catechism class will be held here at our parish every Sunday 5:30-6:45pm in the library.



Catholic Scripture Study: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Library. Our focus is *Isaiah*, chapters 40-56. Also available via Zoom teleconference. Email LJSmith78704@vahoo.com.

Cathedral Book Study: Four Witnesses-The Early Church in Her Own Words by Rod Bennett. We meet Mondays, 6:30 -8:00pm, via free zoom teleconferencing. For more information contact L.J. Smith at LJSmith78704@yahoo.com

#### **FAMILIES**

You can still register and get information about our Program by calling the church office, 512-476-6182.

#### **CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS**

For updates and questions, contact <u>smcya.org</u>. More information about events and Adoration times on our Facebook page: **Saint Mary Cathedral Young Adults**, and follow us on Instagram at cya atx.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Saint Mary Cathedral bids farewell and thanks Fr. David Trahan II for his dedicated service to our parish since July 2020. Newly appointed parochial vicar of St. Thomas More Parish in Austin, Fr. David begins his new assignment tomorrow, Jan. 3, 2022.

Back in 2012, Fr. David was assigned here for two years. We

have been very blessed to have him return to us for the last year and a half. Our prayers go with you, Fr. David!

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus

through Mary: In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer represents one year the circ of Fabruary 20, and are days.

Christ. The prayers begin on February 20, and are done privately in our home using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18**, to receive your **FREE** copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you. Following, all are invited to collectively make or renew our consecration at a special Holy Mass on March 25.



#### We pray the Rosary on Sundays

- immediately after 9:30am Mass;
- 1:15pm, before 1:45pm Spanish Mass;
- 3:00pm, before 3:30pm EF Latin Mass;
- 5:00pm, before 5:30pm Mass.



Purchase a Cathedral Star that appears on the ceiling of the church's sanctuary, dedicating it to a living or deceased loved one. The cost of a star is \$200, and you will receive a certificate that is suitable for framing. Call the parish office at 512-476-6182, for more information.

#### BEYOND OUR PARISH

Young Catholic Professionals Austin has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (age 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Email <a href="mailto:info@ycpaustin.org">info@ycpaustin.org</a> to request an application today or visit our website www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more!

#### Gabriel Project offers monthly trainings

Parishes across the diocese provide emotional and spiritual support for pregnant women and families in need through the Gabriel Project Ministry. Gabriel Project volunteers are needed to minister to expectant mothers in our parish communities. The next training will be Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon via Zoom. Learn how you can provide support and prayer for an expectant mother and her family during her pregnancy and help her find the support (material, emotional and spiritual) she needs. For more information and questions about the Gabriel Project contact Karen Candelas at (512) 651-6176 or <a href="mailto:karen-candelas@ccctx.org">karen-candelas@ccctx.org</a>.

#### Mass for Peace and Justice, Holy Cross in Austin

The annual Mass for Peace and Justice commemorating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated Jan. 15 at 11:00am, at Holy Cross Parish in Austin. All are invited to come together to pray for life, charity and peace.

#### **READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2**

**Sun**...... Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon ..... 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tues** ...... 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wed ..... 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thurs** .... 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14,16=5bc,17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Fri**. ....... 1 Jn 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Sat**.......... 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a,9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Sun**......Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/

.....Lk 3:15-16,21-22

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2:**

Sun...... The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great &

......Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Mon ..... The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tues ..... St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wed ..... St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thurs .... St. André Bessette, Religious

Fri ...... St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Sun...... The Baptism of the Lord

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#### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Friday, January 7, 9:30am Low Mass—First Friday of the Month

Sunday, January 9, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Sunday, January 16, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Second Sunday after Epiphany

Latin Phrase of the Week: *Puer natus est nobis, et Filius datus est nobis : cujus imperium super humerum ejus; et vocabitur nomen ejus magni consilii Angelus.*— A child is born to us, and a Son is given to us; whose government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called the Angel of great counsel. Isaiah 9:6

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



#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

#### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

#### La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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#### **ANUNCIOS**

Preparación para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María: En Fátima, Nuestra Señora dijo, "Mi Inmaculado Corazón será tu refugio y el camino que te conducirá a Dios". Por favor, únase a miles de Fieles de toda nuestra Diócesis para realizar 33 días de oración para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María. Cada día de oración representa un año de la vida de Cristo. Las oraciones comienzan el 20 de febrero y son hechas de manera privada en nuestro hogar usando un libro de preparación. Por favor visite www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org antes del 18 de enero para recibir su copia GRATUITA del libro de preparación y oración Montfort. Su libro le será enviado por correo. A continuación, todos están invitados para realizar o renovar, de manera colectiva, nuestra consagración en una Santa Misa especial el día 25 de marzo.

#### LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

#### La Luz de la Luna

Si tienes un televisor que se ha encendido en algún momento durante el último mes, es probable que hayas captado al menos una escena o dos de la película clásica de 1946 "¡Que Bello es Vivir!"

Si no estás familiarizado con la película, esta sigue la vida de George Bailey desde la infancia hasta la edad adulta. Un soñador por naturaleza, George tiene grandes planes para sí mismo que involucran la exploración del mundo y la aventura, pero las obligaciones familiares y comunitarias lo mantienen atado al mismo lugar en el mapa, llevando una vida completamente ordinaria.

Una de las escenas más memorables de esa película es la de George bailando con su amada Mary mientras cantan "Buffalo Gals - ¿No saldrás esta noche / y bailarás a la luz de la luna?"

Esa letra siempre me llama la atención. Por supuesto, la luna no tiene luz propia. Todo lo que tiene la luna es la capacidad de reflejar la luz que la ilumina.

Lo mismo vale para nosotros, ¿no? Nuestra corresponsabilidad es puramente un reflejo de la gracia que nos ha otorgado otro. "Sobre ti resplandece el SEÑOR," escribe Isaías, "y sobre ti aparece su gloria." Toda buena acción que vayamos a tomar comienza en la mente de Dios. El hecho de que tengamos el honor de llevarlo a cabo en su nombre es un hermoso regalo. Es Dios quien hace que nuestras vidas ordinarias sean extraordinarias.

Al final de la película, George Bailey se da cuenta de que tuvo una vida mucho mejor porque, en lugar de ser el héroe de su propia historia, se permitió reflejar la bondad en los demás.

Recuerda: los magos no trazaron su propio curso. Simplemente siguieron la estrella.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

#### RESPECT LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life

with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

"Por medio de la Encarnación de Cristo, Dios nos revela la dignidad de toda vida humana. La vida humana, como un don de Dios, es sagrada e inviolable, El Hijo de Dios se ha unido con todos los seres humanos y desea que compartamos la vida eterna con Él... Cada uno de nosotros está

hecho a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y reflejamos su gloria en el mundo."

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "El Evangelio de la Vida, Breve resumen"

#### VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

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
- Brandon Bain, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Philip Gaynor, St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict, LA
- Jeff Jones, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Br. Augustine Marie Peter (Ryan Schultz), Canons Regular of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary of the Assumption, Taylor, TX

Daily Prayer for Priests & Religious God our Father, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask You to bless and strengthen the spiritual renewal and vitality of all priests and religious so that your Church may shine more resplendently and bear witness to Your presence in our world today. I recommend to You the priests and religious dearest to me especially (N.). O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Sacred Heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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