

# 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](http://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](http://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*



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had  
been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the  
Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

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Enrolling PreK3-Grade 8

**BAPTISMS:** Parents should visit the Cathedral website:  
[www.smcaustin.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.smcaustin.org), for detailed  
information.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Registration forms are available on our  
website.

## The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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### El Bautismo del Señor

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. “El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida” (Lucas 3,22). La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo.

El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: “Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad”. Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. “El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión”. Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? “La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo”. ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018).

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral  
6:30pm.....CYA Women’s Bible Study, Library

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral  
8:30am.....CSSM Mass (closed campus), Cathedral  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral  
3:30pm.... CSSM Faculty Meeting, Library  
4:30pm.....Girl Scout Troop 1866, Art/Music Room  
5:30pm.....Schola Choir Rehearsal, BH  
6:00pm.....RCIA, DC Cafeteria

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral  
6:30pm.....Catholic Scripture Study, Library  
7:30pm.....CYA Adoration, Cathedral

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30am.....Daily Mass, Cathedral  
8:00am.....CSSM Middle School Spelling Bee, BH  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral  
5:00pm.....Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral  
7:00pm.....Spanish Choir Rehearsal, DC Cafeteria

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

6:45-7:45am.Lauds & Holy Hour, Cathedral  
9:00am-noon.Baptism Prep Class (Eng.), Sheehan  
10:30am-3:00pm.Legion of Mary, Library  
11:00am-noon. Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass, Cathedral  
3:00pm.....Wedding, Cathedral  
4:30pm.....Confessions by appointment

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30am...EF Latin Low Mass, Cathedral  
8:30-11:30am.Sunday Breakfast (KC’s), BH  
9:30am...Mass-*live streamed*, Cathedral  
10:45amReligious 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 Baptism of the Lord**  
**Offertory Collection (weeks of 12/26 /21 & 1/2/22)**

	Income Coll. 12/20-12/26/21	Last Month Nov. 30, 2021	Year to Date 7/1-12/27/2021
Income	\$ 25,136	\$ 130,914	\$ 695,944
Expenses	\$ 51,093	\$ 102,864	\$ 640,282
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	<b>\$ (25,957)</b>	<b>\$ 28,050</b>	<b>\$ 55,662</b>

	Income Coll. 12/27/21-1/2/22	Last Month Nov. 30, 2021	Year to Date 7/1/21-1/4/2022
Income	\$ 56,174	\$ 130,914	\$ 720,468
Expenses	\$ 55,564	\$ 102,864	\$ 640,773
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 28,050</b>	<b>\$ 79,695</b>

Second Collection-Diocese 12/26/21 *Pro Life & Family Services* \$ 401  
 1/2/22 *St. Vincent de Paul* \$ 819

St. Killian's Candles a/o 1/4/22 \$ 6,280

Attendance-Sunday Mass 12/26/21-783 1/2/22-796

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**those who have died:**

Patsy Salinas, Marisela Capps, Louis Tuffly Ellis

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 10**

6:30am.....Juaquina Rodriguez Cabello†  
 12:05pm.....Hee-Jung Cranford

**Tuesday, January 11**

6:30am .....Vincenta Vargas†  
 12:05pm.....Frank Garcia†

**Wednesday, January 12**

6:30am.....Lucille Mecey†  
 8:30am.....Joaquin Serrano  
 12:05pm.....Albina Garcia†

**Thursday, January 13**

6:30am.....Conversion of Sinners  
 12:05pm.....Garabed Harutunian†

**Friday, January 14**

6:30am.....James J. Gray  
 12:05pm.....James R. Gray

**Saturday, January 15**

12:05pm.....Petra V. Jalifi†  
 5:30pm.....Douglas Cooper†

**Sunday, January 16**

7:30am.....Connor Reisenbigler†  
 9:30am.....José De La Garza  
 12:00pm.....Cathedral Parishioners  
 1:45pm.....Holy Souls  
 3:30pm.....Madere family  
 5:30pm.....Josefina Espino†

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 16, 2021**

**CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY**



**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION**

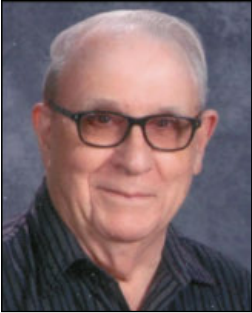
**IN MEMORY OF**

**CHRISTOPHER SIERRA**

**JANUARY 2–JANUARY 15, 2022**



## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY



A long-time friend, teacher, and principal of Cathedral School, Brother Joseph Harris, CSC, has passed. In 1979 he moved to Austin to teach at Cathedral School of Saint Mary; two years later he became the principal. Below is a note from one of his students.

*Dear, Brother Joseph, Honestly, you're the coolest old person I know, and I say that with all of the love and respect possible. You're always willing to crack a joke and you don't take things too seriously. I really love that about you. Seeing you always brightens my day. I know that you've always been there supporting me and my family, and I sincerely thank you for that. You've helped me grow as a student, and as an individual, and I can't thank you enough for it. I know I'm going to carry what you've taught me for the rest of my life.*

The young man who wrote this note went on to become the valedictorian of his high school class. There is no greater testimonial to the place of Brother Joseph Harris in the lives of his students and his impact on them.

Brother Joseph passed away peacefully on December 31, 2021, at the Brother Vincent Pieau Residence in Austin, Texas. We will celebrate a memorial Mass for Bro. Joseph on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 8:30am in the Cathedral. A reception will follow in the Bishop's Hall.

## 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 <https://smcaustin.flocknote.com/information>

**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.** To find out more, call the parish office or sign up 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 1:30-2:45pm in the library.**



**Catholic Scripture Study:** Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Library. Our focus is the Gospel of Mark. Also available via Zoom teleconference. Email [LJSmith78704@yahoo.com](mailto:LJSmith78704@yahoo.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](mailto: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 [smcya.org](http://smcya.org). More information about events and Adoration times on our Facebook page: **Saint Mary Cathedral Young Adults**, and follow us on Instagram at [cya\\_atx](https://www.instagram.com/cya_atx).

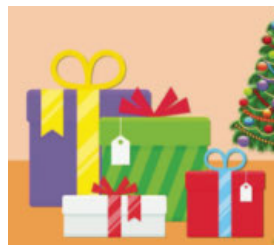
## PARISH LIFE

### Meet our new Parochial Vicar Fr. Doug Jeffers!



Fr. Doug began discerning a vocation to the priesthood while studying history and philosophy at Texas A&M. He entered the seminary in 2010, after graduating from A&M, and studied at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, and at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Fr. Doug was ordained to the priesthood for the

Diocese of Austin in 2017, and has served as a parochial vicar at St. Louis parish in Austin, St. Elizabeth parish in Pflugerville, and St. John Neumann parish in Westlake. In addition to serving as a parochial vicar, Fr. Doug also serves as the Director of the Tribunal for the Diocese of Austin. We are happy to welcome you to our parish, Fr. Doug!



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, Saint Mary Cathedral Conference, thanks you for your support and most generous contribution to the 2021 *Christmas Graces* giving campaign. **With your help 247 children received a gift card.**

### 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." Join the Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. The prayers begin on Feb. 20, and are done privately in our home using the preparation book. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by **Jan. 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.

**Faithful encouraged to attend synodal listening sessions:**

Bishop Joe Vásquez, in communion with Pope Francis, invites all the faithful to have their voices heard, leading up to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, by completing the survey linked at [www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church](http://www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church). The survey will be available until Jan. 31, 2022. The questions center around the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” During this time parishes will also hold listening sessions. Once concluded, all responses will be compiled into a report and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a national report for the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Please know, the information raised during the consultation phase in our diocese will be reviewed and used for our own pastoral planning.

**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 [info@ycpaustin.org](mailto:info@ycpaustin.org) to request an application today or visit our website [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org) to learn more!

**Regina Caeli Academy Touring Day:** Monday, Jan. 24, 1:00pm, children welcome! Enrolling Pre-K3-12th Grades, RCA Aus Center, 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd., Austin 78749. RSVP [bdevane.aus@rcahybrid.org](mailto:bdevane.aus@rcahybrid.org) Pick up a flier from the table in church narthex!

**Join the 1st Men’s Rosary Rally in Austin TX,** Saturday, Feb. 5, 10:00am, location—Doug Sahm Hill Summit in Butler Metro Park. In recent months, Poand and Ireland have been home to some of the most stunning Catholic images of public displays of faith. Following this example, we are teaming up to start this as a tradition in Austin every 1st Saturday of the month. You do NOT HAVE TO REGISTER. Please just come and pray. <https://atx.rosary.team>

**READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9**

- Sun..... Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/  
..... Lk 3:15-16,21-22
- Mon ..... 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tues ..... 1 Sm 1:9-20/(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8/Mk 1:21-28
- Wed ..... 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2,5,7-10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thurs .... 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Fri ..... 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Ps 89:166-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Sat ..... 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Sun..... Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9:**

- Sun..... The Baptism of the Lord
- Thurs .... St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Sun..... Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

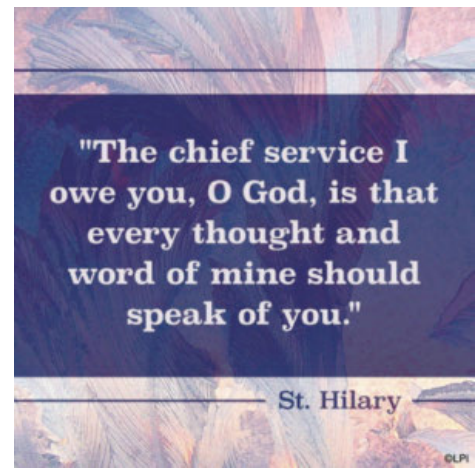
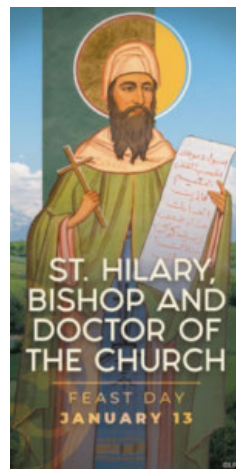
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**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

**Sunday, January 16, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 23, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Latin Phrase of the Week: *Laudate Deum omnes Angeli ejus: laudate eum omnes virtutes ejus.* — Praise ye the Lord, all his Angels: praise ye him all his hosts. Psalm 148:2

To receive news and updates about the TLM, visit our website: [AustinLatinMass.org](http://AustinLatinMass.org). Be social, “Like” us on Facebook: St. Joseph Latin Mass Society.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**I Hope I Am Like Him**

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan? --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



## ANUNCIOS

**Conozca a nuestro nuevo vicario parroquial, el p. ¡Doug Jeffers!** P. Doug comenzó a discernir una



vocación al sacerdocio mientras estudiaba historia y filosofía en Texas A&M. Ingresó al seminario en 2010, después de graduarse de A&M, y asistió al Holy Trinity Seminary en Dallas y al Pontifical College Josephinum en Columbus, Ohio. El P. Doug fue ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de Austin en 2017, y se ha

desempeñado como vicario parroquial en la parroquia de St. Louis en Austin, la parroquia de St. Elizabeth en Pflugerville y la parroquia de St. John Neumann en Westlake. Además de servir como vicario parroquial, el P. Doug también se desempeña como Director del Tribunal de la Diócesis de Austin.

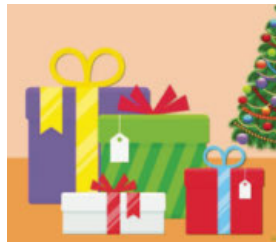
Estamos felices de dar la bienvenida al P. ¡Doug a nuestra parroquia!

**Preparación para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María:**

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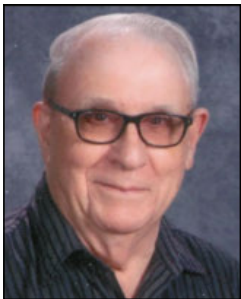
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antes del **18 de enero** para recibir su copia **GRATUITA** del libro de preparación y oración Montfort. Su libro le será enviado por correo. A continuación, todos están invitados para realizar o renovar, de manera colectiva, nuestra consagración en una Santa Misa especial el día 25 de marzo.



**La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl**, Conferencia de la Catedral de Santa María, le agradece su apoyo y su más generosa contribución a la campaña de Acción de Gracias de Navidad de 2021. Con su ayuda, 247 niños recibieron una tarjeta de regalo.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Un viejo amigo, maestro y director de Cathedral School, el Hermano Joseph Harris, CSC, ha fallecido.**

En 1979 se trasladó a Austin para enseñar en la Cathedral School of Saint Mary; dos años más tarde se convirtió en director. A continuación se muestra una nota de uno de sus alumnos.

*Querido hermano Joseph,*

*Honestamente, eres la persona mayor más genial que conozco, y lo digo con todo el amor y el respeto posibles. Siempre estás dispuesto a hacer una broma y no te tomas las cosas demasiado en serio. Realmente amo eso de ti. Verte siempre me alegra el día. Sé que siempre has estado ahí apoyándome a mí y a mi familia, y te agradezco sinceramente por eso. Me has ayudado a crecer como estudiante y como individual, y no puedo agradecerles lo suficiente por ello. Sé que llevaré lo que me enseñaste por el resto de mi vida.*

El joven que escribió esta nota se convirtió en el mejor estudiante de su clase de secundaria. No hay mayor testimonio del lugar del hermano Joseph Harris en la vida de sus alumnos y su impacto en ellos.

El hermano Joseph falleció pacíficamente el 31 de diciembre de 2021 en la residencia Brother Vincent Pieau en Austin, Texas.

Celebraremos una Misa en memoria del Hno. Joseph el miércoles 12 de enero a las 8:30 am en la Catedral. Seguirá una recepción en el Salón del Obispo.

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

**Espero ser como Él** "¿Quién es este Cristo? ¿Es como tú?"

Quizás hayas escuchado esta historia, a menudo atribuida a la vida de Santa Teresa de Calcuta. Un hombre enfermo le hizo esta pregunta, mientras se maravillaba de su incansable servicio para él y los demás en el nombre de alguien llamado Jesucristo.

"Él no se parece en nada a mí," se dice que respondió la santa. "Pero espero ser como Él."

Aunque no se puede verificar la autenticidad de este intercambio, su mensaje suena perfectamente cierto: todo el valor de nuestra corresponsabilidad radica en su relatividad con aquel en cuyo nombre lo realizamos.

Considere la figura de Juan el Bautista, un personaje magnífico e imponente, incluso desde una perspectiva puramente literaria o histórica. Un mártir que se alimentaba de langostas salvajes y con valentía le decía la verdad al poder; un hombre tan grande que algunos lo confundieron con el Mesías.

Pero ¿por qué es grandioso? Porque preparó el camino. Todos sus logros y aventuras no significan nada si se sacan del contexto de la historia de la salvación. Solo tiene sentido en relación con Cristo, y esto es exactamente como él lo quería. "Viene uno más digno que yo," insiste. Y debido a esa humildad y ese abrazo total de la voluntad de Dios, se le otorga uno de los mayores honores del Nuevo Testamento: bautiza al Hijo de Dios.

Examinemos nuestras vidas a la luz de su relatividad con Cristo. ¿Cómo preparamos el camino? Cuando Cristo viene a nosotros, ¿qué hacemos? ¿Cómo nos abrimos a ser actores en el plan de Dios? --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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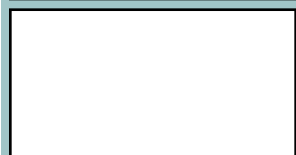


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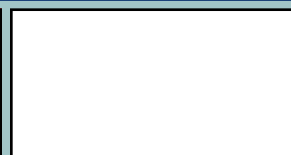
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