

# 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*



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*

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## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

910 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701  
(512) 476-1480 • [www.smcschoolaustin.org](http://www.smcschoolaustin.org)  
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.

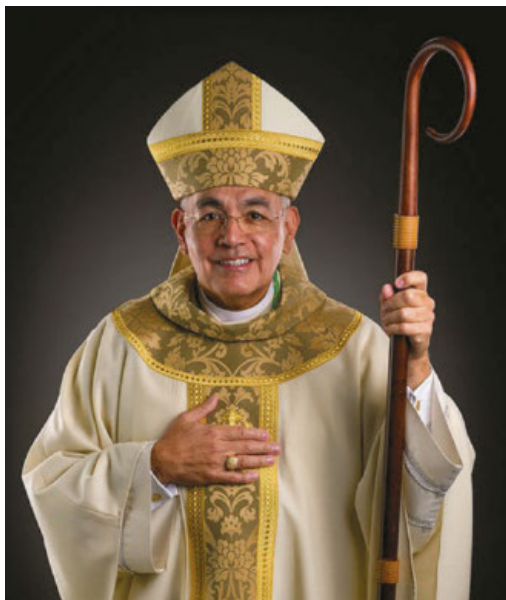
**MARRIAGE:** See Cathedral website: [www.smcaustin.org](http://www.smcaustin.org), for detailed  
information.

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

## Bishop Joe S. Vásquez celebrates the 20th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination!

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez was installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Austin on March 8, 2010. **On January 23, 2002, Bishop Vásquez was ordained and installed as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.**

Bishop Vásquez was born July 9, 1957, in Stamford, Texas, to Juan and Elvira Vásquez (deceased). He is the eldest of six children with three brothers: Robert Vásquez, Samuel Vásquez (deceased) and James Vásquez; and two sisters: Cynthia Martínez and Consuelo Garza.



He attended Stamford and Abilene public schools and then studied theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston from 1976 to 1980. He attended the Gregorian University, North American College, in Rome from 1980 to 1985. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo on June 30, 1984, by Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza.

In the Diocese of San Angelo he served as associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Odessa from 1985 to 1987; as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Stockton from 1987 to 1997; and as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in San Angelo from 1997 to 2002.

Bishop Vásquez was the Vicar General/Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston overseeing the administrative operations of the largest diocese in Texas and the 11th largest diocese in the U.S. He also served as Episcopal Vicar for Hispanics and as the Liaison for Youth during his years in Galveston-Houston.

Bishop Vásquez has recently served on the following committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): Chair, Committee on Migration; Administrative Committee; and Committee for Religious Liberty; and as a consultant to the Committee on International Justice and Peace, the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and the Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). Currently, he serves as a consultant to the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and as Lead Bishop for Region X for the V National Encounter for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (V Encuentro).

**Happy 20th Anniversary, Bishop Vásquez!**

**[Bishop Joe S. Vásquez - Diocese of Austin - Austin, TX \(austindiocese.org\)](http://austindiocese.org)**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30am....Daily Mass  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass  
4:15pm....Cub Scout Pack 7, Library  
6:30pm....CYA Fiat 90, Library

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30am....Daily Mass  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass  
4:00pm....CSSM Basketball Games, Gym  
6:00pm....Couples' Tour, Cathedral  
6:30pm....CYA Women's Bible Study, Library

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30am....Daily Mass  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass  
4:00pm....CSSM Basketball Games, Gyn  
6:30pm....Catholic Scripture Study  
7:30PM....CYA Adoration, Cathedral

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

**CYA Silent Retreat, Eagle's Wings, Burnet**  
6:30am....Daily Mass  
7:30-9:00am.CSSM Open House Event, Library  
11:00am-noon...Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass  
3:00pm....Wedding, Cathedral  
5:00pm....Wedding Rehearsal, Cathedral  
7:00pm....Spanish Choir Rehearsal, DC Cafeteria

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

**CYA Silent Retreat, Eagle's Wings, Burnet**  
6:45-7:45am.Lauds & Holy Hour, Cathedral  
8:00am....Exodus 90, BH  
9:00am....Baptism, Cathedral  
10:30am-noon.Legion of Mary, Library  
11:00am-noon. Confessions by appointment  
12:05pm...Daily Mass  
3:30pm....Wedding, Cathedral  
4:30pm....Confessions by appointment  
5:30pm....Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

**CYA Silent Retreat, Eagle's Wings, Burnet**  
7:30am...EF Latin Low Mass  
8:30-11:30am.Sunday Breakfast (Rosary Crusade)  
9:30am...Mass-*live streamed*  
10:45am Religious Ed. (English)  
10:45-11:45am.Catholic 101, Library  
12:00pm.Mass  
12:00pm.Las clases de educación (español)  
12:00pm.Spanish Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan  
12:30pm CYA Silent Retreat Post-Meeting, BH  
1:30pm...Roman Catechism Class, Library  
1:45pm....Mass (Spanish)-*live streamed*  
2:00pm....Religious Ed. (Home/Catholic Schools)  
2:45pm....St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal, Sheehan  
3:30pm....EF Latin Sung Mass-*live streamed*  
5:00-6:30pm.SJLM Community, BH  
5:30pm....Mass (English), Cathedral



**STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Offertory Collection (week of 1/16/22)

	Income Coll. 1/10/22-1/16/22	Last Month Dec. 31, 2021	Year to Date 7/1/21-1/18/2022
Income	\$ 43,166	\$ 130,914	\$ 812,029
Expenses	\$ 2,276	\$ 102,864	\$ 688,205
Budget Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 40,889	\$ 28,050	\$ 123,824

Second Collection *Cathedral School* \$ 331

St. Killian's Candles a/o 1/18/22 \$ 6,593

Attendance-Sunday Mass 1,280

Saint Mary Cathedral Catholic Endowment (12/31/21) \$ 123,438

Diocese-Encountering Christ Campaign (1/01/22) \$ 231,275



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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

**Tax Statements:** We are grateful for all donations, large or small, and hope that your generosity will bring much needed tax relief when filing your 2021 tax returns. **Statements will be sent out by email through Pushpay by January 31, 2022.** Donors who do not have an email address in Pushpay should contact the Cathedral Office before January 31, at 512-476-6182, or email [tax@smcaustin.org](mailto:tax@smcaustin.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**those who have died:**

Marcos Alegre, Victor Sanchez, Jose G. Melendez

**those in need of healing:**

Gabriela Acosta, Jill Alvarez Acosta, Maria Alphonsa, Paul Ancira, Karen Andradi, Andy & Stephanie Andradi & Elizabeth Andradi 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, Kathleen Kahil, Mindy Kanewski, 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, Marlene 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 Vinklerek, 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
ILT 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
ILT Cory Houck	Ensign Evan Moses	Spec 4 Chris Trevino
Lt. Sigifredo Homero Huerta, Jr.	LT Shane Moses	Christopher Ty Trevino

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 24**

6:30am.....Marc Miller  
 12:05pm.....Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, January 25**

6:30am .....Elsie Porfirio†  
 12:05pm...Jim & Julie Gray Anniversary

**Wednesday, January 26**

6:30am.....Conversion of Sinners  
 8:30am.....Madere family  
 12:05pm.Janie & Jose Guadalupe Flores†

**Thursday, January 27**

6:30am.....Faithful Departed  
 12:05pm.....Carl H. Hellerstedt†

**Friday, January 28**

6:30am.....Faithful Departed  
 12:05pm.....Regina Sevilla†

**Saturday, January 29**

12:05pm.....Regina Sevilla†  
 5:30pm.....Severa Moreno†

**Sunday, January 30**

7:30am.....Regina Sevilla†  
 9:30am.....Lucille Mecey†  
 12:00pm.....Cathedral Parishioners  
 1:45pm.....Madere family  
 3:30pm.....Michael Sheehan†  
 5:30pm.....Faithful Departed

**SECOND COLLECTION**

NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 30, 2022

NO SECOND COLLECTION



Christ makes  
 all things new

CONGRATULATIONS!  
**OVER GOAL**



St. Mary Cathedral - Austin

**SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION**

IN MEMORY

T. J. AMARO

JANUARY 23–FEBRUARY 5, 2022

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY



# OPEN HOUSE

Friday, January 28, 2022

8:30a.m., 12:30p.m., & 6:00p.m.

RSVP:

[admissions@cssmaustin.org](mailto:admissions@cssmaustin.org)

or 512-476-1480

*"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"*

## 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, now meeting via Zoom teleconference. Our focus is the Gospel of Mark. 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

**Exodus 90** is a commitment for men to ascetical practices including prayer and self-denial—intentionally practicing these disciplines with the support of our brothers. Men start doing Exodus 90 for all sorts of reasons (e.g. being a better dad, husband, being free from addictions) but God always has a plan which surpasses our expectations. Exodus's disciplines ultimately are ordered to reinvigorate our relationship with Christ. **You can scan the QR code on page 5, if you are interested in joining, beginning Monday, Jan. 17.**

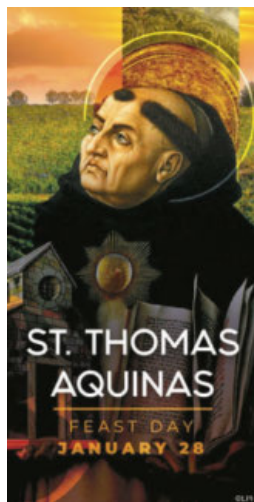
**Cathedral Young Adults Silent Retreat—Friday, Jan. 28, to Sunday, Jan. 30**, at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center. This will be a guided Ignatian-style retreat with Mass, prayer, talks, optional spiritual direction, adoration, and time for rest. All meals provided beginning with dinner Friday night and ending with lunch Sunday afternoon. Price also includes lodging. It will be a beautiful way to start the year in deep prayer. Retreat is \$150 and includes meals and lodging. To sign up visit [bit.ly/cya-silent-retreat](http://bit.ly/cya-silent-retreat) and contact Megan Dawkins ([meganedawkins@gmail.com](mailto:meganedawkins@gmail.com)) or Veronica Remmert ([vmremmert@gmail.com](mailto:vmremmert@gmail.com)) for more information.



**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.

### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.



His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

**Sunday, January 30, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Friday, February 4, 9:30am Low Mass—First Friday of the Month**

**Sunday, February 6, 7:30am Low Mass and 3:30pm Sung Mass—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Latin Phrase of the Week: *Jubilate Deo omnis terra, psalmum dicite nomini ejus: date gloriam laudi ejus.* — Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: give glory to His praise. Psalm 65:2

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.

### OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 23:

**Sun** .....3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon & .....Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**Mon**.....St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Tues**.....The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**Wed**.....Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

**Thurs** ....St. Angela Merici Virgin

**Fri** .....St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**Sun** .....4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- ▶ Grow closer to God.
- ▶ Take control of your life.
- ▶ Become a better man.

Your Exodus starts here:

[Exodus90.com](http://Exodus90.com)

Dear Men of St. Mary Cathedral Church and School,  
I invite you to join us in pursuing holiness and following Christ for the sake of your families, friends, and our parish. Exodus 90 is an excellent way to do this. Please consider this opportunity.

Fr. Will Rooney





## ANUNCIOS

**Hombres de La Catedral Santa Maria y escuela,**

Los invito a acompañarnos perseguir la santidad y seguir a Cristo por sus familias, amigos, y nuestra parroquia. Éxodos 90 es una excelente manera de hacer esto. Por favor considera esta oportunidad. En Cristo,  
*Padre Will Rooney*

Éxodos 90 es un compromiso con las prácticas ascéticas que incluyen la oración y la abnegación, practicando intencionalmente estas disciplinas con el apoyo de nuestros hermanos. Los hombres comienzan a hacer Éxodos 90 por todo tipo de razones (por ejemplo, ser un mejor padre, esposo, estar libre de adicciones), pero Dios siempre tiene un plan que supera nuestras expectativas. En última instancia, las disciplinas de Éxodos 90 están ordenadas para revigorizar nuestra relación con Cristo. Puede escanear el código QR en la página 5 si está interesado en unirse, a partir del lunes 17 de enero.

**El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos de la Catedral está teniendo un retiro en silencio** desde el viernes 28 de enero hasta el domingo 30 de enero en el Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.

Será un retiro guiado al estilo ignaciano con misa, oración, charlas, dirección espiritual opcional, adoración y tiempo para descansar, una hermosa manera de comenzar el año.

El retiro cuesta \$ 150 e incluye comidas y alojamiento. Para registrarse, visite [bit.ly/cya-silent-retreat](http://bit.ly/cya-silent-retreat) y comuníquese con Megan Dawkins ([meganedawkins@gmail.com](mailto:meganedawkins@gmail.com)) o Veronica Remmert ([vmremmert@gmail.com](mailto:vmremmert@gmail.com)) para obtener más información.



**Fieles animados a asistir a las sesiones de escucha sinodal.** El Obispo José Vásquez, en comunión con el Papa Francisco, invita a todos los fieles a que hagan que se escuche su voz, en anticipación a la XVI Asamblea General del Sínodo de Obispos, completando la encuesta que se encuentra en [www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church](http://www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church). **La encuesta estará disponible hasta el 31 de enero de 2022.** Las preguntas se centran alrededor del tema "Por una Iglesia Sinodal: Comunión, Participación y Misión". Durante este tiempo, las parroquias también llevarán a cabo sesiones para escuchar. Una vez concluida la encuesta, todas las respuestas serán compiladas en un reporte y enviadas a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB por sus siglas en inglés). El USCCB emitirá entonces un reporte nacional para la Asamblea General de Obispos en Roma. Por favor sepa que la información reunida durante la fase de consulta en nuestra diócesis será revisada y usada para nuestro propio planeamiento pastoral.

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

"Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo, hombres de toda la tierra, canten al Señor. Hay brillo y esplendor en su presencia, y en su templo, belleza y majestad" (Salmo 95, 1,67). La esperanza de Jesús para su pueblo y para toda la humanidad empieza aquí con este pasaje de la Sagrada Escritura. Un mundo nuevo y diverso, sin divisiones ni estatus sociales que dividen y matan. Por el contrario una tierra redimida y armoniosa, sin tinieblas ni miedos. Esta sigue siendo la esperanza de Jesús por medio de su Iglesia, que siempre, domingo a domingo, nos invita a acoger el Evangelio de Cristo. Abrazar su mensaje y dejarlo penetrar en el corazón hasta que dé fruto. Esto significa también todas sus exigencias de amor que conlleva en el cumplimiento de sus mandamientos.

Buscar la paz y la reconciliación en la familia y en la sociedad requiere el esfuerzo de todos. ¡Nada es fácil sin el Espíritu del Señor! Para ser efectivos en la misión que él nos encomienda como bautizados, debemos de tener amor por los demás y saber reconciliarnos unos a otros, tomando la dirección apropiada que demuestre que somos discípulos suyos. Jesús pasó haciendo el bien, curando y haciendo milagros porque sabía que: "El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor" (Lucas 4,18-19). ¿Qué buenas noticias llevas tú a los que te rodean? ©LPi

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

**Planta tus obras en la Palabra**

Una de las cosas acerca de las Escrituras es que incluso la palabra más pequeña y la frase más corta pueden ser críticas para el mensaje general. Cuando tomas un momento de tranquilidad para descansar con la Palabra, te das cuenta de la rapidez con la que la oración más mundana puede llegar y atraparte, llevándote a una contemplación más profunda de alguna verdad que ni siquiera habías considerado hasta entonces.

Pero a menudo fallamos en actuar como los israelitas en el Libro de Nehemías, parados frente a la Puerta del Agua "escuchando atentamente." Ya sea en la Misa durante la Liturgia de la Palabra o en casa estudiando detenidamente la Biblia, una y otra vez nos encontramos menos conscientes de lo que podríamos estar. Nuestros oídos aceptan los sonidos de las palabras y nuestros ojos miran la forma de las letras.

Pero ¿somos conscientes, de verdad?

La mejor respuesta, esperemos sea, al menos algunas veces. Siempre hay tareas que completar, problemas que pesan en nuestras mentes y que no podemos entregar muy bien a Dios. Nos perdemos en estas cosas en lugar de en las Escrituras. Nos "registramos" con la lectura de la Biblia en lugar de "sumergirnos."

Nunca podemos olvidar que las palabras del Señor son espíritu y vida. Ellas son el suelo que aviva la semilla de toda corresponsabilidad. No hay conciencia plena, oración, gracia, gratitud, responsabilidad o sentido de compromiso a menos que exista la Palabra.

Así que oremos hoy por la conciencia plena, que cada una de nuestras acciones se base en la ley de Dios, dándole verdadero espíritu y vida. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**RESPECT LIFE**

“Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn’t go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”



“Muchas personas conocen a alguien personalmente que sufre a causa de un aborto. Si una amiga mañana te confía que tuvo un aborto, ¿podrías responder de manera tal que la acerque a la sanación? ... Hasta una mujer que no va a la iglesia o no se cree religiosa puede sentir temor de que Dios nunca la va a perdonar por haber abortado. Ella debería saber que Dios ama y perdona a quienes se arrepienten. Él quiere consolarlas y darles su paz”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB  
 “Cómo hablarle a una amiga que ha tenido un aborto”

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**

**Women’s Discernment Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7:00pm**, University Catholic Center, St. Luke Room. Join Sister Maria Jose and other women discerning the Lord’s will for their lives at the University Catholic Center! We will be meeting every Wednesday of the academic year and will be discussing the book *Discerning Religious Life* by Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR. Ages 18-35 are welcome! RSVP to [Women's Discernment Dinner — Austin Vocations \(godiscalling.me\)](http://Women's Discernment Dinner — Austin Vocations (godiscalling.me))

**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. Mary’s Seminary, Houston
- Jeff Jones, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Br. Augustine Marie Peter (Ryan Schultz), Canons Regular of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Ladd Spears-Saint Mary’s Seminary, Houston, TX

**BEYOND OUR PARISH**

**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 Sahn Hill Summit in Butler Metro Park. Following the examples of Poland and Ireland, 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>

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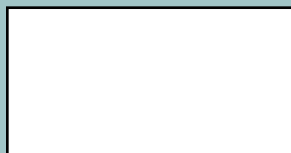
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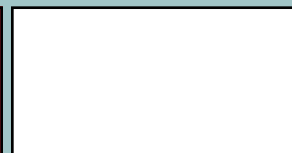
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