

Sun, November 30	Mon, December 1	Tues, December 2	Wed, December 3
Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm Misa 9:00 am Carpenter's Crew Youth Group meets from 1:30-3:00pm in the PAC	Legion of Mary Mystical Rose 10-11:30 am (REC) Mass 5:30 pm CCE 6:15-7:30pm Aprediendo su Fe (adultos) 6:15-7:30 pm (Español) Ultreya 7:30 pm (PAC)	Bible Study 4-5 pm (PAC) Mass at 5:30 pm Spanish Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm in the REC CCE 6:15-7:30pm SVdP 6:15-7:45 pm English Baptism Class 6:30 pm in the PAC	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Filipino Legion of Mary 6:00-7:00 pm in the REC CCE 6:15-7:30 pm Adult CCE 6:15-7:30 pm

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, November 29

5:30 P.M. † Teodora Hernandez, Familia Trujillo-Ortiz, and Armando Garcia

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. In Thanksgiving Ortega-Irizarry
 9:00 A.M. † Jose Mario Rodriguez
 10:30 A.M. † John Edward Unpingco Camacho
 12:00 P.M. Deceased members of Guerrero Family
 5:00 P.M. Parishioners

Monday, December 1

5:30 P.M. For Greater Respect of All Human Life

Tuesday, December 2

5:30 P.M. † Dayna Holder

Wednesday, December 3

5:30 P.M. † Heginio Abiva

Thursday, December 4

8:15 A.M. Deacon Jim

Friday, December 5

8:15 A.M. † Artie Aguirre
 5:30 PM Stevens Family Intentions

Saturday, December 6

5:30 P.M. † Florentino Campos

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. † Rhea Phillips
 9:00 A.M. † Domitila Lopez & hijos
 10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving Mass - Phillip Thomas
 and for Mr. & Mrs. Chinedu Chikezie
 12:00 P.M. † Donna Franken
 5:00 P.M. Edgar Escobedo, Isai Escobedo & family

PRO LIFE BRIEF: "[T]he courage and grace shown by those women who choose life—in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds—make them today's heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love...is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures."

— 2013-2014 *Respect Life Program (USCCB)*, Erika Bachiochi, Esq., "Life Matters: Roe Plus 40"

CITAS PARA VIDA: "El valor y la gracia demostrados por las mujeres que optan por la vida –frente al miedo, la incertidumbre, la intimidación de los padres o la pareja– aparentemente insuperables obstáculos, las hacen las heroínas de hoy. A ellas se suman los muchos que aconsejan, apoyan y mantienen a la madre y la criatura antes y después del nacimiento. Tal amor de entrega ... es poderosamente transformador de la madre, del niño, de las familias, de las culturas".

— *Programa Respetemos la Vida 2013-2014*

PARISH SUPPORT (11/23/2014)

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent, and treasures we have received.

La administración es un concepto importante para nuestro crecimiento espiritual como católicos. Es una manera de agradecerle a Dios por todas sus bendiciones y regresarle un poco de tiempo, talento, y tesoros que hemos recibido.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday printing schedules, the totals for the weekend of November 23 will be in next week's bulletin.

Gospel Meditation:

Take some time to ask yourself, "Am I prepared for the Lord's return?" What might you need to change to be ready?

Tómese el tiempo de preguntarse a sí mismo(a), "¿Estoy preparado(a) para el regreso del Señor?" ¿Qué puede ser que usted necesite cambiar para estar listo(a)?

Thurs, December 4	Fri, December 5	Sat, December 6	Sun, December 7
<p>Mass 8:15</p> <p>Confessions from 8:45-9:46 am</p> <p>Catholicism 101 meets from 6-8 pm in the PAC</p>	<p>Mass 8:15 am</p> <p>Adoration 9:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00 pm</p> <p>Mass 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Christmas Bazaar in the PAC 10am-7:30 pm</p> <p>Confession 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Mass 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm</p> <p>Misa 9:00 am</p> <p>Christmas Bazaar in the PAC 8:30 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Welcome for new Parishioners 2-4 pm in the PAC</p>

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society will be held at the Parish Activity Center on Saturday, Dec 6th, 2014, from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec 7th, 2014, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Set up for Vendors will be held on Friday, December 5th, 2014 – 5:30 to 8 pm. Spaces for parishioners will be \$20 per space and \$10 for each additional space and space(s) for non-parishioners will be \$30 per space and \$15 for each additional space.



THE SPACES ARE FOR TWO DAYS. THERE ARE NO SINGLE DAY SPACES. To reserve your space(s) please contact Ronda McClarren at 254-634-3519 or 254-702-2307.

This year we will have a “Children’s Christmas Corner”. There will be gifts for \$1.00 and under that the children can purchase for their family members, that they will be able to wrap on-site and then take home. We will have refreshments, craft-making, singing, and a visit from Santa Claus on Saturday from 1-4 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm. A photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

WHEN: 16-18 JANUARY 2015
 WHERE: WACO CONVENTION CENTER
 COST: \$50 REGISTRATION AND \$50 FOR HOTEL
 THEME: "BEHOLD"

For additional information or permission forms, please contact Youth Ministry at 254-258-7715 or stop by the PAC during Youth Group every Sunday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

You've heard of EWTN Catholic Television and Radio, but did you know that there are other Catholic entertainment options available? On SiriusXM Satellite Radio, Channel 129- The Catholic Channel features 24/7 Catholic talk radio with a wide variety of programs. Maybe you don't want to pay for your radio- well give Relevant Radio a try then. There is a free App for Relevant Radio, so you can stream the Catholic programming through your wi-fi connection at home or work. Relevant Radio also has podcasts available of previously recorded shows, as well as prayers like the Rosary. Listening to these Catholic Media sources keep you up to date on news in the Church, on Pope Francis and positive Catholic Christian entertainment. Give it a try- it can inspire your Faith life!

Barnes and Nobel Book Fair

Barnes and Nobel will be donating a portion of store and cafe sales to St. Joseph Catholic School on Saturday 12/06 from 9AM to 9PM. Just let the cashier know you are there to support our school and they will take care of the rest. Storytelling, Christmas caroling, coloring sheets, and gift wrapping will be available at this event. The school office has forms if you would like to pre-order a cheesecake. The school office, also has Barnes and Nobel Gift Cards available.

Five and Below:

Five and Below will be donating a portion of store sales to St. Joseph Catholic School on 12/05, 12/06 and 12/07. A flier will be available for you to download at www.stjosephschoolkilleen.org and on our facebook page. Please present either the hard copy or an electronic copy at the register.

This is a great opportunity to support Catholic Education while doing a little bit of Christmas shopping as well. We look forward to seeing **you**!!!!

BAKED GOODS AND COFFEE SALE

Sponsored by Youth Ministry, raising funds for DCYC

WHEN: Nov 30, after every Mass

WHERE: On the Breezeway

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PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Children's Mass at 5:00 pm on the following Sundays: December 21 and December 28, 2014, and January 4, 2015. The Mass will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

No habra misa de niños a las 5:00 pm en los proximos domingos; 21 de diciembre y 28 de diciembre del 2014, y 4 de enero del 2015. Las misas se empiezan de nuevo el domingo, 11 de enero, 2015.

During the Fall Months When the Flu is Easily

Spread, it is good to remember some rules of charity: Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water and use hand sanitizer regularly. If you are sick, stay home from Mass; and if your children are sick, keep them home from Religious Education. Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes appropriately.....And remember, it is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick.

***Cedarbrake Retreat Center******December 5-7: Advent Silent Retreat***

Join us as we take some much needed time from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. This is an opportunity to take some quiet time to prepare your hearts for the coming of our Savior. Spiritual Direction will be available. Cost is \$165 per person and includes a private room, meals and linens. For more information, call (254) 780-2436

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Do you know...What the Advent Season represents?

Advent (ad-venio in Latin or "to come to") this year, begins **November 30 and extends through December 21st**; it begins with the Church's liturgical year, and is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us on the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions, the lighting of the Advent Wreath, the Advent calendar helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities.



The liturgical color of the Advent season is purple. It is a blue-purple which is in contrast to the red-purple used for Lent. Purple is seen not only as a color which represents penance and fasting (lent) it is also a color which expresses royalty as we welcome the Advent of our King. The use of the two different purples during the advent and lent season shows the connection between Christ's birth and death.

The Incarnation can never be separated or isolated from Christ's suffering and death.

Advent has a three-fold character:

- 1) remembering the events that surrounded the Lord's coming of over 2000 years ago; 2) celebrating his coming and presence among us today and 3) looking forward to His final coming in glory. The Advent Scriptures speak to
- 2) us of expectation, anticipation and a longing for a Savior. The Israelites cry out for deliverance from their slavery. The prophets not only warn the people to repent from their sinful ways, 'Make straight your paths' but they also remind us that our God is faithful and will restore those who seek His mercy. Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent is marked with a spirit of reconciliation; promise and hope. It is certainly a season of prayerful watch as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ in our lives.

-In this week's bulletin, the information provided in this article can be attributed to the USCCB and the Austin Diocese.

Mass Intentions for 2015 will open on December 1. Come by the Parish Office to make your intentions. By making an offering, the Faithful contribute to the good of the Church. The suggested offering is \$5.00. Please be mindful that St. Joseph is a large parish and, in charity, we should limit our number of Mass Intentions so that others may offer Masses for their loved ones.

Intenciones para el año 2015 se abren el 1 de diciembre. Venga a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer sus intenciones. Al hacer una oferta, los fieles contribuyen al bien de la parroquia. La oferta sugerida es de \$5. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que San José es una parroquia muy grande y, en la caridad, debemos limitar nuestro número de intenciones para una Misa para que otros puedan ofrecer Misas por sus seres queridos.

Monday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be 8:15 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM

*Celebration of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 2014*

Mañanitas: 5:30 AM
Masses: 8:15 AM and 7:00PM

Reception dinner to
Follow the evening Mass
in the Parish Activity Center at 8:00 pm.
Dinner plates will be served for \$5.00
(kids under 12 free)

There will be a welcoming reception for new Parishioners on Sunday, December 7, from 2:00-4:00 pm, in the Parish Activity Center. Please call the office for more information.