

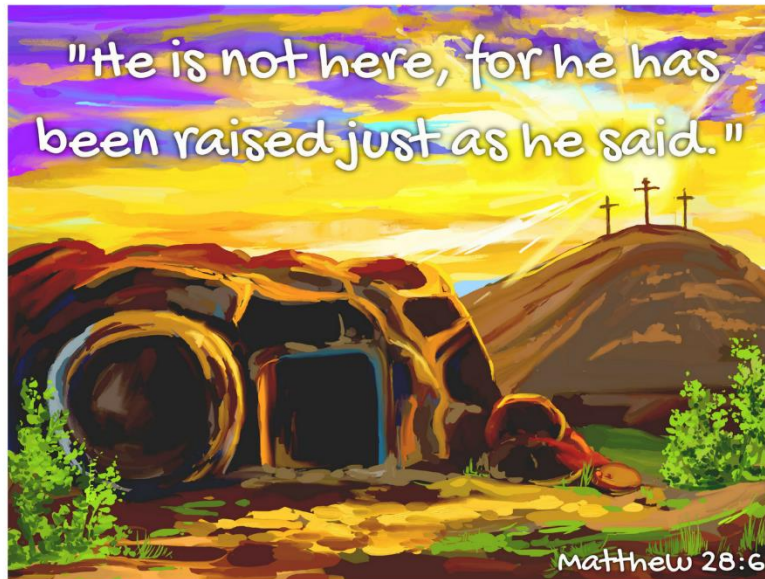
SANTA ROSA DE LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love.

The very life and essence of God is love; and God, who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond – pours out his love on us with profound generosity.

Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us?

We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.



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Regular Mass Schedule

Daily Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

6:00 PM

Wednesday (at Wellspring United Methodist)

4:30 PM

First Friday:

11:30 AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

4:00 PM

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Sacramental Celebrations

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday at 10:30AM

Reconciliation: After each Daily Mass; First Friday at 10:30AM; 30 Minutes before each weekend Mass; and by appointment

Baptism: For parishioners and those residing within our parish boundaries. Parents and Sponsors are required to attend a class.

The next scheduled class is **July 15 at 9 AM** in the RE Building.

Please call the office for further information or to register for a class.

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

Ministry to the Sick: Call Fr. Larry at 512.787.7954

Quinceañera*: For parishioners and students in our Religious Education Program. Contact the RE Office at least 6 months in advance. (*This is a special celebration; not a sacrament.)

Welcome to Santa Rosa

Welcome to all returning and first-time visitors. We thank you for choosing to celebrate with us.

If you would like to register with the parish, New Parishioner packets and Parish Registration Forms are available in the narthex on the shelves next to the sacristy.

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 AM- 2 PM

After Memorial Day, Summer Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10 AM-2PM

Need to return a form outside office hours?

Parish Registration Forms, Mass Intentions, envelopes and notes to the office may be mailed to the address above, placed in any collection basket, or placed in either of the "All Completed Forms" boxes at the church entrances.



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Stewardship Corner

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK:

Mail In: \$ 1,125.00

Sat. Apr. 26: 5:00 PM: \$ 4,018.00

Sun. Apr. 27: 8:00 AM: \$ 2,971.00

Sun. Apr. 27: 10:30 AM: \$ 3,759.00

Sun. Apr. 27: 4:00 PM: \$ 2,338.00

Prayer List

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the parish office. Please inform us when a name may be removed.

PRAYER LIST FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Col. Shane Steinke, USAF, Middle East; James Austin Hodnett, US Army, Kuwait; Christopher Paul Tarvin, US Army, Middle East

FOR ALL WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Pam Franklin; Ken Clayton; Sharon Parma; Harry Bair; Lloyd Jacob; Carl Dixon; John Quinlin; John Campbell; Jason Campbell; Harry Jackson; Diana Wilbanks; Jim Schneider; Sylvia Harper Schneider; Gary Davila; Larry Ewing; James Miller Jr.; Alyssia Thaxton; Michael Stetler; Greg Sprawka; Mark Benson; Robert Woods; Joel Davis; Michael Hendricks; Sue Thelen; Mary Francis Barlin; Kelsey Cantrell; Sue Collins; Kathie Piraino; Phyllis Conner

MASS INTENTIONS:

The Mass intentions scheduled for this week are...

Sat. May 5: 5:00 PM: For the parishioners of Santa Rosa

Sun. May 6: 8:00 AM: Theresa M. Dix

Sun. May 6: 10:30 AM: † Mary Girvin

Sun. May 6: 4:00 PM: † James Huggins

Tue. May 8: 6:00 PM: † Theresa M. Dix

Wed. May 9: 4:30 PM: † Kenny Savino

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**We apologize but we are not always able to schedule everyone's preferred date. **All intentions are subject to change as circumstances arise.

Parish News & Events

This Week at Santa Rosa

Sun. May 6

- SRdL RE Catechist & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- Carr Hall – 11:30 AM

Tue. May 8

- HOPE & GoW Food Packing – Carr Hall – 8:30 AM
- K of C Ladies Fellowship – Carr Hall, Room A – 7 PM
- K of C Meeting – Carr Hall – 7 PM

Wed. May 9

- Final Fisd Food for Families Packing – Carr Hall – 8:30 AM

Thu. May 10

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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For information about diocesan events in the area see the online version of the bulletin.

Acknowledging 2018 Wedding

Anniversaries: June 9-10 at ALL Masses

Father will present couples with a certificate from the diocese signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez. If you would like a

certificate honoring your years of marriage up to 2018. Please email info@srdl-cc.org or contact the office call with your names, number of years married and the mass that you plan to attend that weekend.

VBS 2018: JUNE 18-22: 9 AM – 12 PM

For all children and grandchildren of Santa Rosa parishioners.

For grades K-5 in the Fall of 2018.

Registration forms are now available.

You can pick one up from the central table in the narthex. 😊



Religious Education

Winding Down the 2017-2018 RE Calendar and Prepping for the 2018-2019 Year.

We are currently working on finalizing the 2018-2019 calendar; it is not yet posted on the website but feel free to check in the coming weeks. Remember the RE calendar is available 24/7 on the parish website; there is a link to the RE Calendar on the homepage or look under "Faith Formation".

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents make sure that you have subscribed to our RE Parent Email list. RE Registration for the new year opens August 1st at which point an email will be sent with a link to the online registration.

We hope to see you at the Welcome to Summer Picnic on May 20 and at VBS in June!

Important Dates from the RE Office

Mark your calendar. If you have not already done so.

May 6 – Catechist & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



May 20 – Graduation Mass @ 10:30 AM

– Welcome to Summer Picnic following the 10:30 Mass 😊

Ministries

DCCW

Quarterly Meeting: The Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Pflugerville.** Registration begins at 9:30 AM prior to the business meeting at 10 AM.

All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend as we share in fellowship and carry out the mission of the National Council of Catholic Women.

You may call Mary White, president of the Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women at 512.914.4069 for any questions or further information.

DCCW Clerical Endowment Fund Mass

Card Enrollments: Both the individual who donates and the person who is remembered shares in the following

spiritual favors: *The Holy Sacrifice of the mass offered monthly by the Bishop of Austin; The Holy Sacrifice of the mass offered monthly by the CEF director; A daily remembrance by diocesan seminarians in their mass/special intentions; A daily remembrance by the Nuns of Monastery of St. Clare in Brenham.*

CEF cards are available for purchase at the Religious Articles Cabinet. \$2 & \$5 for Mass & Prayer Remembrances for an individual for one year; \$25 & \$50 for perpetual Mass & Prayer Remembrances. For the larger cards, please call Dot Absnaider at 512.515.5929. We thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus #12522

Our Council has a Website: Please visit www.kofc12522.org for information about the Knights, including how to join, upcoming events, and Knights activities.

Knights of Columbus Bingo: There are no BINGO games in May. Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Meals: There will be no meals in May. Meals will return in June. Thanks for your support.

When do the Knights meet? The Santa Rosa's Knights of Columbus Council #12522 meets on the second Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting will be...May 8.** Knights are encouraged to attend the 6 PM daily Mass. There is a pre-meeting meal starting at 6:30 PM. The business meeting starts at 7 PM.

If you are a K of C member, please remember to bring your membership card and join us.

Interested in joining? Please contact Mike Judice at 409.617.1656 or Ed Pastor at 512.863.2331.

K of C Ladies Fellowship

All wives of the Knights of Columbus Council #12522 are invited to meet in Carr Hall, Room A on **Tuesday, May 8 at 7 PM**; while the men meet in the main section of Carr Hall.

The purpose of this group is purely social; so, come prepared for some fun and friendship. *Feel free to bring your dinner or snacks.*

Respect/Pro-Life

Michele Stanfield, Parish Pro-Life Coordinator
mstanfield@austin.rr.com

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *How to Build a Culture of Life*,
www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

Saint Vincent's Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us,

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, which you generously give to the poor and suffering among us, is fulfillment of this commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your continued generosity in helping us fulfill our mission.

Have you reached a stage in life where you have a little extra time to share with those in need? If so, please prayerfully consider joining this dynamic organization. Our next meeting is Thursday, 17 May at 6:30 PM in the RE Library. All are welcome.

If you know someone in need of assistance, please ask them to call our service number at **254.317.2891**.

"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited." - St. Vincent de Paul.

Santa Rosa Food Pantry & Outreach

I am continually amazed at the number of parishioners who come to each Pantry and help with the distribution of food. The reason they come is not because they feel they are helping the less fortunate but because of what they Receive by helping those in need. You must come and see for yourself. *[Please note that to help at the Food Pantry, you must be EIM Compliant. For more information search EIM on parish website and click on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)]*

Again, thank you for your generous financial support of this ministry. Sunday, 13 May is your opportunity to use your Blue envelopes. You can put your Blue envelope in any Sunday collection and it will get to the right place.

Our support for the Florence School District has ended for the summer. Thus, our need for peanut butter is reduced. We will restart our support in September.

All in need of food assistance will be served. For immediate assistance please call the SVDP help line at 254.317.2891.

Questions? Email Bill Adams at adamswb@att.net.

Santa Rosa Ladies Group

SRLG 400 Raffle: April Drawing Winners!
\$75 – #246 Marlys Horky and #271 Grace and Chuck Cooper
\$50 – #166 Mary Manis; \$25 – #331 Char Kyle

Santa Rosa Gift Shop: The Gift Shop should be open for all Masses; but in case no one is there, and you need something please contact Patricia Williams at 915.630.4117 for assistance.

For "Get Well" and sympathy cards from SRLG: Contact Linda Swafford at lswaff@suddenlink.net

When does the SRLG Meet? SRLG members meet the 4th Monday of each month from August through May. Our next meeting will be...May 21. We meet at 9:30 AM in Carr Hall. SRLG is open to all ladies of our parish. Please consider joining us.

Questions? Call Cheryl Tatro 512.750.2422 or Jane Schmitt 512.943.0402

Santa Rosa Youth Group

Calling All 2018 Graduates: Our 2018 Graduation Mass will be at 10:30 AM on May 20. Please call the office or email youth@srdl-cc.org with the graduate's name and school from which they are graduating.

The Caring Place

The Caring Place will have a "Chat and Chew" Information Lunch and Tour on **May 18, 2018 @ 11:30 AM.**

This is an opportunity for folks to learn how The Caring Place operates; to tour the facility, and to learn about volunteer opportunities if interested. Guarantee attendees will find it very interesting.

Call Rita Turner, Community Engagement Manager, @ 512-943-0702 or email: rturner@caringplacetx.org for a reservation as space is limited.

- Brenda Tyrrell, SRdL Representative to TCP Membership Council

Liturgical Ministries

New volunteers are always welcome and very much **needed.** No experience necessary. *We will train.* 😊
If you would like to join a Liturgical Ministry contact the ministry leader or the Parish Office.

Altar Servers

Scheduler: David Burrell: davidpburrell@yahoo.com

Sat. May 5: 5:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. May 6: 8:00 AM: April Smith; Madelyn Edwards; Karson Bye; Kennedy Bye

Sun. May 6: 10:30 AM: Jaret Martinez; Ashlyn Clawson; Seidy Carbajal

Sun. May 6: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. May 12: 5:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. May 13: 8:00 AM: April Smith; Karlie Bye; Konnor Bye

Sun. May 13: 10:30 AM: Jaret Martinez; Ashlyn Clawson; Seidy Carbajal

Sun. May 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers

Scheduler: Elsie Parrish: elparrish2@aol.com

Sat. May 5: 5:00 PM: Ann Sang (L); Ron Davidson (L); Nell Ficken (L); Bill Freitag; Ginny Hahn; Gerald Hardner; Sara Hardner

Sun. May 6: 8:00 AM: Angela Gimbert (L); Jerry Kovacs (L); Carole Lockamy (L); Patty Magee; Nancy Osuna; Jean Plentl; Jan Saenz

Sun. May 6: 10:30 AM: Marnie Finan; Gloria Johnson; Jerry

Kelly (L); Pam Kelly (L); Chris Kolb (L); Elsie Parrish; Joyce Pond

Sun. May 6: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. May 12: 5:00 PM: Clara Licandro (L); Robbie Licandro (L); Noel Livaudais (L); Terry Mack; Mary Manis; Anne Marshall; John McDuffie (L)

Sun. May 13: 8:00 AM: Cindy Smith (L); Virginia Bane; Angela Gimbert; Jerry Kovacs (L); Carole Lockamy; Patty Magee (L); Nancy Osuna

Sun. May 13: 10:30 AM: Deanna Ramirez (L); Earnest Ramirez (L); Cheryl Tatro; Tony Theriot (L); Bill Adams; Yvonne Bedell; Betty Calcote

Sun. May 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Greeters

Scheduler: Pam Kelly: pam.kelly60@yahoo.com

Sat. May 5: 5:00 PM: Jay Livaudais and Alice Smith

Sun. May 6: 8:00 AM: David and Felix Ramirez

Sun. May 6: 10:30 AM: Don and Judy DeWenter

Sun. May 6: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. May 12: 5:00 PM: John and Marthe Jones

Sun. May 13: 8:00 AM: Kathy and Greg Deibert

Sun. May 13: 10:30 AM: Pam and Jerry Kelly

Sun. May 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Homebound Communion Service

Scheduler/Training: Elsie Parrish: elparrish2@aol.com

Call the office for Homebound Communion.

Lectors

Scheduler: Bea Burrell: bvburrell54@yahoo.com

Sat. May 5: 5:00 PM: Ann Sang; Terry Mack

Sun. May 6: 8:00 AM: Sara Ramirez; Paul Chomka

Sun. May 6: 10:30 AM: Thomas Peña; Charlene Cooper

Sun. May 6: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. May 12: 5:00 PM: Noel Livaudais; Matt Manis

Sun. May 13: 8:00 AM: Angela Gimbert; Linda Reinhart

Sun. May 13: 10:30 AM: Vince Weiss; Budge Mabry

Sun. May 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 PM: Paul Mack; Sherry Martinez; Joe Mullen; Paul Pratt

Sunday 8:00 AM: Eddie Girvan; Joey Girvan; Charlie Hoffstatter; George Nabb; Dennis Pribbernow; Aaron Spuler; Kaleb Spuler; Charles Spuler

Sunday 10:30 AM: Bill Dicus; Vic Figurelli; Gabe Lensing; Adan Medina; Angel Ortiz; Ron Peck; Alberto Sandoval; Mallory Schacherl

Sunday 4:00 PM: Volunteers

BULLETIN INFORMATION: Articles for the bulletin should be sent to: Communications@SRdL-CC.org.
Bulletin Articles are due each Tuesday by 1:00 PM. *Unless otherwise noted.* Late articles will be added as space allows. Please note all articles are added per Fr. Larry's approval and subject to editing.

At the Store? Keep the Following Organizations in Mind:

Annunciation Maternity Home

[Donation items may be placed in the white crib in the narthex.]

Currently in need of the following: *Similac (especially Sensitive Formula); Pedialyte; Goldfish, other crackers and snacks; Cheerios, Chex, other breakfast cereal; All kinds of: Beans, Vegetables, Fruits (with no added sugar), Nuts (Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds); Pantry Staples: Flour, Corn Meal, Biscuit Mix, Olive Oil, Vegetable Oil, Pastas, Rice, Broths, Pasta Sauces, Soups, Rotel; Dessert Mixes: Pudding, Cake, Cookie, etc.; Things that YOU like to eat at home. Note: AMH CANNOT accept the following items: Used Cribs, Used Car Seats, Baby blankets*

The Caring Place

[Donation items may be placed in the "The Caring Place" box next to the sacristy]

Currently in need of the following: *Soup; Toiletries; Diapers (size 4,5,6); Stew/Chili; Canned Tuna/Chicken; Ketchup; Cereal; Juices; Baking Mixes*

SVdP and the Santa Rosa Food Pantry

[Donations items may be placed in the narthex on the wooden shelf next to the Giving Tree.]

Currently in need of the following: *Box Tops-for-Education and Egg Cartons*

Be a Parishioner in the Know

When it comes to communicating with our parishioners we post information first in our bulletin & announcements then on our parish website: SRDL-CC.ORG and Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/SantaRosaAndice and finally via our Parish News email list. We invite you to find us on Facebook and join our parish email lists if you have not already done so.

Our Parish Email Lists

To sign up visit our website and scroll down to "Be a Parishioner in the Know" and click on the link to be taken to the email sign up for that list.

We use VerticalResponse, an email service like MailChimp and Constant Contact. *(If you did not receive the last SRdL Parish News Email with our Holy Week Schedule we recommend that you check your Spam Folder and if it's not there, then sign up again.)*

SRdL Parish News [For ALL Parishioners]: *This list is used sparingly (about 10 times a year at most). We mainly use this list to send out abrupt schedule changes, emergencies, Mass cancellations or time changes, etc.*

SRdL RE Parent Email [For ALL Parents/guardians or grandparents of our RE students]: *This is our primary form of communication with the Parents/guardians or grandparents of our students enrolled in our Religious Education Program. We greatly encourage all those enrolled in our RE program sign up to receive the information about everything from no classes to upcoming important dates.*

SRYG (Santa Rosa Youth Group) [For ALL High School Parents/guardians or grandparents and Students]: *We invite our High School aged students to join the Santa Rosa Youth Group. Parents/guardians or grandparents and Students are invited to sign up to receive information about upcoming events and important deadlines.*

Around the Diocese

Tiger Scramble, St. Joseph Catholic School in Killeen

St. Joseph Catholic School in Killeen will host the second annual Tiger Scramble on May 12 at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen. Check in is at 7 a.m., and play begins at 9 am. All are welcome to come out and have some fun, while supporting Catholic education in Central Texas. Registration is \$125 per player or \$460 for a team of four and includes breakfast, lunch, two drink tickets, cart rental and green fees. All funds are used to support the scholarship fund at SJCS. For more information, visit sjcskilleen.org.

Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise Ministry

offering infertility, pregnancy loss and adoption support

A program of the Rabboni Institute for Learning & Healing
(512) 736-7334 | www.TeachMeHealMe.com |

Also, Like us on [Facebook](#)

Meetup for Those Touched by Adoption

All those who have ever made an adoption plan for a child, adopted a child or are in the process of adopting a child, are a foster parent, or those who were adopted are invited to come together and say what you need from the faith community to feel supported and encouraged in your adoption story.

We will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 in Brennan Auditorium at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in northwest Austin and begin with praying a rosary together that features special meditations on the adoption journey, followed by light refreshments and time to get to know one another.

Please RSVP at www.adoptionmeetup2018.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact (512) 736-7334 or shap@teachmehealme.com.

Catholic Charities Assistance for Williamson County

Catholic Charities of Central Texas has partnered with St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Round Rock and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Taylor to administer utility assistance. Together we want to help families and individuals in Central Texas who are have difficulty paying their Utility bills.

- **Our EFSP-FEMA grant will assist Travis and Williamson County. These are the zip codes in Williamson County we can assist.**

76511, 76527, 76530, 76537, 76573, 76574, 76577, 76578, 78612, 78613, 78615, 78626, 78627, 78628,

78630, 78633, 78614, 78642, 78646, 78673, 78674, 78680, 78682, 78683, 78727, 78728, 78729, 78750, 78759.

- With the ATMOS Energy and Texas Gas we can help anyone with their bill as long as the bill is in their name.

We will be located from 9:30am – 3:00pm

- At St. John Vianney – St. Francis House
 - 8 Lake Drive Round Rock, Texas 78665
 - The 1st Friday of each month
- Our Lady of Guadalupe in Taylor
 - 110 W. Rio Grande St. Taylor Tx, 76574
 - The 2nd Friday of each month

Families may call our office for assistance at any time:
512.651.6100.

What you need to bring to the appointment:

- Current ATMOS Energy bill, Texas Gas or other utility bills: The bill must be in your own name
- Photo ID

The mission of CCCTX is people of faith serving anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life.

CareBOX Program

The CareBOX Program is open to anyone receiving cancer treatment in the greater Austin area: Travis, Hays, Bastrop, Caldwell, Burnet, Lee, and Williamson counties. We provide free essential care supplies and deliver them directly to your door!

4 Great Ways to Get Involved

1. **Become a CareGIVER.** We're able to save lives thanks to the generosity of our donors, large and small. The easiest way to help is to give whatever you can.
2. **Join a Fundraiser.** We use fundraisers to help grow the number of cancer patients we help. You can donate to an ongoing fundraiser or start your own.
3. **Volunteer with Us.** The personal touch is what makes the CareBOX Program so special. You can volunteer to help out at our office or become a CareDRIVER.
4. **Come to an Event.** Periodically we host events to raise awareness about the CareBOX Program cause. We'd love to see you at our next shindig.

Visit <http://www.careboxprogram.org/get-involved/> to see how you can help.

To Receive a CareBOX

Visit <http://www.careboxprogram.org/how-it-works/patient-sign-up/> to see the current product list and to sign up for the CareBOX Program.

Bishop Vasquez in on Social Media

Thank you for all you do in service to the people of God and in the Diocese of Austin.

With great joy we announce that Bishop Vásquez is now on social media. Please follow him on Facebook and Instagram -- Bishop Vásquez' official motto is *Sígueme*, Spanish for "Follow me."

· Follow Bishop Vásquez on Facebook at

<http://bit.ly/2wVj9Yt>

· Follow Bishop Vásquez on Instagram at <http://bit.ly/2xziNsu>

Retreats

Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton

Upcoming Retreats

The Heart of Worship, Journaling with Scripture and Art retreat will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton May 5 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Experience God's word in a different way through journaling and art to give greater insight to God's will. Practicing to read, record and reflect on God's Holy Word helps one also to record how God is working and to realize even more how God is present in one's life. Mary Pomeroy, spiritual director and retreat presenter, will facilitate this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

Discovering Your True Self will be held May 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton.

The retreat will be based on the book by Father Richard Rohr entitled, "The Immortal Diamond." Deep within us is the true self; however, it has been hidden by who or what we think we should be. We will spend the day identifying the false images we hold on to as we ask the Lord to show us the beauty of our true selves. Bev Collin, assistant director of Cedarbrake, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

To register or for further information: www.cedarbrake.org or [254-780-2436](tel:254-780-2436)

Love the Lodge Campaign

Our focus for the Annual Appeal is "Love the Lodge." The Lodge was built in 1977 and was our first building to welcome guests for retreats. After 40 years of greeting and feeding guests for day and overnight use it is a little tired and needs some T.L.C. In addition to offering retreat scholarships we hope to: replace the carpet and old storm windows, upgrade the lights and some furniture and resurface the cabinets in the kitchen. Please consider a pledge to our Annual Appeal to help us "love the lodge" for 40 more years.

What your gift can provide: \$100 adds a beautiful shade tree - \$200 resurfaces the kitchen cabinets - \$200 provides a weekend retreat scholarship - \$250 provides vinyl plank for the lodge or carpeting for the rooms upstairs - \$750 helps purchase an ice machine - \$1,000 purchases a new double pane window - \$1,500 helps provide new heating and cooling unit

To make a donation please go to: www.austindiocese.org and click on the red donate button at the top, then scroll down to "Love the Lodge"

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[Webinars for Everyone](#)

The Ever-Present God with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ ***Overcoming Sin: How Sin Clouds Our Ability to Do God's Will***

May 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us as Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, internationally acclaimed biblical scholar, TV personality, and author, presents this free, one-hour webcast, in partnership with Our Sunday Visitor.

Through examining the story of Samson in the bible, Fr. Pacwa will help lead us to understand what happens when we sin, it's consequences, and how it can ultimately lead us to death. By drawing from the wisdom of the scriptures, Fr. Pacwa will help encourage us to turn away from sin and give us ways to overcome sin, so we can live the life for which God made us. You'll also have an opportunity to ask Fr. Pacwa questions in the Q&A session.

[Click here to register](#)

Deathbed Conversions: Finding Faith at the Finish Line

May 10, 2018 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

W.C. Fields reportedly quipped as he flipped through a Bible on his deathbed: "I'm looking for loopholes."

Is a last minute conversion really a loophole? Is it fair to the faithful who have "toed the line" their whole lives?

Far from being the easy way out, a deathbed conversion is almost always the culmination of years spent resisting God's patient, persistent call. Each of these journeys to redemption will deepen your faith and encourage you to help others find their way to him.

In this book you'll read the compelling stories of thirteen people who finally found peace with the Lord in the last months, weeks, or even hours of their lives, including poet/playwright Oscar Wilde, Nobel laureate Alexis Carrel, gangster Dutch Schultz, and actors John Wayne, Patricia Neal and Gary Cooper.

Join us as author Karen Edmisten discusses her book and answers your questions.

[Click here to register](#)

Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic

May 16, 2018 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Countless Catholics settle for a faith that doesn't go farther than the Sunday Mass. While essential, dedicating one hour of our lives to Sunday Mass alone won't satisfy our deep longing for more. In *Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic*, radio host Teresa Tomeo gets real about what it takes to live a distinctly Catholic way of life. With personal stories and research, this book offers practical tips for seekers in any stage of faith.

Join Teresa Tomeo and Gail Coniglio, co-authors of the *Beyond Sunday Study Guide* as they discuss ways to take your faith beyond Sunday to become a 24/7 Catholic and how to live a rewarding life and grow in your relationship with Christ.

There will be a Q&A session as well.

[Click here to register](#)

How to report an incident of concern: The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. Go to www.austindiocese.org/reporting (or call the EIM Office at 512-949-2447) to learn what to do, and how to report, if you suspect sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult; and what to do if the suspected abuse is by clergy, or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency.

Pastoral support for victims of sexual abuse: The Diocese of Austin is committed to providing confidential and compassionate care to victims of sexual abuse, particularly if the abuse was committed by clergy or a church representative. If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, please contact the diocesan coordinator of victim assistance and pastoral support at (512) 949-2400.