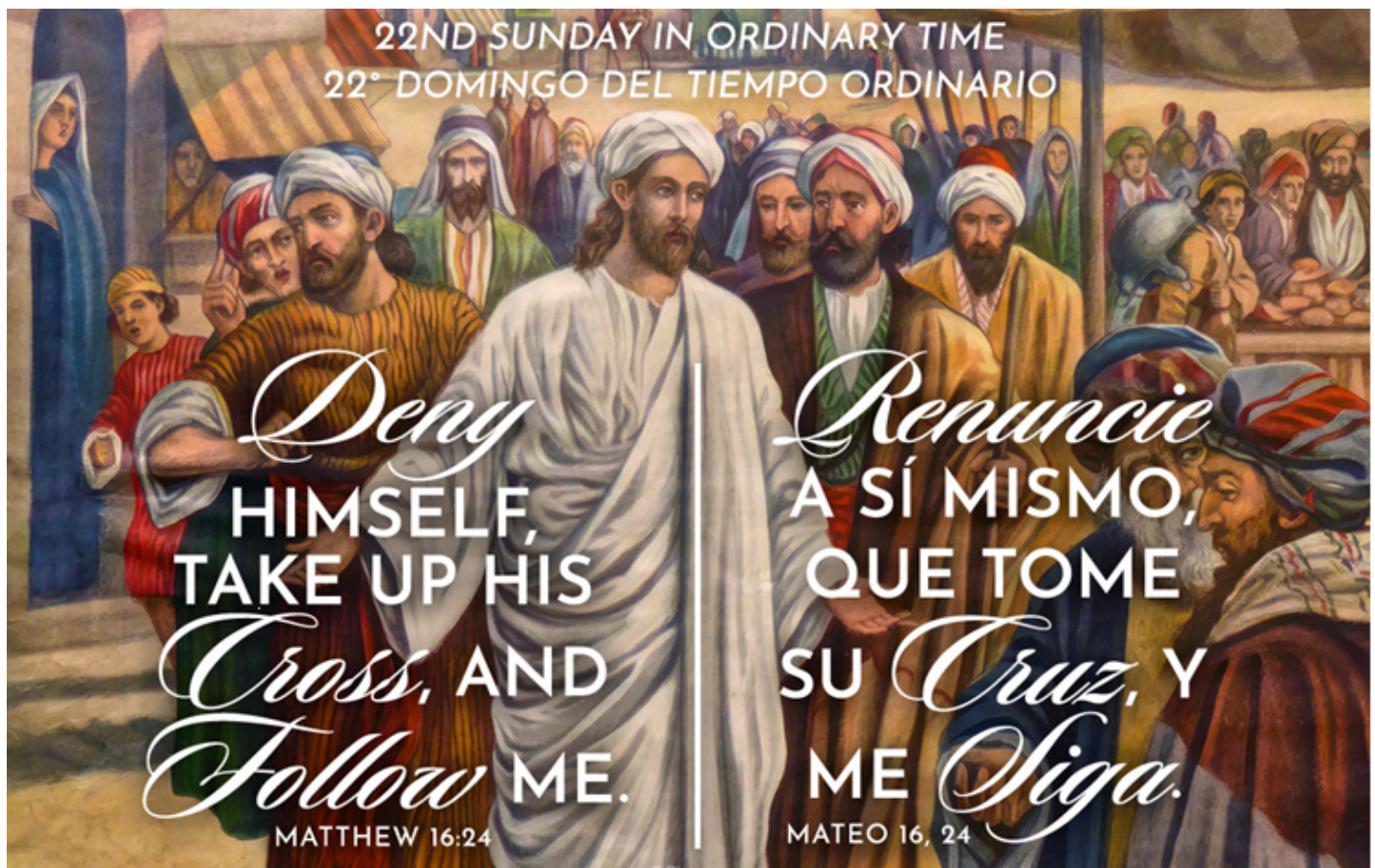




MASS TIMES / HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.

(Español) 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedules - look inside for times.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

By appointment also / Con cita previa
también Contact the office 512-446-2049

First Friday Mass: 12:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 1-7p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-10 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística

martes y jueves de 7-10 p.m.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes prior
to all weekend Masses.

El Rosario se reza 30 minutos antes de
todas las misas de fin de semana.

St. Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH
ROCKDALE, TEXAS



August 30, 2026

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Tues. - Thurs.
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Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 31

No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 1 6 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Sept 2 8:00 a.m.

†Bardomiano Banda

Thursday, Sept 3 8:00 a.m. 6 p.m.

Ladies Society

Friday, Sept 4 12:15 p.m. 7 p.m.

†Dora DeLeon Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Sept 5 9 am 5 p.m.

Guadalupeana Society †Frank Ramirez Sr.

†Frank Ramirez Jr.

†Dora DeLeon

†Helen Zapata

Sunday, Sept 6 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

†Bardomiano Banda For the People

**Daily Mass/ Adoration is held in
the Holy Family Chapel.**

**Misa de Dia / Adoracion diaria se
lleva a cabo en la Capilla de la
Sagrada Familia.**

August 2026

Monthly need: \$ 21,122.00

To Date: August \$ 19,280.08

Profit/ Loss: \$ -1,841.92

Last Sunday Collection:

Sunday Collection: 8/22-8/23 \$ 2,413.00

Online Giving: 8/17-8/21 \$ 224.30

Total: \$ 2,637.30

"All must give as they are able, according to the
blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 16:17

Giving is easy and secure...

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✓ Text saintjoseph to 73256

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Aug 31

1 Cor 2:1-5/ Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: Sept 1

1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Sept 2

1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Sept 3 St. Gregory the Great

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Sept 4

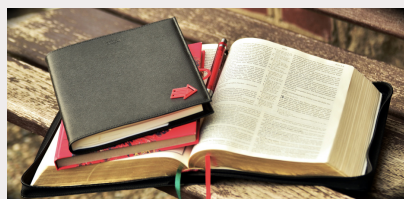
1 Cor 4:1-5/ Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Sept 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

1 Cor 4:6b-15/ Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Sept 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20



Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement

All submissions for bulletin and pulpit
announcement should be in electronic format
and emailed to:

parishadmin@stjosephrockdale.org

Todos los envios para boletines y anuncios
desde el pulpito deben realizarse en formato
electronico y enviarse por correo electronico a:
parishadmin@stjosephrockdale.org

**DEADLINE for Sept 5/6 bulletin and pulpit
announcements is Sept 1**

**FECHA LIMITE para el boletin y anuncios
del pulpito 6 de septiembre es el 1 de
septiembre**

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 29-30 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus knew that he would face the cross. Like Jesus life will bring us to difficult places and we will face obstacles. Sometimes on our path of discipleship the obstacles are within us: I'm not gifted; I don't have the time, I am homebound. Sometimes the cross we are asked to carry is very near to us: praying for someone who annoys us; taking the trouble to recycle; finding and buying fair trade products; learning about Church teaching on an issue that troubles us. What cross is yours to carry this week?

Agosto 29-30 — 22ndo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús supo que enfrentaría la cruz. Como a Jesús, la vida nos traerá dificultades y enfrentaremos obstáculos. Algunas veces, en nuestro camino de discipulado los obstáculos están dentro de nosotros: no soy talentoso(a); no tengo tiempo, no puedo salir de casa. Algunas veces la cruz que se nos pide cargar está a nuestro alcance: orar por alguien que nos molesta; tomarnos la molestia de reciclar; encontrar y comprar productos de comercio justo; aprender sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre un asunto que nos preocupa ¿Cuál es su cruz a cargar esta semana?

St. Joseph's Organizations / Contacts Meeting Dates / Times

Sociedad Guadalupeana

Sylvia Ramos, President 512-269-9463

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month with Rosary and Mass at **9 a.m.** followed by Meeting the RE Building. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Kenny Svrcek, Grand Knight 512-921-2184

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. @the K of C Hall. New members are always welcome.

St. Joseph's Ladies Society

Maria Santellano, President 254-760-0568

Meets the 1st Monday of the Month in the RE Building with Rosary at 5 p.m. followed by Meeting. New members are always welcome.

The Marian Cenacle (Prayer Group)

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets each Thursday, beginning with the Cenacle (prayer) 11 a.m.- noon, @ the RE Building, followed by the Angelus, 12:15 Mass in the chapel. Bi-weekly meeting is from 10- 11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/ Hijas de Maria

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets the 1st Saturday of each month (Sept.- May) @ RE Building from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Open to girls who have made their First Communion and older, and their parents.

Altar Servers

Craig Snow 512-426-2300 / Faustino Gonzalez 512-760-0640

Needed for Masses on an ongoing basis. Will train while serving. Open to anyone that has made their First Communion.

Music/ Choir Ministry

Eugene Holub at music@stjosephrockdale.org

L.I.F.T. Youth Group

Julia Cardona, Youth Minister 254-627-9162

Meets usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2 p.m. in the RE Building. All high school students in grades 9th -12th are welcome.

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

Debby Currey 512-775-0977

Various groups meet weekly to study the Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's Diary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and to pray.

Eucharistic Ministers

Kelley Zapata- Contact the Parish Office @512-446-2049

Must have received Confirmation to serve in this ministry.

Lectors

Pat Barcak - Contact the Parish Office @512-446-2049

Must have received Confirmation to serve in this ministry.

Religious Education- Catechists/Aides/ Subs

Kristina Snow, Director of RE 512-446-2049

Our program is always needing substitute catechists. We may also need mid-year assistance. We welcome not only adults, but teens to serve as additional aides.

Viri Christi (Men's Group)

Carlos Garza 512-760-0273

Men's group focusing on prayer, education, and spirituality. Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the RE Building.

Pastoral Council Chairman

Felipe Pacheco 512-269-2502

Finance Council Chairperson

Margaret Coker 512-970-8177

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Aug. 29- 5 pm	Linda Masur	Craig Snow	Nancy Phillips, Maria Dubey, Wesley Janak	Macario Flores Kenney Svrcek
Sun., Aug. 30- 9 am 11:30 am	Luke Olivarez Lupe Tristan Sylvia Ramos	Marcos Santellano Omar Chavez	Faustino & Cynthia Gonzalez, Jeff Zapata Erika Rivera, Alejandra Rivera, Julia Cardona	David Ehler Jason Ehler Macario Flores Jose Nieto
Sat. Sept 5- 5 pm	Jasmin Nieto	Mario Santellano	Carlos Garza, Margaret Coker, Jasmin Nieto	Chad Ehler Carlos Garza
Sun. Sept 6- 9 am 11:30 am	Craig Snow Benito Costilla	Craig Snow Camila Cardona	Jeff & Kelley Zapata, Gloria Pedroza Maria Velazquez, Lupe Tristan, Sylvia Ramos	Kenney Svrcek Jason Ehler Felipe Pacheco Jesus Ponce

Calling all young adults!

Central Texas Catholic (CTXC) is a new resource for young adults in the Diocese of Austin. Offering opportunities for community building and spiritual growth, CTXC strives to connect Catholic young adults, inviting them into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. If you are in your 20s or 30s, regional young adult CTXC representatives are ready to meet you! To learn more, visit www.centraltexascatholic.org.

St. Joseph Ladies Society

Meeting: Sept 14 at 5pm

September Altar Duty: Guadalupanas
September Hostess Duty: Margaret, Sharon and Rita

Thank you!



Thank you for helping clean the church and care for God's house. Your generosity and service are a blessing to our whole community.

Men ages 30-57: Have you considered the diaconate?

The Diaconal Ministry Office is now hosting Project Stephen sessions. This is an opportunity to walk with other men and their wives who are also discerning God's call. Over the course of seven sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about who the deacon is and how he serves in word, liturgy, and charity; the history and development of the diaconate; and the four pillars of formation. In addition, one will discover how to discern well, with a focus on prayer as the way God communicates his life and makes his presence known in the soul.



Men, currently between the ages of 30 and 57, who desire to serve God and his people, are invited to discern if the diaconate may be the response to that desire by attending Project Stephen. Wives are encouraged to attend as well.

The first session, Who is the Deacon?, will be offered on the following dates from 2 to 4 p.m.:

Sept. 13 at St. Joseph Parish in Bryan

Sept. 27 at Christ the King Parish in Belton.

For more information and/or to register please visit the Project Stephen website at www.austindiocese.org/project-stephen.



Let Us Pray / Oremos

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho
 Nick Guzman
 Tom Hormuth
 Robert & Susie Urban
 Charlie & Pat Watson
 Amalia Hernandez
 Mark Alvarez & Theresa Alvarez
 Virginia Hernandez
 Rachel Darby
 Donna Kerlin
 David Boudreaux
 Leslie Joyce Garcia
 Jennifer Tilkens
 Valentina Rodarte
 Francisca Longoria

Karen Eckert
 Cruz Martinez
 James Gorney
 Manuel Garcia
 Teresa Key
 Leo Dubey
 Mary Zapata
 Wendy Fournet
 Vernon Crowder
 Dolores Turner
 Larry Kerlin
 Georgie Kerlin

PLEASE Call the office @ 512-446-2049 if you, or
 someone you know, needs to be remembered on the
 prayer list.

Let Us Pray for Military Personnel / Oremos por el Ejercito Militar



Victoria Alvarado-Phillips
 Manuel Zapata Thompson
 Lt. Tyler Goeppinger- Air Force
 Ben Blanco- Navy
 Cristo Hernandez- Military
 CSM Frank Konarik-Army (NG)

*Let us know if you want to add any loved ones
 serving in the military. / Avisanos si quieres anadir
 a algun ser querido que sirva en el ejercito militar.*



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Manuel Escobar



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Honor of

Virginia Hernandez

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



2026 Sanctuary Candle Intentions
 available at the chapel or at the church.
 If you would like to schedule an
 intention for a deceased loved one,
 someone's birthday or anniversary, etc.
 we do have dates available for
 scheduling.

Please come by the parish office if you
 would like to schedule sanctuary candle
 intentions.

Baptism Class

**Next Baptism Class will be held on
 Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 10 a.m. at
 the RE Building.**

**Must be pre-registered to attend. Please
 contact the parish office to register.**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION



You are invited on
Friday, September 4, 2026

FIRST FRIDAY of the Month:

Mass at 12:15 pm in English followed by

Eucharistic Adoration
 from 1 pm. -6 p.m.

Holy Hour
 6-7pm followed by the Mass at 7 p.m. Spanish

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. The initiative will take place August 18 through October 31, which includes the month-long commemoration of Respect Life Month observed each October by the Catholic Church in the United States.

"Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks." invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, we are encouraged to share information about the dangers of abortion pills.



Recommend the Chaplet to Sinners

I heard these words in my soul: Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you.

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (Diary, 687).

Lord Jesus, teach priests to love and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May they recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation and to all at the hour of death so as to receive great mercy.

This Saturday, September 5th, is the first Saturday of the month and time to continue the Five First Saturdays Devotion. The Devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession,
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary,
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

We do this all with the intention to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This devotion is one of the major points of the message of Fatima, calling for reparation for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude towards the Immaculate Heart of Mary.





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Join us as we rediscover the message God sent to the Church
through Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

With expert presenter, Monsignor Eduardo Chávez



Explore & Discuss

The meaning and evangelizing power
of the symbols found in San Juan
Diego's Tilma

How to apply and share God's
message through Our Lady of
Guadalupe within our communities

Three sessions to choose from:

Sept. 11 | 9 a.m. - 12: p.m.

For Priests, Deacons & Parish Staff

Sept. 11 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Open to the general public. \$10/person

Sept. 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (In Spanish)

Open to the general public. \$10/person

All sessions at St. William, Round Rock

Register Now

www.austindiocese.org/hispanic-ministry



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Immaculate Conception, Virginity & the Rosary

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**SIGN-UP
NOW**

If you need to sign up for FORMED, go to signup.formed.org and when prompted choose "St. Joseph Rockdale." If you go through the church in this way, it is FREE for you. This app can be added to TV streaming as well. GREAT OPTIONS for the whole family!

Be on the lookout! Adult Lifetime of Learning Sessions for the 2026-2027 season are coming out soon. Lots of great learning ahead!

¡Esté atento! Pronto se anunciarán las sesiones de aprendizaje continuo para adultos de la temporada 2026-2027. ¡Le esperan muchas oportunidades excelentes de aprendizaje!



**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED OCIA REGISTRATION PACKETS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
POR FAVOR, DEVUELVAN LOS PAQUETES DE INSCRIPCIÓN
DEL OCIA COMPLETADOS LO ANTES POSIBLE.**



Adults who need to be baptized, receive their sacraments of confession, communion, and/or confirmation, or that might want to join the Catholic Church, it is time for you to register for OCIA! Registration packets are on the table at the back of the church and in the Church Office.

When Do Sessions Start?

Sunday, Sept. 13- Join us for the 9:00 am Mass, and then we will meet in the RE Building following Mass until 11:45 am. We will meet at the same time each week.

¡Adultos que necesitan ser bautizados, recibir sus sacramentos de confesión, comunión y/o confirmación, o que quieran unirse a la Iglesia Católica, es hora de que se inscriban en OCIA! Los paquetes de inscripción se encuentran en la mesa al fondo de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial.

¿Cuándo comienzan las sesiones?

Domingo, 13 de septiembre: acompáñenos a la Misa de las 9:00 a. m., y luego nos reuniremos en el edificio de Educación Religiosa (RE) después de la Misa hasta las 11:45 a. m. Nos reuniremos a la misma hora cada semana.

FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH / EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA JÓVENES

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

All new and returning students need to be REGISTERED for the upcoming year of learning.

Todos los estudiantes nuevos y los que regresan necesitan ESTAR REGISTRADOS para el próximo año de clases.

For new students, we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate if the child was not baptized here at St. Joseph Rockdale.

Para los nuevos estudiantes, necesitaremos una copia del certificado de nacimiento de su hijo y del certificado de bautismo si el niño no fue bautizado aquí en St. Joseph Rockdale.

\$40 per student/ \$100 max per family

If payment is a concern, please do not let that keep you from registering.

\$40 por estudiante / \$100 máximo por familia

Si el pago es un problema, por favor no dejes que eso te impida registrarte.

Register during office hours or during the following dates and times:

Regístrate durante el horario de oficina o en las siguientes fechas y horarios:

Tues., 9-1 from 4-7pm

Sat., 9-5 after Mass

Wed., 9-2 from 4-7pm

Sun., 9-6 after Mass



ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETING **REUNIÓN ANUAL DE PADRES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

THIS SUNDAY, AUG. 30

**AFTER THE 9AM MASS AND
AFTER THE 11:30 MASS**

**ESTE DOMINGO, 30 DE AGOSTO
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 9
A.M. Y
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 11:30**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR:

WED., SEPT. 9- FIRST WEDNESDAY CLASS

6:30-7:45 PM-

FC-I, FC-II, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH (PRE-CONF.)

SUN., SEPT. 13- FIRST SUNDAY CLASS

10:15-11:20 AM-

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, SACRAMENTAL PREP

2:00-3:00 PM-

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

3:00-6:00 PM-

CONFIRMATION SESSION #1

SUN., SEPT. 20- PRE-CONFIRMATION (9TH)

PARENT MEETING (1-2PM)

WED., SEPT. 23- OPENING MASS FOR ALL

RE STUDENTS AT 6:30 PM- NEW DATE

**SUN., SEPT. 27- FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP,
RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT
THE MASS YOU NORMALLY
ATTEND**

YOUTH MINISTRY / MINISTERIO JUVENIL

DON'T MISS OUT. FUN ACTIVITIES
AND EVEN POSSIBLE TRIPS ON
THE HORIZON. SOON ORDERING
SHIRTS. WE WANT YOU TO BE
PART OF THIS!!!



Calling all St. Joseph
high school students
grades 9-12!

Come join our all new Youth Group called
L.I.F.T. (Living in Faith Together).

We will usually meet on two Sundays per
month at 2:00 pm. Our next two
gatherings are as follows:

- **THIS Sun., Aug. 30 at 2pm**
(NOTE: Sun., Sept. 6- NO SESSION
DUE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND)
- **Sun., Sept. 20 at 2pm**

[Come and bring a friend!!!](#)

We will have lots of fun, explore how
we live our faith every day, discuss hot
topics that effect our lives, and grow
closer to God in the process.

L.I.F.T. WILL LEAD THE
OPENING MASS FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION ON WED.,
SEPT. 16 AT 6:30 PM.