



#### 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



**September 27, 2026**

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Tues. - Thurs.  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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## Mass Intentions

Monday, Sept 28

No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 29 6 p.m.

†Bea Tomzuck

Wednesday, Sept 30 8:00 a.m.

†Theresa Alvarez

Thursday, Oct 1 8:00 a.m. 6 p.m.

Living and Deceased †Theresa Alvarez  
members of the Ladies Society

Friday, Oct 2 12:15 p.m. 7 p.m.

†Diana Rios †Diana Rios

Saturday, Oct 3 9:00 a.m. 5 p.m.

Living and Deceased †Frank Ramirez Sr.  
members of the Guadalupanas †Frank Ramirez Jr.  
Society †Diana Rios  
Jason & Kristen Zapata

Sunday, Oct 4 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

For the People †Diana Rios

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sept 28

Jb 1:6-22/ Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Sept 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Sept 30 St. Jerome

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Jb 19:21-27/ Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Oct 3

Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/ Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Oct 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:4-9/ Mt 21:33-43



## MARIAN CENACLE

Come pray the Rosary with friends on **THURSDAY MORNINGS**. Experience the power of the Rosary. Following next we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for our personal intentions. We begin in the Chapel at 9am. Come experience the joy and power of group prayer.

We'll be waiting for you every Thursday at 9am.

Peace be with you!

**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.**

## September 2026

Monthly need: \$ 21,122.00

To Date: September \$ 10,042.55

Profit/ Loss: \$ -11,079.45

## Last Sunday Collection:

Sunday Collection:9/19-9/20 \$ 3,229.00

Social Ministry \$ 386.50

Online Giving: 9/14-9/18 \$ 229.85

Total: \$ 3,845.35

"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...**

✓ [stjosephrockdale.org](http://stjosephrockdale.org)  
✓ Text saintjoseph to 73256

## Parish Monthly Assessment \$7,105.00

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedraicum, Priest Pension & Health Insurance, Property Insurance, Ministry Platform, Workmen's Compensation)

## October's Special Collections

Oct 3-4 Sisters of Mary Morningstar  
Oct 10-11 Red Bag  
Oct 17-18 World Mission Sunday  
Oct 24-25 Catholic Services Appeal

## Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement

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

**[parishadmin@stjosephrockdale.org](mailto: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](mailto:parishadmin@stjosephrockdale.org)**

**DEADLINE** for October 3/4 bulletin and pulpit announcements is Sept 29

**FECHA LIMITE** para el boletin y anuncios del pulpito 4 de Octubre es el 29 de septiembre



## Let Us Pray / Oremos

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

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

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

Frank Ramirez Sr  
 Frank Ramirez Jr



## The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Diana Rios

## 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, October 10, 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, October 2, 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

| DATE                       | LECTORS           | ALTAR SERVERS                                               | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS                                 | USHERS                          |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. Sept 26- 5 pm</b>  | Omar Chavez       | Joseph Ray<br>Craig Snow                                    | Nancy Phillips, Maria<br>Dubey, Wesley Janak           | Carlos Garza<br>Wesley Janak    |
| <b>Sun., Sept 27- 9 am</b> | Nancy Zenner      | Marcos Santellano<br>Mario Santellano<br>Elizabeth Longoria | Felicia Alexander, Craig<br>Snow, Faustino<br>Gonzalez | Jeff & Kelley Zapata            |
| <b>11:30 am</b>            | Noemi Yanez       | Camila Cardona<br>Craig Snow                                | Maria Velazquez, Lupe<br>Tristan, Sylvia Ramos         | Juan Gonzalez<br>Jesus Castillo |
| <b>Sat. Oct 3- 5 pm</b>    | Jasmin Nieto      | Elizabeth Longoria<br>Craig Snow                            | Carlos Garza, Jasmin<br>Nieto, Margaret Coker          | Carlos Garza<br>Chad Ehler      |
| <b>Sun. Oct 4- 9 am</b>    | Pete Zenner       | Mario Santellano<br>Omar Chavez                             | Marcos Santellano,<br>Shannon O'Brien, Pat<br>Barcak   | Kenney Svrcek<br>Jason Ehler    |
| <b>11:30 am</b>            | Claudia Hernandez | Camila Cardona<br>Craig Snow                                | Erika Rivera, Alejandra<br>Rivera, Julia Cardona       | Macario Flores<br>Jose Nieto    |



## Blessing of the animals

### SUNDAY, OCT. 4- FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/ FIESTA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

Join us at 1:30 pm with your pet in the yard between the Dominican House (formally known as the Cooke House) and RE Building for a pet blessing!

*¡Unete a nosotros a la 1:30 pm con tu mascota en el patio de la Casa Dominicana (conocida anteriormente como La Cooke House) y el edificio de RE para una bendicion de mascotas!*

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### Early Life

Francis was the son of Pietro Bernardone, a wealthy cloth merchant, and his wife Pica. His father renamed him Francesco ("the Frenchman") after a trip to France. He enjoyed a privileged youth, was charming, and led a carefree, sometimes indulgent lifestyle, associating with troubadours and enjoying French culture. At around 20, he fought in a skirmish against Perugia, was captured, and spent a year in prison. His illness during captivity marked a turning point, leading him to seek God.

### Conversion and Spiritual Journey

After his release, Francis dedicated himself to prayer and preaching. He renounced wealth, adopted a **Franciscan habit**, and lived a life of poverty, humility, and service. He is known for his **Song of St. Francis**, a poetic prayer praising God's creation. His compassion extended to all creatures, and he is often depicted with birds, animals, and the stigmata (wounds on his body said to be from Christ's crucifixion).



## Be Patient and Continue to Do Good

Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

Never claim your rights. Bear with great calm and patience everything that befalls you. Do not defend yourself when you are put to shame, though innocent. Let others triumph. Do not stop being good when you notice that your goodness is being abused. I Myself will speak up for you when it is necessary. Be grateful for the smallest of My graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces...

(Diary, 1701)

**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.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### Sept. 26-27 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospels Jesus is always challenging the boxes we like to create: like the boxes for “good” and “bad”. It is human to create such boxes, but Jesus wants us to realize that we are always called to see as God sees and not as human beings see. That is not easy, and it takes great humility and constant conversion to see every person, even those whose lives are a contradiction to our values as loved by God, and even as potential saints. Jesus was able to do this and calls us to do the same.

### Sept. 26-27 -- 26to. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio Jesús siempre está retando los paradigmas que nos gusta crear: tales como los paradigmas para lo que es “bueno” y lo que es “malo”. Es humano el crear esos paradigmas, pero Jesús quiere que nos demos cuenta de que siempre estamos llamados a ver tal como Dios ve y no como los humanos ven. Eso no es fácil y requiere gran humildad y una constante conversión para ver a cada persona, incluso a aquellas cuyas vidas son una contradicción a nuestros valores como seres amados por Dios, e incluso como santos potenciales. Jesús pudo hacer esto y nos llama a hacer lo mismo.

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

### Sociedad Guadalupeana

**Sylvia Ramos, President**

**512-269-9463**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We attend Mass at 8:00 am with Rosary following in the Chapel. The Cenacle continues from 9:00-10:30 am in the RE Building. Open to all men and women of the parish.

### Daughters of Mary/ Hijas de Maria

**Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049**

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month (Sept.- May) @ RE Building from 10:30-12:00 noon. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 2 p.m. in the RE Building. All high school students in grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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 be 16 years old and 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 and mid-year assistance. We welcome not only adults, but teens to serve as additional aides. (DRE Office Hours: Sun., 10:15-11:20 am, Tues., 10am-3pm, Wed., 10am-8pm)

### Viri Christi (Men's Group)

**Carlos Garza**

**512-760-0273**

Men's group focusing on prayer, education, and spirituality. Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

# FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

## ADULTS/ ADULTOS



### Adult Formation: Lifetime of Learning Sessions 2026-2027

Join us this season for a **BIBLE STUDY** through Ascension Press.... **GENESIS: CREATION TO COVENANT.** There are 7 remaining sessions on the dates below, all from 5:00-6:30 pm in the RE Building. While it is best to attend all of the sessions, if you miss one, that does NOT prevent you from participation. \$0 Cost. Just bring your Bible.



*Prep reading for each date listed below:*

**Sun., Oct. 4 (Ch. 1-2)**

Reading reflection help available on table  
at back of church or on table "Adult  
Formation" tray in RE Building.

Sun., Oct. 18 (Ch. 3-5)

Sun., Nov. 8 (Ch. 6-11)

Sun., Jan. 17 (Ch. 12-23)

Sun., Jan. 31 (Ch. 24-31)

Sun., April 4 (Ch. 32-41)

Sun., April 18 (Ch. 42-50)

*We will also have a different Lenten Series which  
will meet on 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/21.*

# FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH / EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA JÓVENES

DRE Office Hours: Sun., 10:15-11:20 am, Tues., 10am-3pm, Wed., 10am-8pm)

### SEPTEMBER 2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

SUN., SEPT. 27- **FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP, RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT THE MASS ONE NORMALLY ATTENDS ON SUNDAY**

### OCTOBER 2026

SUN., OCT. 4- YOUTH MASS AT 9AM- 9<sup>TH</sup>/ PRE-CONFIRMATION LEADING  
- LIVING ROSARY FOR SUN. CLASSES  
- 1:30 PM- PET BLESSING ----->  
- 2:00 PM- L.I.F.T. YOUTH GROUP

WED., OCT. 7- LIVING ROSARY FOR WED. CLASSES

SUN., OCT. 11- FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS, RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT THE MASS ONE NORMALLY ATTENDS ON SUNDAY  
- 3-6 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION #2  
DUE- SPONSOR FORMS AND PARENT CONSENT FORM

WED., OCT. 14- NO CLASS

SUN., OCT. 18- 2:00 PM- L.I.F.T. YOUTH GROUP  
CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS GO OUT

WED., OCT. 21- CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS GO OUT

SUN., OCT. 25- FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASS, RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT THE MASS ONE NORMALLY ATTENDS ON SUNDAY  
- 2-4 PM- FIRST CONFESSION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS (TENTATIVE DATE)

### SUN., 10/4- YOUTH MASS

9<sup>TH</sup>/ PRE-CONFIRMATION WILL BE LEADING MASS

9.º / LA PRE-CONFIRMACIÓN DIRIGIRÁ LAS LECTURAS DE LA MISA

SUNDAY, OCT. 4- FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/  
FIESTA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

JOIN US AT 1:30 PM WITH YOUR PET IN THE YARD BETWEEN THE COOKE HOUSE AND RE BUILDING FOR A PET BLESSING! /

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS A LA 1:30 PM CON TU MASCOTA EN EL PATIO ENTRE LA CASA COOKE Y EL EDIFICIO RE PARA UNA BENDICIÓN DE MASCOTAS!

## Attendance at RE Class Matters!

### Class Attendance Rates for Week 2 (9/16 and 9/20):

1st- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

2nd- 92%

3rd- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

4th- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

5th- 78%

6th- 72%

7th- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

8th- 75%

9<sup>th</sup>/ Pre-Confirmation- 95%

FC-I- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

FC-II- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

Sacramental Prep- 67%

1st, 3rd,  
4th, 7th,  
FC-I, & FC-II  
classes  
get a prize

<-----BIG Improvement !!!!!

Classes will start logging Service Points. Stay tuned to see how our students are doing to serve SJCC. Classes and INDIVIDUAL students to be recognized here!!!

## Theme This Year:

# SERVE

Don't forget to call or text 512-422-3189 when your child will be out. Let's prioritize GOD and get to RE Class. Truly what is more important?

# YOUTH MINISTRY / MINISTERIO JUVENIL

Pictures from Sept. 19 Rockdale  
Chalk Walk L.I.F.T. participation spreading  
God's word and representing SJCC



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:

Sun., Oct. 4 at 2pm

Sun., Oct. 18 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.

Questions?

Reach out to Julia Cardona via text at  
254-627-9162.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that participation in L.I.F.T. Youth Group activities can count as SERVICE POINTS for your Religious Education Class and even towards Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Service Project Hours? Did you know we will sign off on school service requirements as well if you participate in L.I.F.T.? Why not come and have fun and take care of Service Hours at the same time?

## ¿LO SABÍAS?

¿Sabías que participar en las actividades del Grupo Juvenil L.I.F.T. puede contar como PUNTOS DE SERVICIO para tu Clase de Educación Religiosa e incluso para las Horas del Proyecto de Servicio de Pre-Confirmación y Confirmación? ¿Sabías que también firmaremos los requisitos de servicio escolar si participas en L.I.F.T.? ¿Por qué no vienes, te diviertes y completas tus Horas de Servicio al mismo tiempo?

# YOUTH MINISTRY / Ministerio Juvenil



Pictures from Sunday, Sept. 20  
L.I.F.T. Trip to Austin to visit the  
Marian Shrine of Schoenstatt:  
Lots of intentional reflection



Thank you to Perry & Perry for sponsoring our new L.I.F.T. t-shirts!

**THANK YOU  
Sponsors!**



Thank you to Alvaro at Donut Palace for donating donuts for Saturday morning before the Chalk Walk.



Thank you to Taqueria Banda's Mexican Restaurant for donating tacos for the trip lunch.

**THESE LOCAL  
PARTNERS  
MAKE IT  
POSSIBLE FOR  
OUR YOUTH TO  
SHINE FOR  
CHRIST!**