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## Masses (Main Church/Iglesia Principal)

Saturday (Vigil) 6 p.m. (English)

Sunday 7:30 am. (Spanish)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (English)

1:15 pm (Spanish)

## Masses (Sacred Heart Chapel)

Mon-Fri. 5:45 p.m. (English)

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday 8:00 a.m. (English)

## Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday/Sabado 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Wednesday/Miercoles 6:30-7:30p.m.

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## 46 Rosarios a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Una tradición que se ha sabido conservar e inclusive incrementar, es el rezo de los 46 rosarios en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Con gran acierto Juan Pablo II, durante su primer viaje a México dijo, "Si los mexicanos no son católicos, si son Guadalupanos".

¿Porqué 46 rosarios? Es un número simbólico que representa el número de estrellas impresas en el manto de la imagen de Guadalupe. La devoción de los 46 rosarios en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe se le atribuye al Monseñor Antonio Plancarte y Labastida, a quien se le recuerda por su amor a la Virgen de Guadalupe, de cuyo templo en el Tepeyac fue digno Abad a finales del siglo XIX.

Esta venerable tradición enlaza el mes de Octubre, dedicado al Santo Rosario, a partir del día 28, con la fiesta de Santa María de Guadalupe, 12 de Diciembre hasta sumar cuarenta y seis rosarios.

## 46 Rosaries to Our Lady of Guadalupe

A tradition that has been kept alive, and is even growing, is praying 46 Rosaries to Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is probably due to the fact that the people of Mexico and Latin America have a great affinity towards Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Why 46 rosaries? It's a symbolic number that represents the number of stars shown on Our Lady of Guadalupe's mantle. This devotion of praying 46 rosaries is attributed to Monsignor Antonio Plancarte y Labastida, who is also remembered for his love for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prior to his death at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Monsignor Plancarte served as Abbot of the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

This venerable tradition connects the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month, with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, which add up to forty-six Rosaries.

### Deadline for Publication

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Personas/ministerios que desean someter artículos o anuncios para publicación en la edición de Primavera del El Sembrador deben hacerlo antes del 1 de Febrero, 2010. Favor de entregar el material en persona, atención: **El Sembrador**, a la oficina de San José, por Fax al: 443-1212, o por correo electrónico a [sanjosechurch01@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjosechurch01@yahoo.com).

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## Road to San Jose



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, 52, is the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Austin. He was installed on March 8, 2010. In January 2002, Bishop Vásquez was installed as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Austin Diocese's new bishop is the first Mexican American to lead the Diocese of Austin and among the youngest Catholic bishops in the country. He comes to this position from humble beginnings.

Bishop Vásquez was born July 9, 1957 in Stamford, Texas to Juan and Elvira Vásquez. His mother is now deceased. He is the eldest of six siblings, with three brothers and two sisters. His father was a car mechanic, and his mother worked as a seamstress before she died in 2005. 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 Bishop 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 Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's Vicar General/Chancellor, overseeing the administrative operations of the largest diocese in Texas and the 11th largest diocese in the U.S. He has also served as Episcopal Vicar for Hispanics and was the Archdiocesan Liaison for Youth during his years in Galveston-Houston.

Bishop Vásquez is known to be "a good listener and takes in what people say and then acts" also he is "an excellent leader with a great sense of humor." San Jose Parish along with the other parishes in the Diocese is blessed to have Bishop Vásquez serving in our communities.

### Grupo Juvenil de Adultos

El Grupo Juvenil de Adultos busca tener un encuentro más cercano a Jesús a través de la solidaridad, apoyo y convivencia con otros jóvenes de la misma edad y cultura, para así desarrollarse en sus responsabilidades y madurez cristiana. El grupo juvenil se esfuerza para cultivar su conocimiento de Cristo y de su Evangelio para dar testimonio de El por medio de las buenas obras.

### ¿Cuál es el Objetivo Primordial de las Reuniones?

Trabajar como jóvenes y con los jóvenes para que se conozcan a sí mismos, conozcan el amor de Dios expresado en la Persona de Jesús y asuman su realidad personal, cultural, social y religiosa comprometiéndose a vivir sus valores en su propia Parroquia.

**¿Qué hacen?** Las reuniones siguen dinámicas diferentes, se incentiva a la participación personal o en grupos o se viven a manera de comunidades vivas en las que siempre se invita a los jóvenes a compartir la fe y la vida, sus alegrías y tristezas, la reflexión y la acción, sus ilusiones y preocupaciones, la oración, la actitud festiva, sus inquietudes, todo lo que son y lo que quieren ser, lo que viven, lo que creen, lo que sienten, lo que esperan. Es como una pequeña comunidad al estilo de Jesús y sus discípulos, una comunidad en constante crecimiento, conocimiento de si mismos, del amor de Dios y del compromiso con la Iglesia y la Sociedad...

## **Zapata & Skeith: Rounding up votes the old-fashioned way**

(Zapata is a member of San Jose Catholic Church. Skeith is a member St. David's Episcopal Church. Both are members of the Austin Interfaith Strategy team.)

During this highly polarized and divisive election season, Austin Interfaith leaders went to work building a broad-based coalition of registered voters who support a nonpartisan agenda to provide opportunity and dignity to all Central Texans. The issues addressed by the agenda include improving public school education, promoting living wage jobs, keeping immigrant families together, and making sure families can afford to live here.

Instead of barraging potential voters with mailings, TV ads, and robocalls about these issues, Austin Interfaith leaders kept on doing it the old fashioned way—by going door-to-door and having actual face-to-face conversations. Since our kickoff event on Aug. 8t, over 200 leaders from 20 Austin Interfaith member institutions conducted an intensive non-partisan get-out-the-vote Campaign that reached over 25,000 registered voters through announcements and signups in congregations and schools, civic academies on issues, and intensive door-to-door conversations and phone calls in targeted precincts.

A total of 9,734 citizens voted in this election in the nine traditionally low-voter-turnout precincts targeted by Austin Interfaith. When compared to the last gubernatorial election in 2006, the percentage of registered voters who voted in these nine precincts increased while the percentage of registered voters who voted decreased in Travis County overall. Likewise, the number of raw votes increased in the targeted precincts by nearly 14% while the number of raw votes in Travis County only increased by 5 percent. Austin Interfaith achieved these increases despite the fact that as many as one-third of the registered voters on the rolls in these precincts no longer live in the area, which has the effect of deflating the percentage voter turnout.

We also estimate that at least 10,000 voters from Austin Interfaith member institutions turned out to vote based on our efforts. Some highlights include:

On the near East Side, over 50 leaders from St. David's Episcopal Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church conducted block walks and phone banks several times a week over the past 2 months in three precincts on the East side. In this election they turned out 3,086 voters in those three precincts compared with 2,139 who voted in the last gubernatorial election, an increase of nearly 1,000 votes.

Thirty San Jose Catholic Church leaders block walked and phone banked in Dove Springs precinct 450 and increased the number of votes cast from 790 to 905.

Ten leaders at Santa Barbara Catholic Church in Eastern Travis County increased turnout in their precinct by 306 votes to 1,251 in this election.

The number of Austin Interfaith member institutions and leaders engaged in voter participation efforts this year has tripled since 2008.

These results demonstrate that face-to-face conversations about concrete issues that directly affect our lives results in the higher level of voter participation our democracy urgently needs. Austin Interfaith commits to continue these efforts next year and beyond, and we now call on all of our recently-elected officials to move beyond narrow partisan agendas and commit to work with us on our agenda for the common good. (Published: 8:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 2010)



**Parish Reconciliation- Sacramento de Confesion  
Monday, December 20/ Lunes, 20 de Diciembre  
10:30am to noon (mediodia) and  
7pm in the Main Church- y 7pm en la Iglesia Principal**

## The Greatest Little Gift of Life

**“Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring good news of great joy which shall be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is “Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11**

And He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, He who came to testify to the truth and set us free. Jesus Christ was Father God’s “gift” of life to us. He is our living example of love, our model of Christian virtue, and our imitator of true character. As we come upon this Christmas season, let us take a moment to reflect on this greatest little “gift” of life. Jesus himself says, I have come so that you might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). How then, are we truly living? How then, are we truly loving?

As good Christians we need to internalize the fact that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son to a death on the cross. He did this so that we, His brothers and sisters in Christ, could also have eternal Life with Him in Heaven. He then sent an advocate, a helper, the Holy Spirit to help us live out our lives in faithfulness and obedience. The same God that had raised our Lord from the dead, gives our mortal bodies life through his Spirit who dwells in us (Rom 8:11). He prepares both our mind and body to receive this Heavenly Host. For His word says, our body is the “temple of the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor 6:19). God’s pleasure is only to have us be docile to His Spirit and enter into a loving union with Him, permitting Him to direct, guide and care for our life. We are promised an abundance of blessings. Why? Because we are children of a loving God and as children of God, we too, are called to be a blessing to others.

In addition to internalizing these truths, we need to live them. We need to recognize that each friend, each neighbor, each of our relatives and even a stranger, is truly a gift of life and a blessing from God. It is through them that God makes his presence known to us. It is through them that we are fortunate to experience God’s love, His comfort, His joy and His peace. If ever anyone has loved, has had a true friend, has known a sweet comfort, a kind word, or maybe even a sincere smile, they have experienced God!

As all San Jose family comes together to prepare to for this Christmas season with prayer and celebration, let us be ever so mindful of this greatest little “gift” that we carry within us all every day. Oh! If we could only remember, perhaps we would be able to reflect just yet a little more of His Christ like character, be more appreciative of His goodness, be able to hold out forgiveness for one another, radiate with his Holy Spirit and help bring healing to each other.

**Surely, goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6**

Merry Christmas and Many of God’s Blessings to All!

Submitted by,  
Romie B. Galica

## Christmas Schedule/ Misas de Navidad

Friday, December 24 Viernes, 24 de Diciembre	4pm– Misa Bilingue con Matachines 7pm– English Mass with Christmas Play 10pm– Misa en Español con Pastorela
Saturday, December 25 Sabado, 25 de Diciembre	9am– Misa Bilingue (No 8am Mass, no confessions or 6pm Mass)- (No Hay Confesiones)
Sunday, December 26 Domingo, 26 de Diciembre	Regular Sunday Masses Misas como Siempre en Domingo
Friday, December 31 Viernes, 31 de Diciembre	5:45pm– English Mass in the Chapel 11:30pm– Misa Bilingue en la Capilla
Saturday, January 1 Sabado, 1 de Enero	9am– Misa Bilingue 6pm– English Mass (No Confessions this day/ No Hay Confesiones)