

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is open to those who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation or Holy Eucharist. It is also open to those wishing to convert to the Catholic Faith. **Sessions will begin on Monday, Sept. 9** and will be held: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Promesa Building at 1314 Guadalupe Street. To learn more, or to register for RCIA, please contact Deacon Ray Jimenez @ [DcnRjim@gmail.com](mailto:DcnRjim@gmail.com) or call 210-533-8955
- We are looking for volunteers to help once a month at the religious articles sale table during both masses. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to JoAnn Montes Diaz.

### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jesse & Zoyla Sanchez, Mary Lou Salinas, Carmelo Jimenez, the Mothers at Seton Home, Armando Jude Morales, Mary Barrera, Bertha Jimenez, Louis A. Rodriguez, Manuel Garcia III, Justina Vasquez, Richard Landin, Gini Garcia, John Rodriguez, Romulo Rabago, Deacon Gilbert Hernandez, Hector Valadez, Susie Solis, Amy Mancillas, Teresa Hernandez, Sarah Hatter, Ray Quintana, Trinity Urbina, Mike A. Rodriguez, Catherine Mankins, and Rosie Gandara.

## CONTACT US

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- ✿ For weddings/Quinceañeras call 210-533-8955. Email mass intentions by Monday each week to Candie.
- ✿ To donate altar or floral arrangements call **Belinda Barrera** 210-589-7216.

## STEWARDSHIP

August 11, 2019 Mass Attendance: 422

Collection: \$3,087.66

Tourist Box: \$413.82

## FAITH FORMATION

St. Cecilia's parish has begun Faith Formation registration. Registration is in the church office Tuesday -Friday, 8:30AM to 2:00 PM. Parents should bring each child's baptismal certificate. The cost is \$35.00 for one child and \$50.00 for a family. For more information call 210-533-7109.

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WEEKLY REFLECTION



EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO

# MISSION CONCEPCIÓN

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PURÍSIMA CONCEPCIÓN DE ACUÑA



[www.missionconcepcion.org](http://www.missionconcepcion.org)

**Sunday Schedule:**

10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

12 Noon Mariachi Mass

**807 Mission Rd. San Antonio, TX**

**Mailing Address:**

125 W Whittier, San Antonio TX 78210



# DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters, In last Sunday's "Faith" section of our newspaper, Fr Ron Rolheiser wrote about three competing popular notions that make for a religious person. For some it is religious practice (church going, keeping the commandments). For others it's the practice of justice (responding to widows, orphans and strangers). And for still others, it's compassion (having a wise and altruistic heart). He then reminds us that Jesus endorses all three, referencing the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus tells us simply: "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate." Keeping the commandments and working for justice are to be done with a wise, compassionate heart. The three together constitute proper religion, though "compassion is the prism through which the other two must be seen and enacted." Jesus invites us to be compassionate because "he causes his sun to rise on the bad as well as the good, and sends down rain to fall on the upright and the wicked alike" (Matt 5:45). In the wake of the recent shootings and violence in our country, we must ask ourselves, if we're Christians, can we love and forgive a person who has done a horrible act? Can we let our sun shine on everyone without discrimination? Can we be compassionate as God is compassionate?

*Blessings, Deacon Ray*

# AUGUST 18, 2019 MASS INTENTIONS

## 10:00 AM MASS

**Repose of the Soul:** Ronan Ramirez, Donna Hanna, Domitila Trujillo, Rosa Castillo, Francisco Moncivais, Steven Santana  
**Birthdays:** Sr. Bernadette, Domingo Rios, Giovanna Juarez, Cyndi Martinez, and Isabel Reyes  
**Anniversaries:** JJ & Gracie Amaro (48 yrs)  
**Special:** All Involved in Education

## 12:00 NOON MASS

**Birthdays:** Elijah Dennis  
**Special:** All Involved in Education

**Pictured Below:**  
**The Solar Illumination 8/15/19.**



# 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How much should faith "cost"? How many sacrifices are worth making for it? We would like to tell ourselves we would do anything for our faith, even sacrificing ourselves, such as so many martyrs and other saints have done in one form or another. Would not a refusal to do so betray this cloud of sacred witnesses? In day-to-day life, however, our calculations may not be so "easy" because our lives can be more complicated in smaller things. When does conflict having to do with what we believe—with the world, within families, within ourselves—become destructive? When does self-sacrifice turn into self-hatred? Zeal into fanaticism? Each and every day we are called upon to discern what we should embrace and what we should push away in our struggle to finish the race with our eyes fixed in Jesus.



# EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO: CARING FOR CREATION

Join Archbishop Gustavo Siller as we celebrate the "Season of Creation" with a Mariachi Mass at Mission Espada followed by a pilgrimage in support of God's creation on the river trail to Mission San Juan. Event Details: Sunday, September 8 8:00 a.m. Mariachi Mass at Mission Espada; 10040 Espada Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214 - 9:00 a.m. Caring for Creation Pilgrimage from Mission Espada to Mission San Juan (1.5 miles) 10:00 a.m. Blessing at Mission San Juan; 9101 Graf Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214 - Participants can return to Mission Espada on the river trail or take the southbound Viva Missions bus #40.

## 10AM MASS MINISTERS

→ **Next Sunday 08/25/19**  
**First Reading:** Mary Sutherland  
**Segunda Lectura:** Miriam Panther  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cyndi Martinez, Dolores Colunga, Albert Rios  
**Collection Counters:** Maria Rabago, Susie Santana, Isabel Reyes, Mary Lynn Sutherland, Richard Sutherland  
**Hospitality:** John Rodriguez, Victor Rabago, Joey Barrera, Andres Reyes, Benicio Martinez, and Frank Rubio.  
**Reposteria:** Brenda & Manuel Landin

## 12 NOON MINISTERS

→ **Next Sunday 08/25/19**  
**First Reading:** Melissa Mejia  
**Segunda Lectura:** Mayela Perez  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Enrique Mejia, Victor & Lorena Luna  
**Collection Counters:** Melissa Mejia, Victor & Lorena Luna  
**Hospitality:** Derrick Carrisalez & Juan Sanchez