

ORDINATION
TO THE
ORDER OF THE DIACONATE



DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

SAN JOSÉ CATHOLIC CHURCH
AUSTIN
MARCH 1, 2025

*“Receive the Gospel of Christ,
whose herald you have become.
Believe what you read,
teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach.”*

- The Rite of Ordination

With Praise and Thanksgiving
THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN
Celebrates the Ordination of

Roger Alan Bjork
Aurelio M. Cadena Jr.
Gilbert Gutierrez
Kyle Matthew Hammons
Kyle Thomas Janda
Héctor Nicolás Medrano
Nasario Perez Perez
Joseph Patrick Pettibon II
Paul Nathan Sharp
John Robert Swanson
Robert Anthony Tavarez

to the
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by the

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin

San José Catholic Church
Austin

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Celebrant	Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Concelebrants	Priests of the Diocese of Austin and Visiting Priests
Deacon of the Word	Deacon Ladd Spears
Deacon of the Altar	Deacon Rob Embry
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Servers	Seminarians of the Diocese of Austin
Lectors	Ana Swanson Maribel Medrano
Gift Bearers	Tina Gutierrez Rachael Cadena
Director of Diocesan Choir	Dr. Morris Stevens Jr.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude

O Word of God
Craig Courtney

Entrance Hymn

Pilgrims of Hope
Francesco Meneghello

Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.
2. Toda lengua, pueblos y naciones hallan luces siempre en tu Palabra.
Hijos, hijas, frágiles, dispersos, acogidos en tu Hijo amado.
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria

Misa Luna
Peter Kolar

BILINGUAL REFRAIN/ESTRIBILLO BILINGÜE

Cantor/All/Todos



Eng.-Span.: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
Esp.-Ing.: Glo - ria a Dios en el cie - lo. Glo - ria a Dios en el



peo - ple of good will. Glo - ria a Dios en el
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz, Glo - ry to God in the



cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz. A -
high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good



1. To Verses/A las Estrofas Final
mén. mén. Y en la tie - rra paz. A - mén.
will. will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

Verses

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Señor Hijo único, Jesucristo; Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre; tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros; tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, atiende nuestra súplica; tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre, ten piedad de nosotros.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading / Primera Lectura

Num 3:5-9

Lectura del libro de los Números

En aquellos días, el Señor le dijo a Moisés: “Convoca a la tribu de Leví y ponla a la disposición del sacerdote Aarón; estarán a su servicio y al de toda la comunidad en lo referente al culto, en la tienda de la reunión, y cuidarán de todos los objetos de la misma. Aparta a los levitas y asígnalos al servicio de Aarón y de sus descendientes”.

Palabra de Dios.

R. Te alabamos Señor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117



Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News!

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Second Reading / Segunda Lectura

Acts 6:1-7b

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the

Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the Apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Misa Luna

Cantor/All/Todos



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Gospel

Juan 12: 24-26

+ Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna.

El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre”.

Palabra del Señor.

R. Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

RITE OF ORDINATION

The Election of the Candidate - The elect are called by name. Father Chris Downey, Vicar for Priests, officially presents the elect to the Bishop and attests to their readiness for Ordination, speaking on behalf of all those responsible for the formation of the elect. The Bishop, on behalf of the entire Church, accepts the elect and calls them to Ordination as deacons.

Bishop: Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Diaconate.

All: Thanks be to God. (*All applaud*)

The Promise of the Elect - In a series of questions the Bishop asks the elect to express their desire and willingness to be ordained as a deacon and to fulfill the responsibilities that come with Ordination. Unmarried elect make the choice to remain celibate for the sake of the Kingdom in lifelong service to God and the Church.

The Litany of Supplication - As the elect prostrate themselves before the altar, the Bishop invites the community to join in prayer for the Church, the world, one another, and the elect for Ordination. The congregation joins in singing the response to the ancient prayer of intercession, the Litany of the Saints.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

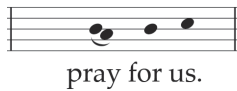
Cantor:

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

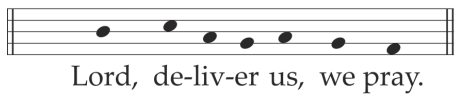
All:

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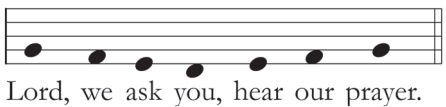
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
St. Michael,
Holy Angels of God
St. John the Baptist
(continues through the names of the saints)



Lord, be merciful,
From all evil,
(continues through "By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit")



Be merciful to us sinners,
Govern and protect your holy Church...
(continues through "Jesus, Son of the living God")



Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

The Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Ordination - (*All stand*) The elect kneel before the Bishop as he lays his hands on the head of the elect. The laying on of hands, an ancient sign of Ordination, represents the most solemn moment of the Ordination rite. During the ceremony, the Bishop prays silently over the elect for the gift of the Holy Spirit. All join the Bishop in silent prayer for the elect. The Bishop prays aloud the Prayer of Ordination, explaining the significance of the laying on of hands and the role of the newly ordained deacon in the Church. (*After the Prayer of Ordination, all sit*)

The Handing On of the Book of the Gospels and Investiture - The deacons are vested with stole and dalmatic, the liturgical vestments that symbolize the deacon's role in the Church's worship and communal life. A cleric and the candidate's wife assist him in the vesting. The Bishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of the deacon and sends him forth to be a herald of the Good News of Christ. The Rite of Ordination concludes with the sign of peace given to the newly ordained deacon by the Bishop. The deacons present welcome them into the Order of the Diaconate.

Psalm 84



Di - cho-sos los, los que vi-ven en tu ca - sa, Se-ñor.
Bless-ed are they, are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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Fraternal Kiss of Peace

Psalm 146



Who - e - ver serves me, says the Lord, my Fa-ther in heav - en will ho-nor.

Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Prayer of Abandonment

Richard J. Clark

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Misa Luna

San - to. San - to. San - to es el Se - ñor.
Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Lle - nos es - tán el
cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria. Ho - san - na.

REFRAIN/ESTRIBILLO

¡Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho -
san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na!
— Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
the name of the Lord, ho - san - na.

To Refrain/Al Estribillo

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Mystery of Faith

Misa Luna

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for
 Sal - va - dor del mun - do, sál - va - nos, -
 by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set, —
 tú que nos has li - be - ra - do por tu cruz y
 set us — free, you — have set us — free.
 re - su - rrec - ción, por tu cruz y re - su - rrec - ción.

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Great Amen

Misa Luna

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.
 A - mén, a - mén, a - mén, a - mén.

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Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Misa Luna

Cantor *All/Todos*
 O Lamb of — God, you take a - way the
 Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe -
 sins of the world, — have mer - cy, have
 ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad, ten pie -
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 dad, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.

LAST TIME/ÚLTIMA VEZ

Cantor *All/Todos*
 O Lamb of — God, you take a - way the sins of the
 Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
 world, — Grant us — peace, grant us — peace,
 mun - do, Da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz,
 1. grant us — peace, O Lamb — of God. Lamb — of God.
 da - nos la paz, Cor - de - ro de Dios. de - ro de Dios.
 2.

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Communion Hymn

Ven al Banquete

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Bilingual *Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios.*
 Spanish *Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios.*
 English Come, come to the ban - quet. Come, ___ come to the feast.

Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink. ___
Los que tie - nen ham - bre y sed se - rán ___ sa - cia - dos.
 Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink, ___

Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, come ___ to ___ the feast.
Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, ven a la fies-ta de Dios.
 here at the sup - per of Je - sus, come ___ to ___ the feast.

Final

feast, come ___ to ___ the feast.
Dios, ven a la fies-ta de Dios.
 feast, come ___ to ___ the feast.

Verses

1. Like the child whose fish-es and loaves fed the mul - ti -
 ___ *¿Quién le pue - de dar de co - mer a la mul - ti -*
 2. 'Til the seed is giv-en to earth, it is just one
 ___ *Hay que dar - se a ___ mo - rir pa - ra co - se -*
 3. In the strang - er by ___ our side, in the least and
 ___ *Los de - sam - pa - ra - dos ven - drán a par - tir el*

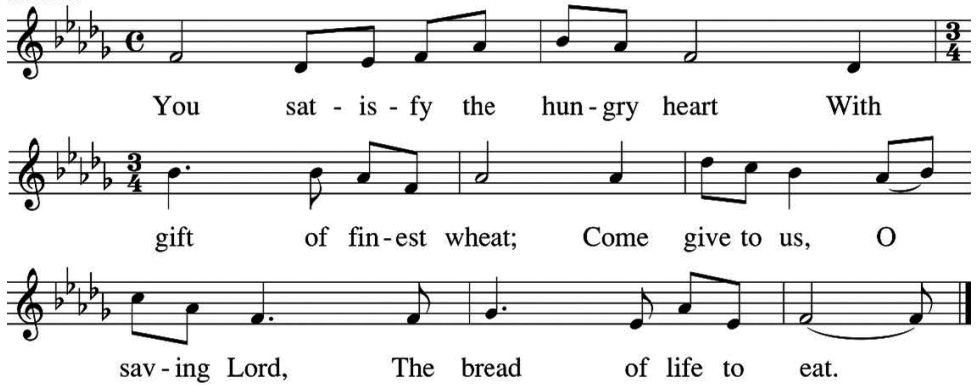
1. tude, in the Lord the lit - tle we have,
 ___ *tud? Con Je - sús, al com - par - tir lo*
 2. grain; but once sown its death brings new birth, the
 ___ *char, las se - mi - llas de li - ber - tad y*
 3. last, in the thirst for jus - tice we share,
 ___ *pan y ve - rán su dig - ni - dad de*

1. bro - ken and shared, be - comes a - bun - dant food.
 ___ *po - co que hay, re - ci - bi - mos ple - ni - tud.*
 2. har - vest is rich; what's lost is raised a - gain.
 ___ *re - su - rrec - ción, la pro - me - sa de vi - vir.*
 3. Christ ___ is here in the break - ing of the bread.
 ___ *nue - vo en Je - sús, Sal - va - dor y Buen Pas - tor.*

Communion Hymn


Gift of Finest Wheat
Robert E. Kreutz

Refrain




You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.


Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



D.C.
fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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Post Communion Motet

Ubi Caritas
Michael John Trotta

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Words of Gratitude

Very Reverend James Misko

Photograph

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Laudate Dominum

Christopher Walker

Refrain

Lau - dá - te, lau - dá - te Dó - mi - num, o - mnes
We praise you, we praise your ho - ly name, God of
gen - tes, lau - dá - te Dó - mi - num. Ex - sul - tá - te, ju - bi -
jus - tice, e - ter - nal - ly the same. May our liv - ing be thanks -
lá - te per an - nos Dó - mi - ni, om - nes gen - tes. Lau -
giv - ing, re - joic - ing in your name now and al - ways. We
dá - te, lau - dá - te Dó - mi - num, o - mnes gen - tes, lau -
praise you, we praise your ho - ly name, God of jus - tice, e -
dá - te Dó - mi - num. Ex - sul - tá - te, ju - bi -
ter - nal - ly the same. May our liv - ing be thanks -
Last time
lá - te per an - nos Dó - mi - ni, om - nes gen - tes.
giv - ing, re - joic - ing in your name now and al - ways.

1. In the Church we answer the Sav - ior's call,
2. *Ca - mi - na - mos jun - tos en la fe de Cris - to.*
3. In the name of Christ we bap tize and teach,
4. *Con los po - bres com - par - ti - mos luz de Cris - to,*
5. In the pow'r of Christ we pro - claim one Lord.
6. *Los bau - ti - za - dos en un so - lo Se - ñor,*

serv - ing, as he showed us, both great and small,
Luz en nues - tra sen - da es el don de Dios, an -
truth up - on our li - ps in the way we preach,
y sem - bra - mos la pa - la - bra del Se - ñor,
All who put on Christ are by faith re - stored;
res - tau - ra - dos to - dos por la fe en Cris - to,

sharing the Lord's com passion for all:
tor - cha de fe que i - lu - mi - na al mun - do,
raising the cup of blessing for each:
fie - les en o - bra y nues - tro pen - sar,
shar - ing new life, sal - va - tion's re - ward:
al - can - za - mos la nue - va vi - da,

in the name of Christ Je - sus.
en el nom - bre de Cris - to. D.C.

WORDS OF THANKS

We thank Reverend Jairo Sandoval-Pliego,
the staff and faith community of San José Parish
for their very generous support and hospitality in hosting
the Ordination to the Diaconate.

Please join us in a reception honoring our newly ordained deacons
immediately following this liturgy in the gymnasium
of San Juan Diego Catholic High School located just south
of the church on a connected property.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taylor	St. Louis King of France, Austin
Sacred Heart, Austin	St. Margaret Mary, Cedar Park
San José, Austin	St. Mary of the Assumption, Taylor
St. Austin, Austin	St. Mary of the Visitation, Lockhart
St. Albert the Great, Austin	St. Theresa, Austin
St. Catherine of Siena, Austin	St. Thomas Aquinas, College Station
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St. Helen, Georgetown	St. Vincent de Paul, Austin
St. Ignatius Martyr, Austin	St. William, Round Rock
St. John Neumann, Austin	University Catholic Center, Austin
St. John Vianney, Round Rock	

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