

Lumen Gentium Award honorees 2020

*Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — St. Hedwig — **Robert and Peggy Kosub***

Robert and Peggy Kosub promote the Adult Bible Study group in the parish. Robert has led the parish feast day celebration in honor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for a number of years.

*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower — San Antonio — **Eloisa Guerrero***

Eloisa Guerrero has been a devoted and active member of the parish for the past 50 years. She has shared her time, talent and treasure through serving in the Archconfraternity of the Brown Scapular, St. Vincent de Paul and the adult choir.

*Blessed Sacrament — Poth — **Linda Moczygemba***

She is dedicated to the church, Faith Formation, Altar Society, and to our community.

*Blessed Sacrament — San Antonio — **Charles Robles***

Charles Robles is active with his wife in many parish ministries, especially Marriage Ministry and ACTS, and is involved with Blessed Sacrament School. He is always willing to help and lend a helping hand to the parish and school whenever asked. He is a dedicated man of faith.

*Christ the King — San Antonio — **Marcus and Christina Gomez***

Marcus and Christina Gomez are heavily involved in our parish's outreach for St. Vincent de Paul and Cristo Rey of Hope, in serving the needs of the poorest.

*Church of the Holy Spirit — San Antonio — **Mary Weinstrom***

Mary Weinstrom is a long-time, faith-filled parishioner of Holy Spirit who is always willing to serve when called upon. She is an excellent role model for those seeking a more active and rewarding relationship with God.

*Divine Providence — San Antonio — **Jose and Rosario Casarez***

Jose and Rosario Casarez are generous parishioners. They share their time, talent and treasure with the community. They are always willing to help for the good of the community. They are involved in the formation of the young people, the parish festival, etc.

*Good Shepherd — Schertz — **Martha Potter***

Marty Potter has been a long-time parishioner. She has been very instrumental in keeping Eucharistic Adoration alive in our parish. She also prepares the general intercessions for Sunday Masses, among other ministries.

*Holy Cross — D'Hanis — **Louis Lutz***

Lou Lutz has been a long-time parishioner of our parish. He has served faithfully in a multitude of volunteer work. Lou has chaired our annual festival and several committees, and he undertakes maintenance improvement projects. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful man in our community.

*Holy Family — New Braunfels — **Miguel and Estella Madero***

Miguel and Estella Madero have volunteered and worked side by side in several parish ministries. They have lead the annual fish fry and rummage sale. They are involved with the ACTS Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Liturgy Ministry, and the church festival. They are a blessing to the parish.

*Holy Family — San Antonio — **Irma Camacho***

Irma Camacho has been a member of our parish community for many years. She serves on the Altar Society, assists with funeral, is an usher at Mass, volunteers to clean the rectory, and is always willing to help when the need arises. We thank her for her kind and generous service, which exemplifies Christ's love.

*Holy Name — San Antonio — **Gary and Nancy Mulhollen***

Gary and Nancy Mulhollen are dependable, committed, and faithful parishioners. As Finance Council Chair, Gary contributed to the stability, discipline, and vision of the community's success.

*Holy Redeemer — San Antonio — **Gary Simons***

For many years Gary Simons served as the coordinator of the Claver Kitchen, providing meals for the poor. He is a member of the Men's Choir and dance group. He is always willing to serve whenever he sees the need. He is currently Grand Knight of the Knights of Peter Claver.

*Holy Rosary — San Antonio — **Betty Jonas***

Betty Jonas is truly a light in our parish. She shares her love for God and Church in Bereavement Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, and most especially as the Mass coordinator for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass. Every parish needs a “Betty” to help things go smoothly.

*Holy Trinity — Falls City — **Jerry Jendrusch***

He is a member of the Parish Building Committee, coordinates all the outside Christmas decorations, and always is willing to help wherever is needed.

*Holy Trinity — San Antonio — **Robert and Catherine Lorenz***

Bob and Cathy Lorenz are very dedicated to their faith, their family and their parish family. They are a good husband and wife, father and mother, and are committed to multiple ministries: Christmas Under the Bridge coordinators for 10 plus years, past Pastoral Council members, and ACTS team members.

*Immaculate Conception — Lytle — **Jesus Juarez Garcia***

Jessie Juarez Garcia is a very dedicated Catholic. Each Sunday he opens the church and prepares for the Masses, and he has been doing it for more than 20 years.

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Panna Maria — **Bernadine Labus***

Bernadine Labus is a lifetime dedicated parishioner and humble servant. Bernardine has served as the president’s secretary for the Altar Society. At the present time she serves as lector, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and a sacristan. Each day she prepares the altar for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary — Pearsall — **Rene and Edna Adame***

Rene and Edna Adame have been in charge of the parish Passion Play for many years. They also step up to be in charge of the church barbecue plate sale, and are greatly appreciated for all they do.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary-Yancey – D’Hanis — **Kevin and Lucretia Marmor***

Kevin and Lucretia Marmor assist with Mass in various ways. Lucretia will fill in to be lector and assist with the singing during the Mass. Kevin assists by being an usher and is also a part of the Men’s Group, which helps keeps the grounds and maintenance for the church. Kevin and Lucretia are usually the first to give or assist if there is a need within the church.

Korean Martyrs — Boerne — Seone Pluguez

She has been a good exemplary to all the parishioners in our church sharing God's love through always supporting meal preparations every week and special events for many years. Also, she is the general district president and stepped forward and led the believers in all other districts.

Mary Queen of the Universe-Comstock — Del Rio — Monserrato Sanchez

Monserrato Sanchez has been a long time active member of the mission church in Comstock. He always helps whenever there is a need around the church, such as power-washing the building, fixing broken doors, and cleaning the premises.

Mission Concepción — San Antonio — Art Valdez

Art Valdez and his wife Theresa have been dedicated members of Mission Concepción for several years. One can find Art at the church most weekdays, volunteering as a docent by welcoming visitors and tourists and explaining the mission's rich history and architecture. Art also serves as a hospitality minister on Sundays at the noon mariachi Mass.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Cestohowa — Falls City — Florence Jaskinia

For more than 50 years she has been very active in the church. She is a member of Cestohowa Altar Society, worked in all parish functions, helps with funerals luncheons, is a choir member, helps in the Altar Society Christmas party, and wherever needed.

Notre Dame — Kerrville — Dora Bill

Dora Bill has been a pillar of Notre Dame Parish for many years. Her knowledge of liturgy, devotion and piety, and present smile light up the parish.

Our Lady of Good Counsel — San Antonio — Armando Celestino

Armando Celestino has shown great ministry to our parish. In times of much sorrow for families, Armando leads the rosaries in the funeral home for those grieving. He also joins the family at the graveside. Other ways he has helped our church is by helping at the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. In addition, Armando keeps the church grounds exceptionally clean.

Our Lady of Grace — La Coste — Virginia McMunn

Virginia McMunn has faithfully served as a guitarist, cantor and choir member at Our Lady of Grace for more than 15 years. She has been a dedicated music leader for Sunday Mass, Children's Choir, ACTS retreats, and parish First Communion and Confirmation liturgies, and

has given much of her time and creative gifts to the parish Vacation Bible School program for several years. Virginia rehearses and directs a small music ensemble of high school students that serves as the music ministry at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The parish is greatly blessed by her gifts and her readiness to serve.

Our Lady of Grace — San Antonio —

Our Lady of Guadalupe — Del Rio — **Herminia V. Ortiz**

She has been a loyal parishioner and volunteer for the festival.

Our Lady of Guadalupe — Fredericksburg — **Fernando and Claudia Hernandez**

Fernando and Claudia Hernandez currently serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, sacristans, and nursing home and homebound ministers. They also are in charge of the Feast of Divine Mercy and the Sunday devotion to St. Faustina. They frequently serve on many retreats with the Catholic Charismatic prayer group. They have two daughters who are involved with the church as well.

Our Lady of Guadalupe — Helotes — **William Merten**

Skip Merten is a wonderful person who has dedicated countless hours of volunteer presence in various activities of the parish. He can spend practically all day in the church foyer with registration, accepting food donations, soliciting volunteers, welcoming people, and greeting people, all with the heart of a servant.

Our Lady of Guadalupe — San Antonio — **Julia Enriquez**

Julia Enriquez raised nine children, all through the parish school, was very involved in the Guadalupana Society, COPS, and served in many other ways. At 94 she is still serving by example, keeping up to date on parish events by reading the bulletin and keeping the church in prayer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe — Seguin — **Gloria Reyna**

Gloria Reyna is currently the director of Religious Education at the parish. She organizes and coordinates all the activities in the Religious Education Department very well.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel — San Antonio — **Cain and Betty Casarez**

Cain and Betty Casarez and their children volunteer to administer the Senior Center of El Carmen Church of Losoya. They provide services for the seniors, including commodities in coordination with the Food Bank and other volunteers and organizations.

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel — Devine — **Rosa Valle***

Rosa Valle is a dedicated church parishioner that is always available to help with counting weekend offertory and ensuring that the collection is kept inside the recently purchase safe to keep funds secure until making the drive to the bank in Devine. She volunteered to take sacristan duties, setting up the altar before Mass and cleaning up after Mass. Each year she assists with the annual church festival.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — New Braunfels —

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help — San Antonio — **Francisca Rodriguez***

Francisco Rodriguez serves as sacristan, choir member and lector. Over the years Francisco has been willing to volunteer and give of his time to serve in many capacities. He is currently Grand Knight for the local council, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and conducts baptismal and sacramental preparation.

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Selma — **Bill and Elaine Harlic***

Bill and Elaine Harlic have served in parish leadership for many years. They lead by example, work hard, spread joy, show gratitude and acknowledge others. Our Lady of Perpetual Help gives thanks for their military and medical service as well as church leadership.

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Saspamco — Elmendorf — **Angelina Garcia***

Angie Garcia has been a member of the choir more than 25 years. She is very involved in fundraising for Our Lady of Perpetual Help when they when conducting fundraising. She visits the senior citizens at their home. Volunteers to take them to their appointments and fix a meal for them.

*Our Lady of Sorrows — San Antonio — **Robert and Bernice Sammaron***

Bernice Sammaron is a life-long parishioner. She and Robert keep the rectory clean every week. Robert takes care of maintenance on the parish campus. He also plays the role of St. Nicholas each December 6. Bernice and Robert exemplify their time and talent for building the Kingdom of God.

*Our Lady of the Angels — San Antonio — **Tomas and Janie Mendez***

Tomas and Janie Mendez are long-time, faithful and generous members of the parish. They are true missionary disciples in their marriage, family life and parish community. They are powerfully quiet. They do not seek attention or recognition but always show up to help, and are edifying and effective in their humble service.

*Our Lady Queen of Heaven — Macdona — **Lawrence and Dora Marquez***

Tony and Dora Marquez were raised and married in the parish. They are always available to participate in any ongoing activity. They both participate in various ministries, including ACTS and CCD. Tony is an active member of the Men's Club. Dora is an active member of the Altar Society.

*Our Lady Queen of Peace — Kenedy — **Belia De la Garza***

Belia De la Garza cleans the church rectory and surrounding building as a volunteer. She attends Mass on weekdays and weekends and is a role model for all.

*Prince of Peace — San Antonio — **Mike and Arleen Smith***

Arleen and Mike Smith are an exemplary couple for the parish community. They help in several capacities, especially in the area of liturgy. They are always ready to help and support with a smile on their faces.

*Resurrection of the Lord — San Antonio — **Gary Allen Fernandez***

He has been in the music ministry for 28 years and has dedicated to the parish festivals and other church activities.

*Sacred Heart — Comfort — **Edith Maskey***

Edith Maskey serves in several different ministries and her dedication to her ministries and community of Sacred Heart is a joy and delight.

*Sacred Heart — Del Rio — **Gary and Arlene Schreiber***

Gary and Arlene Schreiber are active members of the parish family. Both of them understand vividly what it means to serve. As long time sacristans they are always there to help prepare for liturgical celebrations, organize the parish rummage sale each year, and coordinate Boys Scout events.

Sacred Heart — Floresville — Hilary Reile

Now preparing for retirement, Hilary has led Sacred Heart School for many years and has formed many generations in the community: from swim coach to principal. He is known for his warmth and approachability. Hilary truly embodies the call to be an educator of the faith, forming in the faith. Sacred Heart in Floresville sees him as a true blessing for the community.

Sacred Heart — Gonzales — Rosa Almaguer

Sacred Heart — Pleasanton — Karyn Tom

Karyn Tom is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Campbelton. She is a catechist for children in RCIA at St. Andrew. Karyn's dedication to the faith community of Sacred Heart is strong and her commitment to maintaining Sacred Heart's ministry is a sample of her strong faith.

Sacred Heart — San Antonio — Henry G. Cisneros

Henry G. Cisneros is a proud Catholic, always concerned about the building up of God's Kingdom in his beloved community of Sacred Heart in San Antonio. He is a lector who proclaims God's word with clarity and simplicity. He has never forgotten his community or humble beginnings.

Sacred Heart — Uvalde — Hector and Jaclyn Gonzales

Hector and Jaclyn Gonzales are very active members of Sacred Heart. Both are involved with the ACTS community. Both have chaired the annual church festival for the last four years. Hector is always ready to help in any area that requires a volunteer, and Jaclyn also serves the community as a sacristan.

Sacred Heart of Jesus — Von Ormy — Zoila Cisneros

Zoila Cisneros is instrumental in the parish by preparing the Sunday bulletin. She also serves as the director of Religious Education. She is a member of the Altar Society and is a liaison between the English and Spanish speaking communities.

Sacred Heart of Mary — Rocksprings — Antonio Ruiz

Tony Ruiz is the Finance Council president. He is very active in the parish and during the September Festival. He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He and his family help to decorate the church for special seasons. The pastor calls him when the parish needs help.

San Fernando Cathedral — San Antonio — Ernest and Zulema Muniz

Ernest and Zulema Muniz have been parishioners at San Fernando Cathedral for more than 50 years. They are faithful and dedicated parishioners who have served the community of San Fernando with great love. They are the definition of good and faithful stewards, giving of their time, talent, and treasure.

San Francesco di Paola — San Antonio — Rose Marie Pagonis

Rosemary Pagonis is a faithful and dedicated parishioner of the parish. She is involved in several ministries and is always ready to serve. Rosemary is a blessing and a true gift to the San Francesco community.

San Francisco de la Espada — San Antonio — Rachel Stuart

She is dedicated to community and ministry.

San Jose y San Miguel Mission — San Antonio — Barbara A. Winn

Barbara Winn has been a faithful parishioner for many years. She has been a shining light in the parish community as is evident in her kind and selfless service in several ministries, in various capacities. These include as extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, Ministry of the Sick, Altar Society, coordinator of daily Mass, coordinator of Adoration, cares for the Altar linens, and has been involved in many other ministries where she is needed. Barbara is a very responsible, pious and friendly parishioner to all in the community. Her kind, selfless and humbleness acts are just an example of her dedication to the parish.

San Juan Capistrano Mission — San Antonio — Rebecca Stuart

Rebecca Stuart was born by the church and this is the only church she has attended. For more than 20 years she has served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, lector and collections counter. She managed the hall as a volunteer and coordinates countless fundraising activities. Her devotion is exceptional.

San Juan de los Lagos — San Antonio — Diana Agüero

Diana Agüero is extremely devoted to working in the parish. She never hesitates to say “yes” to any commitment and is considered as a leader in the parish community.

San Martin de Porres — San Antonio — Sylvia Reyna

She has been teaching CCD for many years, is a lector in the parish, coordinates a group of women's faith, and is involved in ACTS Ministry.

*Santa Francisca X Cabrini — San Antonio — **Jo Ann Jimenez***

She is a beautiful example of what the sacrament of marriage is about; love of God, family and community.

Senyor Santo Nino de Cebu — San Antonio —

*Shrine of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina — San Antonio — **Adrian and Lucy Palitza***

Adrian and Lucy Palitza are in charge of the carline for the catechism programs. Both Adrian and Lucy are volunteer sacristans and you can always count on them both.

*St. Agnes — San Antonio — **Carlos and Josefina Canizalez***

Carlos and Josefina Canizalez are active and dedicated parishioners of St. Agnes. They are a blessing to the church and the community.

St. Alphonsus — San Antonio —

*St. Andrew — Lytle — **Jesus and Maria Hinojosa***

Both are very involved in the church. They lead the rosary every Saturday before the vigil Mass. Janie is the director of Religious Instruction, a volunteer position, and helps always with church activities.

*St. Andrew — Pleasanton — **Genevieve Rakowitz***

Genny Rakowitz currently serves on the Religious Formation Committee. She is active in all fundraising endeavors and needs of the community. Genny served as a catechist for many years, and continues to support Religious Education formation.

*St. Ann — La Vernia — **August Moczygemba***

August Moczygemba is a dedicated and giving man who both through his witness to faith and caring service has greatly impacted the parish and persons throughout the area. In the parish particularly among others by his leadership through the years in the live auction of the festival.

St. Ann — San Antonio — Christopher and Patricia Powers

Chris and Pat Powers are active and loving parishioners at St. Ann. Chris and Pat help to lead the parish's St. Vincent de Paul outreach to the needy and homeless in the area. Pat and Chris are a team. Love of family, love of community, and love of country are the hallmarks of their lives. Together, they embody the meaning of accompaniment in Christ.

St. Ann-Kosciuszko — Stockdale — Lorraine Llyssy

Lorraine Lyssy is member of the Altar and Rosary Society, is a daily communicant and parish leader.

St. Ann-Southton — San Antonio —

St. Anthony — Elmendorf — B.J. Caldwell

B.J. Caldwell is dedicated to the parish family. She gives herself to the church and volunteers where she can. B.J. is also the president of the Altar Society and open to serve the church. She does much with St. Anthony's food for the poor. She is beautiful soul; truly a light to the parish.

St. Anthony — Harper — Keith and Shannon Kramer

Keith and Shannon Kramer are very active in the parish. Keith has been very helpful with many works to be done at the church and is a big help at our fish fry festival. Shannon has worked with the youth and coordinated Vacation Bible School for 20 years as a volunteer.

St. Anthony — Runge — Mary Lou Nunez

Mary Lou Nunez has been a Religious Education teacher for many years. She has gotten the youth active again with the CYO, and leads it. She is always willing to help wherever she is needed. She was an active Pastoral Council member for many years also.

St. Anthony de Padua — San Antonio — Tim and Janice Orem

Tim and Janice Orem have been long-time parishioners at St. Anthony de Padua. They have been involved in the many ministries and activities of the community; having served in many leadership roles through the years. They have volunteered at parish festivals and other events. Tim has served on the parish Finance Council and was head of the group, instrumental in overseeing the necessary best practices of financial stewardship of the parish community. Janice has been active in the parish Fiesta medal fundraiser for the past five years.

*St. Anthony Mary Claret — San Antonio — **Pat and Ann Mullen***

They are some of the most faithful and sincere parishioners at St. Anthony Claret, living in an extraordinary way the sacrament of marriage together with four children. Since 2003 they have been involved in many ministries and organizations in the parish including: Pastoral Council, regional and parish director of CYO organizations and co-directors of the archdiocesan capital campaign, “On the Way-Andale!”

*St. Anthony-UTSA — San Antonio — **Marina Esther T. Olivares***

Marina Olivares is presently serving as co-president of the St. Anthony Catholic Student Association at UTSA and offers her time on a weekly basis at St. Anthony. She has led Bible study on campus, provides mentoring to younger UTSA Catholic students through the established discipleship program, and participates in weekly summer volunteer efforts undertaken by UTSA students at the Catholic Worker House in San Antonio. She is always ready to lend a helping hand and give of her time and talents to the church in building God’s Kingdom.

St. Augustine — Devine —

*St. Benedict — San Antonio — **Alice Gallegos***

A parishioner since 1968, Alice Gallegos joyfully serves in every aspect of the parish. She always addresses her input professionally, well thought out and most importantly with compassion. She currently serves as a member of the Finance Council; a catechist; treasurer of Family Guadalupana; in ACTS, as a liturgy minister, and in the Altar Society. Alice has also served on the Pastoral Council and Festival Committee.

*St. Blaise — Brackettville — **Mary Sam York***

Mary Sam York has remained a gentle light reflecting the image of Christ in the parish. She is very generous with her time and talents and has served the parish in various capacities: as lector, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, catechist, Guadalupana, Pastoral Council secretary, and more.

*St. Bonaventure — San Antonio — **Fernando Revuleta***

Fernando Revuelta have been serving with zeal and dedication at St. Bonaventure Church for more than 30 years. Fernando is one of a kind; his ministry at St. Bonaventure ranges from sweeping to serving at the altar. He is ever ready to help wherever he is needed.

*St. Boniface — Hobson — **Brenda Orszulak***

She has been director of Religious Education for several years and is a lector at weekend Masses.

*St. Brigid — San Antonio — **Tony Buentello***

Tony Buentello leads the school of Evangelization at St. Brigid Church, Faith Formation and Charismatic Renewal.

*St. Catherine of Alexandria Chapel — San Antonio — **Ricardo S. Espinoza***

Ricardo is an active member of the parish family and attends Mass faithfully with his wife, Mariza, and his three daughters. He serves in RCIA, ACT, and is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He led the effort to restore the Knights of Columbus in the parish and serves as Grand Knight to the council. He is an inspiration to all in the community.

*St. Cecilia — San Antonio — **Ovidio and Maria Isabel Vazquez***

Ovidio y su esposa Isabel han participado, por años, en diversos ministerios: como voluntarios en la sacristía, ACTS Retreats, preparación para ministerios litúrgicos, encuentros matrimoniales, Knights of Columbus. Ellos y sus hijos representan la familia que participa y se compromete con la Iglesia de Dios.

*St. Clare — San Antonio — **Maria Guadalupe Garza***

Maria Garza has been a faithful parishioner of St. Clare for over 40 years. She has been a major asset in the development and growth of this parish. Her leadership skills and commitment to the Guadalupanas Society, Festival Committee, Spanish Choir and her service to the Rosary Team have allowed her to be of service to others. Her passion to help have always been at the forefront of her everyday life here at St. Clare. She has always been committed to whatever the church needs. We are blessed to have her as one of the parishioners here at St. Clare.

*St. Cornelius — Karnes City — **Lillian Lyssy***

Lillian Lyssy has been an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for many years, faithfully attending Mass. She is a long-time member of the Altar Society who changes the altar candles and linens. She was also involved in Nursing Home Ministry and Homebound Ministry for many years.

*St. Dominic — San Antonio — **Abel and Helen Hernandez***

Helen and Abel Hernandez have always been active members who have served the community in extraordinary ways; together they have served many ministries, and they understand the practice and teachings of our church.

*St. Elizabeth — Fashing — Karnes City — **Thomas and Cheryl Moy***

Cheryl Moy is a lector and an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Thomas Moy has faithfully provided the palms for several years. They funded the construction of the Grotto to the Blessed Virgin Mary and also funded the renovation of the church.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — San Antonio —

*St. Francis of Assisi — Castroville — **Barbara Garcia***

For many years Barbara Garcia has been a tireless worker in this small church community. Whatever needs doing, she is ready and willing. She presently serves on the Pastoral Council and is a lector, in addition to her many other duties.

*St. Francis of Assisi — San Antonio — **Michael and Mary Alice Ezzell***

Michael and Mary Alice Ezzell are involved in a number of ministries in the parish. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and she is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. They both are lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. They help feed the hungry with Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and also feed hundreds of families on Thanksgiving.

*St. Francis Xavier — Stonewall — **David and Diane Laborde***

David and Diane Laborde generously give their time and share their talents with the parish. Both are ushers, are regularly involved with planning, preparations, and support of church events, and church decorating. David was president of the St. Thomas Society for five years, volunteers to maintain the grounds at St. Francis Xavier and cemeteries, and visits the homebound and takes them for outings. Diane was president of the St. Rose Society for four years, sings in the choir, is a lector, and a team leader for funeral planning. David and Diane are loving members of the parish family.

*St. Gabriel — San Antonio — **Carolina Gil***

Carolina Gil served many years in the choir with her husband, and participates in the parish festival. She cleans the church and was in the team praying the rosary at funeral homes.

*St. George Maronite — San Antonio — **Cheryl Smith***

Cheryl Smith is a lifelong parishioner of St. George. She has been an exceptional volunteer and servant, showing passion and dedication in all she does. Cheryl shows a deep understanding of

what it means to be an active parishioner, living the mission of the church, and being a servant disciple of Christ.

*St. Gerard — San Antonio — **Matthew Kraus***

He has years of service as Parish Council president, an altar server, and support to parish ministries.

*St. Gregory the Great — San Antonio — **Raul Rodriguez***

Raul Rodriguez is very active in the parish. He participates in the Spanish Legion of Mary, Holy Name Society, Pastoral Council, St. Vincent de Paul, Guadalupanos, Fishers of Men, and is an usher, lector, and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Mass. Raul has been a faithful member of the parish for many years and is always willing to help wherever needed.

*St. Helena — San Antonio — **Gabe Becerra***

Gabe Becerra has been a faithful servant of St. Helena for 23 years. He is self motivated and is always looking for ways to serve the community and lend a helping hand. He assists Father Lénin Náffate, pastor, with the preparation of the church for weekend Masses, funerals and weddings. He has been a pioneer of the new Hispanic Ministry in the parish. He teaches baptism classes and assists with Spanish liturgy, quinceañeras and Youth Ministry. He is member of the Liturgy Committee, Knights of Columbus, Festival Committee, and Bingo Committee. Gabe has made time in his busy schedule to go through the diaconate program and will be ordained on June 6, 2020. Gabe is a role model for the parish community.

*St. Helena-Helena — Panna Maria — **Phillip Mika***

Phillip Mika is a dedicated servant to the mission church. He works with others to keep the church and grounds clean and beautiful. He does what is needed to be done without being asked, never looking for recognition.

*St. Henry — San Antonio — **Thelma Araiza***

As president of the Infant Jesus of Prague Society, Thelma Araiza has been very active in supporting the Religious Education program. She has also been involved in liturgical ministries, and is an active volunteer for many church activities.

St. Ignatius Martyr — Jourdanton —

St. James — Gonzales — JoAnn Hajosvky

St. James — Seguin — Ginger Bolton

Ginger Bolton is past president of the Pastoral Council and ACTS secretary. Presently, she serves as Regent of the Catholic Daughters, spiritual director, director of small church communities, lector, and head of Ministry to the Sick.

St. James the Apostle — San Antonio —

St. Jerome — San Antonio — Felix Trevino

Felix Trevino is an active member of Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council 4315, currently serving as the Deputy Grand Knight. Four years ago, when St. Jerome established its first Spanish Mass, Felix stepped up and joined the choir as a guitarist and cantor despite limited Spanish. As a young adult, his willingness and commitment to serve the parish is a shining example of faithful stewardship.

St. Joan of Arc — San Antonio — Dennis Kemp

Dennis Kemp is a lector, commentator, and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, is the Finance Council secretary and a Knights of Columbus officer. He volunteers at parish facilities, and assists at funerals.

St. John (Hunter) — New Braunfels —

St. John Berchmans — San Antonio — Dolores Guardiola

Dolores Guardiola works full time and has a family, yet finds time to be involved in several ministries of the church. She serves as extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and Mass coordinator at the noon Mass. She is part of the church leaders group and an active team leader with the Women's Joy Retreats. She willingly participates with the church fundraising, especially the annual festival, helping make it very successful.

St. John Bosco — Lytle — Jesus Hilarios and Maria Zapata

Both Jesus Hilarios and Maria Zapata are very committed to St. John Bosco Church. They sing for the Saturday Mass and they also help in the food distribution for St. Vincent de Paul.

St. John Neumann — San Antonio —

*St. John the Evangelist — Hondo — **Tony Ortiz***

Tony Ortiz is a faithful parishioner who is always ready to help whenever and wherever needed. He is custodian for the parish and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Men's ACTS, Men's Rosary Group, Sunday Morning Choir, assists in the weekly Bingo, annual festival, Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, and Mourning Glories. Tony is an inspiration to other through the sharing of his time, talent and treasure with great generosity and joy to bring Christ's Light to all.

*St. John the Evangelist — San Antonio — **Douglas Arriaga***

Douglas Arriaga has been a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church for many years. He is a great benefactor to the parish. Dennis also serves as a lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He is involved with St. John's Legion of Mary and takes Holy Communion to the homebound in the community.

St. John Vianney — La Coste —

*St. Joseph — Del Rio — **Joe Frank Martinez***

Joe Frank Martinez truly exemplifies the Light of Christ as he lives out his baptismal call in extraordinary ways through stewardship and leadership in the parish. He served in ACTS Core as a facilitator for the past three years, he led the St. Joseph Cemetery clean-up crew, he is a member of the Pastoral Council, he assist with fundraisers, and he is always available to lend a helping hand.

*St. Joseph — Devine — **Ernest and Cindy Morales***

Ernest and Cindy Morales are involved in the ACTS program and he is a Knight in the local chapter. They were both very instrumental in making the festival a big success.

*St. Joseph — Nixon — **Garry Freeman***

Garry Freeman is an exemplary Catholic, always at the service of the church in various capacities. He helps with repairs, various decorations at the church, and works hard at fundraisers.

*St. Joseph — Tilden — **Gail Brown***

Gail Brown serves on the Finance Council, is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and is a lector.

St. Joseph – Redwood – Seguin — Rito Ivarra

Rito Ivarra is the “go to guy” for anything. He is an usher, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and greeter at the mission of St. Joseph. You will always be in good company, as he is always smiling and pleasant.

St. Joseph (Downtown) — San Antonio — Charles Fisk

Charles Fisk has been a faithful parishioner of St. Joseph Church Downtown throughout his life. He has contributed to the vitality of the parish community through his work in communications, helping to set up the website, in working as a member of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, and in designing the St. Joseph Fiesta Medals. His strong interest in the preservation of San Antonio’s history led him to be involve in the restoration of the church building and, more recently, in efforts to document, preserved and improve the St. Joseph Parish Cemetery.

St. Joseph (Honey Creek) — Spring Branch — Martin Tellez

Martin Tellez is a humble man with an immense love for his church and his community. He is a true servant with unlimited dedication and a true inspiration to those around him.

St. Joseph (South San) — San Antonio — Nancy Delgado

Nancy Delgado has been a parishioner for about 10 years. She administers the religious store, steps in for our secretary when needed, and is a member of the Altar Society, who prepares the sacred space for liturgical celebration.

St. Joseph-Comal — New Braunfels —

St. Joseph-Knippha — Sabinal — Maria G. Martinez

Maria G. Martinez is a Religious Education teacher, leads the rosary every Saturday, the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and Posadas and matachines during the Christmas season. She decorates the church for special occasions such as quinceaneras and weddings. Maria keeps records of all contributions and has transported visiting priests as needed. She has been the go-to person for many years. Father Marcin P. Czyz, administrator, refers to her as “La General”. She has been married for 30-plus years.

St. Joseph's — Dilley — Soraida Lopez

Soraida Lopez is a life-long member of the St. Joseph's family. Soraida currently serves on the Brown Scapular Society, the church Festival Committee, the choir, the Altar Society, is the advisor to the Children's Altar Server Ministry, and is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at church and takes the Blessed Sacrament to people who are homebound, and last but not least, is a member of the ACTS community. Soraida is prominent member of the church and is very strong in her faith.

St. Jude — San Antonio — Cathy Castro

She is a beautiful person; very dedicated and helps the church in many ways.

St. Lawrence — San Antonio — Carmen Castillon

Carmen Castillon has been a member of St. Lawrence for over 22 year. She has participated in the Cursillo Movement and now leads the Ultreya Ministry. Carmen very faithfully participates in the festival every year and is one of the parish monies counters. She is always willing and available to the needs of the parish and spiritual growth. Carmen is a very friendly, easy-going person and always has a smile.

St. Leo the Great — San Antonio — Rudy and Michelle Garcia

Rudy and Michelle Garcia have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the betterment of the St. Leo the Great community. Both are leaders in the area of liturgy, community development, youth and young adult initiatives, as well as parish management. They are Christ centered and are lights of the Southside.

St. Leonard — San Antonio — Hope Galan

Hope Galan has been a parishioner since 1959. She is truly a role model in the community through her decades of tireless commitment to St. Leonard. She has served in many ministries. As a current leader of the Finance Council, she has used her previous work experience to help the pastor with the church finances. She has organized the financial records, reorganized the Money Counter Ministry, and cleaned and updated the parish database. Hope continues to oversee the preparation of the special activities of the Bereavement Ministry. These special activities (Novenario, First Christmas in Heaven, Grieving Workshop, etc.) are prepared to support the members of the community during their sad times after losing a love one. Hope is also an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and as been a tireless, long-time parishioner/volunteer. We thank Hope for her love and dedication to St. Leonard.

St. Louis — Castroville — Jim Tondre

Jim Tondre a life-long parishioner and has been a worker behind the scenes in many parish activities, especially the ACTS retreats, beginning with the first retreat 20 years ago; the St. Louis Men;s Society; and the annual St. Louis Day Festival.

St. Luke — San Antonio — Manuel and Nancy Ibarra

St. Luke is blessed with many married couples who make ministry and volunteer work a family way of life. Nancy and Manuel Ibarra were not different from other couple recipients of the *Lumen Gentium*. Both have been actively involved with ministry and church organizations to serve the community. Both held leadership positions and actively served with ACTS. Sadly, Manuel passed away this year, but the Nomination Committee unanimously requested that Manuel and Nancy be honored together for selfless service.

St. Luke (Loire) — Pleasanton —

St. Margaret Mary — San Antonio — Luis Garcia

Luis Garcia is a long time member of the parish. He serves in faith formation, Knights of Columbus, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Teens ACTS. He works in the Guadalupe Ministry and with the Senior Programs. He leads the Internet Technology website, and is Father Jimmy Drennan's right hand.

St. Mark the Evangelist — San Antonio —

St. Mary — Fredericksburg — Dotty Duecker

Dotty Duecker has been a pillar at St. Mary's for many years. She currently serves as a lector, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a sacristan, and in the St. Ann's Society. She spends many hours volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul and is always ready to help with the Loving Care Ministry. Her smiling face is always a welcoming sign to parishioners and visitors.

St. Mary — Sabinal — Jose Farias

Jose Farias works tirelessly for the St. Mary's Parish community. He often performs routine maintenance tasks, is willing to help with any tasks, has served as president of the Community Council and always keeps the needs of the parish at the forefront of his mind.

St. Mary — San Antonio — Patricia Parma

Patty Parma is always quick to give of time and talents, and her dedication to St. Mary's Parish is above and beyond.

St. Mary — Somerset — Angie Polasek

Angie Polasek has been the church organist for 21 plus years, is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and a lector.

St. Mary — Stockdale — Patricia Kopecki

She has served for more than two decades as a weekly volunteer organist and florist for sanctuary.

St. Mary Magdalen — Camp Wood — John Klebenow

John Klebenow is a lector, member of Finance Council, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and handyman for the church and grounds. He is always willing to help the pastor and the parish.

St. Mary Magdalen — San Antonio — Hilaria De la Garza

As a member of the parish for the past 45 years, Hilaria De la Garza has served at the Little Angel Shop, as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion in the hospital and at Mass, and most of all with the Altar Society as a sacristan, sewing vestments and ornaments.

St. Mary Magdalene — Brackettville — Danny and Bernice Yandell

Dan and Bernice Yandell have been great example of true discipleship in the parish. They are very generous with their wealth and talent. Dan and Bernice have directed and organized the lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. They prepare couples for marriage in the church, with are active in various other volunteer work.

St. Matthew — Jourdanton —

St. Matthew — San Antonio — Susan Fierro

Susan Fierro assists Sister Therese Gleitz, PBVM, Religious Education director, with help in her office. Susan volunteers for five hours, four days a week, and takes great pride in her work.

St. Michael — San Antonio — Margarita Sanchez

Margarita Sanchez works with liturgical preparations and environment. She is a Religious Education teacher and coordinator. While she ministers and serves at St. Michael, her outreach and service to the poor looks beyond the parish.

St. Monica — Converse — Pablo and Herlinda Garcia

Paul and Herlinda Garcia have been a long-time parishioners of St. Monica since before getting married there in January 1975. Pablo is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. Herlinda is a member of the Altar Society and Catholic Daughter of America. Both have been volunteers and continue to display their Catholic faith.

St. Patrick — Sabinal — Jesus Alejandro

Jesus “Chupe” Alejandro is very dedicated to the daily task and needs of St. Patrick. He and his late wife served many years as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for the sick in the parish. He was a member of the Holy Name Society. He helps set-up the altar at every Mass. He has served the priests as an usher for many years. He assists with all funeral and weddings. He attends the daily rosary and at times leads it. He prepares and attends the Stations of the Cross during Lent. He was married for 69 years and by his example his children are good Christians.

St. Patrick — San Antonio — Olga Mares

She has been coordinating our Food Pantry Ministry for more than five years with amazing dedication and care for the poor.

St. Patrick-Waelder — Gonzales — Lupe Almaraz

St. Paul — San Antonio — Fernando A. and Adeline Rodriguez

Adeline (Addie) and Fernando Rodriguez have called St. Paul Church home for more than 61 years. Throughout that time they found ways to give back to the church for the many blessings they have received by their willingness to use their gifts and abilities to strengthen the ministry of the church. Their faith in God and love for the church inspired them to provide for others as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, as homebound ministers, and members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils. While they often serve together in ministry, Fernando also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is a weekly money counter. Addie, as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, takes on a prominent role in helping to coordinate the annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors in the parish. St. Paul Parish is very appreciative of the time, effort and hard work Fernando and Addie have given and thank their children, James E. Rodriguez and Carol Ann Rodriguez, for sharing their parents with the St. Paul community.

*St. Peter Prince of Apostles — San Antonio — **Maria Leslie***

Maria Leslie has continually been active in the parish since she has been president of St. Vincent de Paul and has stayed active even after her tenure concluded. She volunteers her time in the parish office and for Religious Education preparation.

*St. Peter the Apostle — Boerne — **Reyes and Olga Moreno***

Olga and Reyes Moreno are long-time active parishioners at St. Peter the Apostle. Olga recently just finished a three-year term on the Pastoral Council. Both Reyes and Olga are involved with the Ultreya Spanish prayer group. Reyes was past president of Ultreya. Both Olga and Reyes help annually with the Fall Festival. They are active in the Spanish Choir. Olga is very active in the Guadalupanas and helps organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration each year. Reyes is a hospitality minister and they both serve in many liturgical capacities at Mass. They are a great example of a married couple living their sacramental marriage as a calling to serve the Lord, his people and the church.

*St. Peter the Fisherman — Von Ormy — **Leticia Salinas***

Leticia Salinas has served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, on the parish Liturgical Committee, and as a home visit minister.

*St. Philip Benizi — Nixon — **Roxanne Villasana***

She is a good Catholic and has played an active role at various activities of the church, such as Vacation Bible School, Religious Education, the turkey dinner, and representing the church at community events.

*St. Philip Benizi — Poteet — **Mary Klumb***

Mary Klumb has been an asset and a blessing to the parish.

*St. Philip of Jesus — San Antonio — **Joseph L. Douglas***

Joe Douglas has taught confirmation classes for teenagers for many years and helped to plan the teen retreats. He has been the chairperson for the Pastoral Council, and volunteers to help in many ways for the church.

*St. Pius X — San Antonio — **Jay and Carolyn Farmer***

Jay and Carolyn Farmer were married at St. Pius X. They have been parishioners for more than 20 years. Jay has been sacristan for 20 years. He also assists with altar server and lector training.

He was an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and part of the ACTS organization at St. Pius X. Carolyn is his side-kick and is always with him to assist with whatever he needs. He always helps with the Holy Week Masses.

*St. Raymond of Pennafort — Leakey — **Refugio Martinez***

He keeps the church grounds maintained and has done so for many years.

*St. Rose of Lima — Charlotte — **Rosa Juarez***

Rosa Juarez serves on the Pastoral Council and is the director of Religious Education for the parish. Rosa is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, lector, and also a catechist. She participates in all parish activities.

*St. Rose of Lima — San Antonio — **Christine Brown***

Chris Brown has served in many areas of the parish, to include three years as the annual Festival Rosefest chairman, and additional years as a general committee member of the Columbietes, and is one of the wedding coordinators. Additionally, she has been on the RCIA team for more than 10 years.

*St. Stanislaus — Bandera — **Claude and Lynette Biediger***

Claude and Lynette Biediger have been parishioners since 2012 and both are active in many ministries throughout the parish. Claude is a Knight, working hard at all events and functions. Lynette is an active member of the Altar Society, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and RCIA facilitator. Both Claude and Lynette are very involved members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

*St. Thomas More — San Antonio — **Roland and Sylvia Rodriguez***

They are practicing and active Catholic couple and they chaired the festival for the last two years. They participate and collaborate with the church life and ministry and are generous with their time and talents.

*St. Thomas the Apostle — Canyon Lake — **Cody Debner***

Cody's light is always ON for us at St. Thomas. Cody is a member of the Pastoral Council, Capital Campaign Committee, Safety for All Committee, ACTS Core team, AV Ministry, and is a sacristan. Cody is always the first on to say "yes" when asked to volunteer for something and is always willing to help at the end of any event. Cody's light shines brightly and he continues to share that light with all those he encounters.

*St. Timothy — San Antonio — **Gabriel and Patty Gonzales***

Gabriel and Patty Gonzalez heard the word of God from the lips and works of the Father, now Bishop, Gerald Barnes when he was a newly ordained priest at St. Timothy Parish. The Gonzales' have manifested in many ways how grateful they are; that they now feel a debt to return with service all the good they have received from the church.

*St. Victor Chapel — Bandera — **Rusell Locke***

Russ Locke is a behind the scenes, dedicated, hard working individual, always willing to go the extra mile. He has been in charge of upkeep and ground maintenance, is an integral member of the new church Building Committee, Grand Knight, lector, commentator ,and Bible Study facilitator.

*St. Vincent de Paul — San Antonio — **William and Roberta Ramos***

William and Roberta Ramos have gone far beyond in their time and service to St. Vincent Parish, both in leading the Fall Festival and the Altar Society. They reflect God's joy and give of their time and talent with much love.

*Sts. Peter & Paul — New Braunfels — **Catherine Fricke***

Catherine Fricke has been involved with the Gabriel Project since its conception 20 years ago. She deals with the Crisis Pregnancy situation, providing whatever these soon to be mothers need — cribs, diapers, doctor visits, clothing, car seats — even helping with funeral expenses should the need arise. Catherine has dedicated herself to helping these mothers welcome their child into the world.

*Vietnamese Martyrs — San Antonio — **Khanh and An Bui Nguyen***