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March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of

The Passion of the Lord

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ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30p
Sunday 9:00a
Weekdays
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 6:00p
Wednesday 9:00a

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday – 4:00p to 5:00p or by Appointment
Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
Friday – 7:00a to 5:30p
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Fran Thomas
Pastoral Council Chair
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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:30a
Weekday
Wednesday 5:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass
Deacon Limas Sweed, Sr

Finance Council Chair
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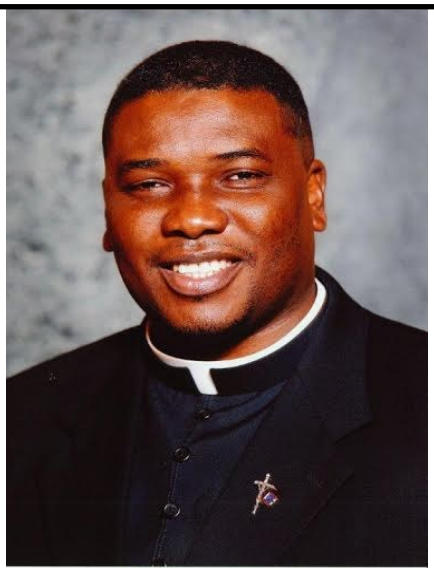

Father Uche Obikwelu

Palm Sunday/Holy Week— 2016

The Holy Week:
Why is a week within the Church's liturgical calendar year called "The Holy Week"? It is because it is the week when our Church recaptures those events that Our Lord underwent to gain salvation for us. A beautiful, but a sacred time that defines who we are and for whom we are made.
Holy Week always begins with the Palm Sunday of every Lent. For this year, it begins on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Palm Sunday is the day when our Lord entered Jerusalem on the back of the donkey as the King of the Universe. He was welcomed by the crowd who was chanting, "Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest". The Chrism Mass as we learned last week will be celebrated on Tuesday of the Holy Week in our diocese by our Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Austin, Texas.
The Triduum: This is the Most Holiest of Days in our Liturgical Year. The triduum is from Latin which indicates a three days event but still one act. It means that we are encouraged to participate actively in these three days one event, because it is one liturgical activity: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
Holy Thursday: On this day, Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ministry of priesthood, when He ordained His apostles priests; instituted the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist; and gave His apostles the command to love one another, after He had washed their feet. This day was used to be called "*Maundy Thursday",* which is from Latin word, "*Mandamus*", meaning to Command.
Good Friday: One may ask, "How could the day Our Lord was crucified be "Good" and not sorrowful?" St. Paul tells us that the crucifixion seems as a contradiction to some people, that is, it was a sign of failure to others. But to us believers this is not true because in the real sense it was through the Wood of the Cross that our Salvation was to be fulfilled. And this is why this day is called "Good Friday".
Holy Saturday: Very early in the morning on the third day after His passion, crucifixion, and death, our Lord, as He promised went down to the land of the dead to liberate Adam, Abraham and others from the chains of damnation, and triumphantly rose from the dead. Hence, He defeated death and accomplished the Will of His Father, which is His Love for us, we, the God's people. This is why Paul writes again, saying, "Death where is your sting"? On this night, we shall sing Gloria and Alleluia, which have been suspended for Lent, decorate the altar with beautiful flowers, and may use incense, because we rejoice and are now a redeemed people
God bless you.
Fr. Uche Obikwelu

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT!!!
The long awaited copies of the autobiography of our pastor, Father Uche Obikwelu are here at last. The title of the book is "Mary, The Mediatrix of God's Grace". Please stop by the entrance door and pick up a copy. The books sell for $25.00. You may also visit the book website at your convenience: www.fruchemarybook.org. God bless you.

St. Ann Parish Annual Fundraiser-Saturday, May 14
This year the Parish Fundraiser will be a raffle. There will be ten prizes that will be raffled off. If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation to this year's fundraiser such as services (barber/hair stylist, lawn or auto maintenance), gift cards, items (new or handcrafted), or money to go towards purchasing items for the raffle, please call the office during office hours (Office: 979-596-1966, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11am-4pm., leave a message and someone will contact you) or drop a note or money in the collection basket any Sunday. Parishioners will be given raffle tickets to sell. The prizes will be raffled off on Saturday, May 14, 2016. More information in future bulletins.

Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Mar. 26 5:30p	Sun—Mar. 27 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Mary Moreno Tom Hodges	Sr. Rocio Janet Zapalac
Greeters/Ushers	David Jimenez Leo Schubert	Zapalac Family
Lectors	Fran Thomas, Lynda Mendizabel, Irene Bacak, Teresa Perez, Christina Hernandez, Maggie Orozco	Kimberly Camarillo
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Benjamin Zapalac

Finances—St. Ann

03/13/2016	Sunday Collection	$ 1,058.90
03/13/2016	Building Fund	$ 244.00

Holy Thursday—Altar of Repose
9p-10p: RE students, teachers, parents, visitors
10p-11p: Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers, Visitors
11-12p: SACCW, KCs, Visitors

CHURCH LIFE...*one body-many members.*

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

That we as members of the Church will respond to God's grace giving of ourselves in service to others in our families, schools, workplaces and society…..

The sanctuary lamp is given for the honor and glory of God ….

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners & friends

Larry Sweed	Truman Sweed Sr.	Rose Mendizabal
Amanda Walhoviak	Sally West	Lucy Jimenez
Jo Thomas	Allen Labay	Sr. John
Jim Turner	Mark Pollard	Patricia Sweed
Michael Sweed	David Jimenez	Betty Labay
Ricky Hines	Annie L. Henderson	Edna McGee
Ann Ross	Johnnie Sweed Jr.	David Sweed Sr.
Carol Winkler	Michael Sees	C.J. Sweed Jr.
Pete Zedlitz	Sally Sees	Elizabeth Milsaps
Alvin Booker	Carlos Escobedo	

Mass Intentions: Mar. 19-27

Sat. Mar. 19	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Mar. 20	9:00a	†Leon Orozco
Tues. Mar. 22	**10:30a**	**Chrism Mass in Austin**
Wed. Mar. 23	9:00a	†Patricia Thomas
Thurs. Mar. 24	7:00p	Altar of Repose
Fri. Mar. 25	3:00p 7:00p	Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord
Sat. Mar. 26	8:30p	For the People
Sun. Mar. 27	9:00a	For the People

From Ashes to Easter 2016

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor. With continued generosity to the Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign, local missionaries are able to instruct, advise, console and comfort the poor in the mission areas they serve. Please be generous. Return your box next Sunday, March 27.

Special Collection: Good Friday - March 25

All parishes in the Diocese of Austin are to take up a special collection on Good Friday, March 25, to support Christians in the Holy Land. Your contribution will assist the Franciscan friars and others in housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, in maintaining a Christian presence in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH LIFE… *consider yourself at home!*

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Mar. 23	5:00p	Mamie Washington & Family
Sun. Mar. 27	11:30a	For the People

Altar Servers—Delvin Taylor
Lector—Ocia Sweed

Ministers need to be at church at least 15 minutes before Mass.

Wed. Mar. 23	4:00p to 4:45p	**Adoration**

Happy Birthday
&
God Bless You!

The following Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners will celebrate a birthday in ***March***

Devin Taylor	**Kevin Spriggs**
Mason Rylander	**Keisha Mason**
Jeffrey Coleman	**Destiny Cross**
Shaterraka White	

If your name is not on this list, please call the office and let us know. (979-596-1966)

Finances — BVM

03/13/2016 Sunday Collection	$ 275.00

Good Friday Crosswalk

The Annual Crosswalk sponsored by the Somerville Area Ministries will take place on March 25, 2016, beginning at 10:00 am and end approximately one and one-half hours later. The walk will begin at the Lutheran Church on 6th Street and end here at St. Ann who has been asked to provide a "light snack" to those who participated in the Crosswalk. St. Ann Parishioners are asked to help provide what they can. Bring your food item to the Parish Hall that morning. If you have any questions, please call the office (979)596-1966.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Tuesday: March 22, Chrism Mass in Austin, 10:30a
Wednesday: March 23, Mass at 9:00 am
Holy Thursday: March 24, Mass at 7:00 pm
Good Friday: March 25, Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm; Passion of the Lord at 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday: March 26, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday, March 27, Mass at 9:00 am

Apostolate

	Wed.-Mar. 23	Wed.-Mar. 30
Collection Counting	Tom Hodges Del Orozco	Fran Thomas Tom Hodges

ST ANN PARISH MINISTRIES...*come and be with us.*

Chef Shane McCue

Bee Keeping Services *Remodeling/Repair*
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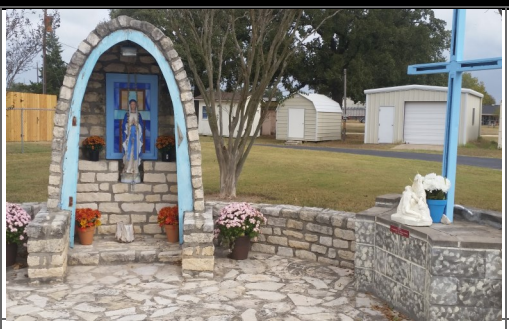

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"Jessica Brown Scholarship Fundraiser"

Where: in front of B&B Grocery
When: Saturday, March 26, 2016 beginning at 9am until everything is sold out
Donations of Money & Baked Goods is appreciated. Questions: Contact Margie Brown 979-551-0646

Slovacek Sausage

2 locations to serve you

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Snook, Texas

254-826-4525
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West, Texas

Sample

Easter Vigil Order of Lectors

1st Reading: Fran Thomas
2nd Reading: Lynda Mendizabel
3rd Reading: Irene Bacak
4th Reading: Teresa Perez
5th Reading: Christina Hernandez
Epistle: Maggie Orozco

In memory of

†Milady Kristof
For her generosity to St. Ann
"May perpetual light shine upon her"

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 8-9,17-18, 19-20, 23-24
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23: 56 or 23: 1-49

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Readings for Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17,22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 5: 6b-8
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Special Events at St. Ann

Mar. 20: Palm Sunday
Mar. 25: Good Friday—Crosswalk
Mar. 27 Easter Sunday
Apr. 2-3: SAAM Food Collection Weekend
Apr. 7: KC Meeting, 7 pm, Family Center
Apr. 9: 4th Degree in Bryan
Apr: 10: KC BBQ - pick up plates 10a-1p
Apr. 10-12: ADCCW Convention
Apr. 26: ECCW Meeting, St. Mary's in Ellinger
May 5: KC Meeting, 7pm, Family Center
May 8: Mother's Day
May 8: KC BBQ - pick up plates 10a-1p
May 14: St. Ann Fundraiser
May 30: Memorial Day

Adopt a Seminarian Project

....Mar. 20...Efrain & Debra Guerra
....Mar. 27...
....Apr. 3.....
....Apr. 10...

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