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April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter



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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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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:30a

Weekday

Wednesday 5:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass

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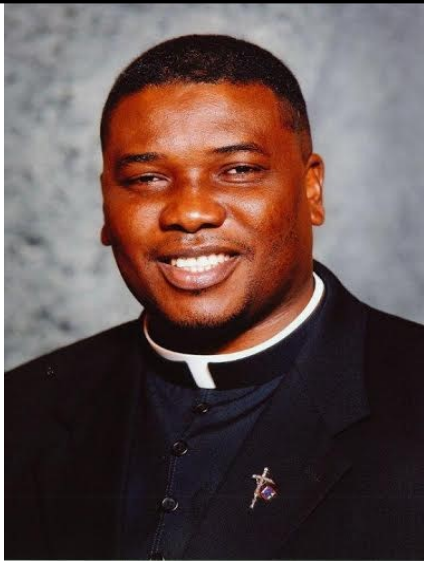
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Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu
Parish Administrator

Third Sunday of Easter 2016

“When men demand things contrary to the Divine Will, then it is necessary to put into practice the maxim of St. Peter: ‘We must obey God rather than men’”, says Pope Pius XII. The Holy Father’s advice captures the content of this Third Sunday of Easter message, which I have chosen to be the focal point of my homily, taken from the book of the ACTS of the Apostle, as was read for us in the first reading today. The Sanhedrin, probably the equivalent of the Supreme Court today, though, at their reign, they had control over both religious and civil matters. Actually, this group was very instrumental to the arrest of Jesus Christ and went around the crowd and convinced them to demand the release of Barabbas rather than Jesus. So, after Jesus’ crucifixion and several appearances to His apostles, and after His ascension, the Sanhedrin was delusional that the death of Jesus would bring to silence the message for which Christ preached and died for, but they were mistaken. It was under this circumstance that Peter and his brother apostles were brought forward and they were questioned by the Sanhedrin, “We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.” The issue that challenges us here, dear brothers and sisters, is why was Sanhedrin in denial that they killed Christ? What were they afraid of by attempting to scare the apostles? It simply means that evil lives in evil, but truth shines like light! Sanhedrin is a group of evil people that is why they were afraid. Here comes the truth that shines like light. Listen to Peter and other apostles, men who only knew about fishing-nets and water. The Scripture says, ‘But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’” This is what Pope Pius XII called - the maxim of St. Peter: For the fact that the apostles were not returned to prison is a clear evidence that the Sanhedrin had found out that there was no hiding place for their evil plans, instead they simply warned Peter and other apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus. To this instruction the apostles “...left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.” Are you ready to suffer disgrace and indignation for the name of Jesus?

My brothers and sisters, it marvels me when I listen to our great intellectuals, politicians and even religious men and women in our society too often prefer to water down the word of God; sometimes intentionally even to deny what the Scripture teaches because they would like to be seen or be adjudged being pastoral, while the word of God is thrown under the bus. But, if I may ask, why do we prefer to receive the message that is sugar-coated? Would that help me and my family gain salvation? If Peter and the apostles had chickened out from the truth like we do today at the face of our family, political and ideological challenges, how do we think that we would have had the privilege to receive this Gospel today? Think about it and deeply reflect on it, Amen!

God bless you!

Father Uche Obikwelu

Fundraiser News

St. Ann Parish Annual Fundraiser

The drawing for the annual fundraiser has been rescheduled for July 4, 2016. Watch the bulletin for the date that Parishioners will be able to pick up their tickets to sell. First prize will be \$1,500.00. Second prize will be a rifle and prizes 3-10 will be \$100 each. The raffle tickets will sell for \$5.00 each. More information to follow in future bulletins.

Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Apr. 16 5:30p	Sun—Apr. 17 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Tom Hodges Dee Turner	Sr. Rocio Cynthia Munoz
Greeters/Ushers	Debbie Zaharis Mary Moreno	Miguel Bonilla Frank Vittonel
Lectors	Maggie Orozco	Irene Bacak
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Benjamin Zapalac Briana Hernandez

Finances—St. Ann

04/03/2016 Sunday Collection	\$ 1,149.00
04/03/2016 Seminarians & Priests	\$ 312.00

Mass Intentions: Apr. 9-17

Sat. Apr. 9	5:30p	†Fernando Alvarado
Sun. Apr. 10	9:00a	For the People
Tues. Apr. 12	6:00p	Communion Service
Wed. Apr. 13	9:00a	Communion Service
Thurs. Apr. 14	6:00p	Michael Austin
Fri. Apr. 15	6:00p	†Alma Rodriguez
Sat. Apr. 16	5:30p	†Ermalinda Vittonel †Carmen Diane Vittonel †Francisco Vittonel, Jr.
Sun. Apr. 17	9:00a	For the People

CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members.

Bishop Vasquez' Prayer Intention

That the members of the Church, nourished at the table of God's Word and Eucharist, will overflow in love for the Lord, and proclaim that love to others.....

The sanctuary lamp is given for the honor and glory of God & in memory of Jessica & David Brown, Sr.....



Please pray for the needs of our parishioners & friends

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



John Brown	Tommy Polansky
Kevin Davis	Joseph Ramirez
David Dominguez	Matthew Reynolds
Neil Frerick	Charlie Richardson
Robin Frerick	Cesar Rodriguez
Jason Grace	Michael R. Rodriguez
Jerry Gutierrez	Stephen Ruth
Christina Marie Hahne	Justo Suarez
Dane Kidd	Brandon Thomas
Matthew Lee	1LT Christopher M. Torres
Annalisa Lujan	Alan Turner
John Maldonado	Jennifer Hlavaty
Jacob McDonald	Jarrett Hlavaty
Brandon Osburn	Stephen Mendizabal

Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13
 2nd Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14
 Gospel: John 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43-52
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100: 1-2,3, 5
 2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5a
 Gospel: John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Year of Mercy Holy Doors

Have you heard of the Year of Mercy Holy Doors? Holy doors were blessed and opened in all the cathedrals of the world, including St. Mary's in Austin and at our other four diocesan pilgrimage sites. Information for mass schedules, hours open for visiting and special prayers or liturgies for the Year of Mercy Holy Doors can be found on the information board in the entry-way.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Apr. 13 6:00p Communion Service

Sun. Apr. 17 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. Apr. 13 4:00p to 4:45p No Adoration when there is no Mass



**Happy Birthday
&
God Bless You!**

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

Evelyn Sweed	Jackendra N. Madison
Laquasha Bellard	Mamie Washington
Eddie L. Sweed Jr.	Sierra Shelton
Katherine Finley	Dorothy Hogan
Annie Lois Henderson	

If your name is not on this list, please call the office and let us know.

Finances — BVM

04/03/2016 Sunday Collection	\$ 235.53
04/03/2016 Seminarians & Priests	\$ 32.00

Around the Diocese

"Encountering Christ" Retreat

When: April 22-24, 2016
 Where: Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton
 What: For more information call 254-780-2436

St. Mary Parish Spring Festival in Waco

When: April 24, 2016 from 10am-4pm
 Where: Geneva Hall in Elm Mott
 What: Lunch from 11am-2pm; live and silent auctions, children's activities; a car exhibit

Spring Festival, St. Monica in Cameron

When: April 17 from 11am to 2:30 pm
 Where: Simon & George Hall in Cameron
 What: Barbeque chicken & sausage dinner starting at 11am until the food runs out; other activities include a silent auction, sweet shop, cake wheel and country store; Everyone is invited to come and have fun.

Apostolate

	Wed.-Apr. 13	Wed.-Apr. 20
Collection Counting	Lynda Mendizabal Debbie Zaharis	Dee Turner Lucy Hodges

***Year of Mercy
Dec. 8, 2015-Nov. 20, 2016***

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†Milady Kristof

For her generosity to St. Ann

*"May perpetual light shine
upon her"*



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Special Events at St. Ann

Apr: 10: KC BBQ - pick up plates 10a-12p
Apr. 10-12: ADCCW Convention
Apr. 26: ECCW Meeting, St. Mary's in Ellinger
May 5: National Day of Prayer
May 5: KC Meeting, 7pm, Family Center
May 8: Ascension of the Lord
May 8: Mother's Day
May 8: KC BBQ - pick up plates 10a-12p
May 30: Memorial Day
June 2: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
June 6: Fr. Uche's 7th Anniversary of his Ordination
June 12: KC BBQ - Pick up plates 10a-12p
June 19: Father's Day
July 4: Raffle Drawing

Adopt a Seminarian Project

....Apr. 10...
....Apr. 17...
....Apr. 24...
....May 1....

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