

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)- APRIL 15TH & 16TH, 2023



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## Reconciliation - Confessions

**Saturdays: 3:30 –4:45 p.m. Or by appt.**

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Weekday: 7:30 a.m.**

**Mondays - Communion Service**

**Tuesday - Friday Mass English Only**

**Rosary recited after mass**

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English**

**Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. English/Inglés**

**Domingo: 12 p.m. Español**



## **Bingo Night Fun!**

Come join in the Fun, Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00pm-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and see some the great new prizes. Bingo games are only 50¢. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, drinks, snacks and snow cones all at family friendly prices. Sponsored by Religious education program and all proceeds help support the end of year Teacher Appreciation Dinner and summer activities. Come out and have some fun!



## **Widows and Widowers Support Group**

**Thursday -- 7PM. RE 203**

**Contact Deacon Jim Weiland -**

**(412) 328-8140 [jweiland@hughes.net](mailto:jweiland@hughes.net)**



***Eucharistic adoration is held on Fridays 8 am-9 pm. in the chapel. Adoración eucarística se lleva acabo en la capia los Viernes de 8 am - 9 pm.***

Fr. Michael Della Penna - April 20, 2020. Digital Catholic Ministries

*"Peace be with you"*

John 20, 19-31

*"La paz esté con ustedes"*

John 20:19-31



"Closed Hearts: Thomas represents those of us who are closed in on themselves. These people are stuck in an opaque world, unable to see what transcends beyond and thus deny the creator of creation. They are the rationalists whose logic empirically bind them to their limited senses and thus are incapable of acknowledging or appreciating the mystery of God. It has been said: We do not see things as they are but rather as we are. Thomas, in refusing to believe until he sees, closes his heart to faith and remains stubbornly locked away within himself. In some ways he represents all of us, the human condition of every sinner. We too are trapped within ourselves, closed off and unable to escape our own guilt and shame and thus feel far from God's love, estranged and alienated from Him.

Open Heart: For this reason the risen Jesus opens the floodgates of his Divine mercy today, and creates a way where there is no way. In allowing Longinus to lance his sacred heart, Jesus opens himself up and pours his very self out, as his blood and water flow out of Him. He thus offers us not something he made, which would be perfect, but rather his very self. And, as St. Augustine asked, what of all he made can be more perfect than Him who made it? The blood and water are therefore nothing other than the Eucharist and Baptism, which cleanse us from sin and allow us to be forgiven. They come from the very depths of his heart to which he not only invites all of us Thomases to plunge our hands, but our very selves into.

Seeds: Let me end with a true story that can serve as a little parable. In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany there's a grave on which were placed slabs of granite and marble cemented together and fastened with heavy steel clasps. Why? Because it belongs to a woman who adamantly denied the resurrection of the dead. Her will dictated that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection it would not reach her. On the marker were inscribed these words: "May this tomb bought for eternity never be open." The irony is that a little seed had somehow gotten under the stones and began to grow. It eventually pushed its way through the soil and out from beneath the huge stones. As it grew, its trunks enlarged, and the great slabs gradually shifted so that the steels clasps were wrenched from the sockets, the grave was exposed. A tiny birch seed pushed aside these enormous stones meant to keep her closed in. Easter is a time to open ourselves to new life. We are reminded that the indestructible seeds of God's merciful love have the power to come through locked doors and closed hearts, it can move stones and mountains, transform cold and icy hearts and even bring dead people back to life. **Remember heaven is our goal!"**



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 <b>Prayer Requests</b> Call parish office to add		
 <b>Stewardship</b> <i>"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another."</i>		
<i>Apr. 8th &amp; 9th</i>	<b>Week</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$13,427.78</b>	<b>\$205,985.32</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,105.54</b>	<b>\$147,454.68</b>
<b>Children's</b>	<b>\$387.71</b>	<b>\$6,406.22</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$120.16</b>	<b>\$3,642.04</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$2,244.62</b>	<b>\$8,717.63</b>

## Ministry Volunteer Directory

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## MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, Apr. 17th

6:00 p.m. CRSP - PH

### Tuesday, Apr. 18th

5:30 p.m. Legion of Mary - 104

6:00 p.m. CRSP - PH & 204

7:00 p.m. Taller de Oración - 206

### Wednesday, Apr. 19th

**RE Classes - End of Year get together**

**No confessions**

### Thursday, Apr. 20th

5:30 p.m. Women ACTS - 206

6:00 p.m. Widow/Widowers - 203

### 7:00 p.m. Hora Santa

7:00 p.m. Rey Jesus - PH

### Friday, April 21st

8:00 a.m. Adoration - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Carismaticos - PH

### Saturday, Apr. 22nd

6:00 a.m. Taco Ministry - PH Kit

7:00 a.m. TMIY - PH

Reminder: Please do not leave doors unsecured and return room as it was found. **Be sure to throw out any trash and place in dumpster.** (Do not use door stops to prop open.) Por favor, no deje las puertas sin asegurar y devolver la habitación como se encontró. **Asegúrese de tirar la basura y colocarla en el basurero.** (No use toques de puerta para mantener abierta.)

## Ascension Catholic Church

Please help us keep our church and grounds clean. **Eating, drinking, or chewing gum IS NOT PERMITTED in the church/sanctuary at any time.** Please do not let the children light the candles at the entrance of the church. Also, if you use any of the rooms in the RE bldg. be sure to clean up and return rooms to the way they were found. **Do not allow children to light votive candles.**

Por favor ayúdenos a mantener nuestra iglesia y terrenos limpio. **NO SE PERMITE comer, beber o masticar chicle en la iglesia/santuario en ningún momento.** También favor de no permita que los niños enciendan las velas en la entrada de la iglesia. Además, si utiliza alguna de las habitaciones del edificio RE. asegúrese de limpiar y devolver las habitaciones a la forma en que se encontraron. **No permita que los niños enciendan velas votivas.**



## Mass Intentions

**Mon. Apr. 17th** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267)  
**Communion Service**  
**Tues. , Apr. 18th** Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15 (68)  
**†Elias Amador Gonzalez**  
**Wed. Apr. 19th** Acts 5:17-26  
**Jaime González**  
**Thurs. Apr. 20th** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)  
**†Diane Patterson**  
**Fri. Apr. 21st** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)  
**†Jose & †Eufracia Idrogo**  
**Sat. Apr. 22nd** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)  
**Sun. Apr. 23rd** Acts 2:14,22-33/1Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46)

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** For the People  
**Sunday 8:00 a.m.** †Anna & †Jerry Hornak  
**10:00 a.m.** Happy 50th Anniversary  
**Dolores & Jim Harman**  
**12:00 p.m.** 1st Anniversary †Jose Fernando Guerrero



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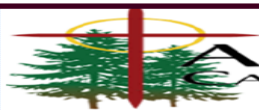
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### Ascension Church Family

Our parish is seeking a part-time Religious Education administrative assistant. The work schedule will include some nights and weekends. Must be fluent in English and Spanish, a practicing Catholic in good standing and be willing to submit to a background check and become EIM compliant. This position will assist with program planning, volunteer recruitment, worship and special event planning, fundraisers and youth/children ministry events. Interested persons may apply in person in the office during business hours. (Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)



**Catholic Social**  
**Diocese of Austin**

**Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter)** : Thomas believes Jesus has risen from the dead only after he sees Jesus and places his fingers in his wounds. We may not be able to place our hands physically on Jesus every day, but we can see his presence in those around us. How are we helping others see Jesus today?

**Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (Segundo Domingo de Pascua)** : Tomás cree que Jesús se ha levantado de entre los muertos únicamente después de que lo ve y pone sus dedos en sus heridas. Puede que nosotros no podamos poner nuestras manos físicamente en Jesús todos los días, pero podemos ver su presencia en aquellos alrededor de nosotros ¿Cómo estamos ayudando a otros a ver a Jesús hoy?

### *In Loving Memory* *†Howard Miller*

Floral arrangements can be donated in memory of you someone or to honor a special occasion. Cost is \$100. Contact Parish Office 512-321-3552. Please support our Altar Society. Thank You!



### Sacraments/Sacramentos

Please call the Office for Favor de Llamar la oficina, para Baptism & Marriage \Bautismos y Matrimonios; Anointing of the sick \Uncion de los Enfermos. Reconciliation \ Confesiones: Saturdays \ Sabados: 3:30 –4:45 pm. Or appt./ por cita 512-321-3552.

### Candles / Velas

Large candles \$4.50 or \$45 per box of 12. Price reflects product and shipping increases. El precio de las velas grandes es \$4.50 o \$45 por caja de 12. El precio refleja los aumentos de producto y envío. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

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