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First Sunday of Lent



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ST. ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30p

Sunday 9:00a

Weekdays

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 6:00p

Wednesday 6:30a

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:00p to 5:00p or by Appointment

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

Friday – 7:00a to 5:30p

Finance Council Chair

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Pastoral Council Chair

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Director of Religious Education

Sr. John 979-596-1494

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:30a

Weekday

Wednesday 5:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass

Deacon: Limas Sweed, Sr

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Limas Sweed, Sr

Pastoral Council Chair

Mary McCorvey

Director of Religious Education

Limas Sweed, Sr

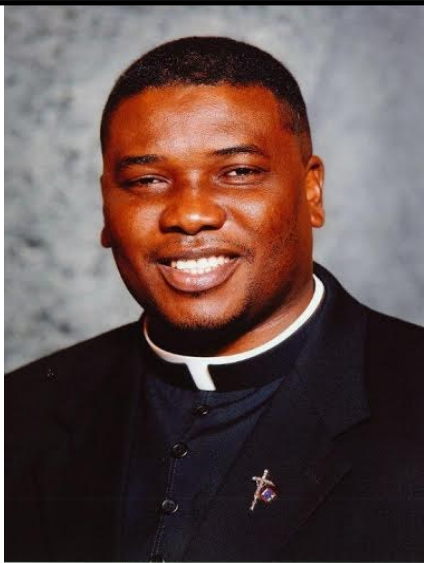
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Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu
Parish Administrator

Lent 2015 is here! And what are we prepared to learn or gain from it? I would suggest that we open our hearts and minds and allow the Holy Spirit to direct us on how we are to approach these 40 days of Lent.

But wait a minute! I would particularly invite you to pay good attention to the symbols and signs that we encounter, especially the ones that the Holy Mother Church has given us. One of these is the dress-down of the altar. The Altar should be beautiful because it is the center where Our Lord is the Lamb that is being sacrificed, and also at the same time is the One who offers the Mystical Sacrifice through the person of the priest. Hence, the altar deserves all beauty. However, during the Lenten Season, the Church encourages us to remove flowers; ornamental objects and anything that will make the altar appear glorious. The reason for this is to allow us to acquire the mood to enter properly into the spirit of Lent, which is the time we pray, fast, and give alms.

To pray means to acknowledge the power and love of God over us; to show our belief in Him. To fast is to endure daily inconveniences in our lives; from our spouses, children, fellow parishioners, and colleagues in the work place. To give alms in other words means charity or love. This is the period when we are invited to recharge or to revive our charitable gifts for our fellow human beings as God the Father has shown us by sending to us His only Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ to come and died for us. The violet color as one of our teens answered during the 7:15 PM Ash Wednesday Mass reminds us that the days of Lent are times for sorrow. What an excellent way to capture the essence of the Lenten Season by this young Catholic.

We shall suspend the use of organ during these 40 days; not that we don't want to praise and worship God, but that such suspension may help us to be more useful with our voices; be more dedicated to the songs and actively participate with the choir or cantor. Organ is a melodious instrument, which elicits joyful and joyous mood, hence may mitigate against the spirit of Lent. (Please note that some Churches may use organ, it is not wrong.) However, if we had any other instruments that would

have sufficed. Nevertheless, all these are the external factors that will keep on reminding us the importance of what the 40 days of Lent should stand for.

Finally, thank you all for your prayers during the time I was in Nigeria for my brother's funeral. My Mother received the hugs some of you sent her, and she very much appreciated them. My sister-in-law and my siblings sent their greetings to you all. Please keep my family in your prayers.

God bless you!

Festival News

Next Festival Meeting, Monday, March 9th, 7pm,
Family Center

A variety of food is planned for the festival including hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage-on-a stick. There will be a silent auction, live auction, gun raffle, and raffle. More plans will be included in future bulletins so Parishioners should read the bulletin every week to see what else is planned or needed to help make this 2015 Parish Festival a huge success. Do you want to hear more, are you eager to volunteer, or do you have an idea that the committee has not thought of? Come on Monday. All Parishioners are welcome. If you have any questions, you can always contact our Festival Chairmen. Soon, we will be putting out sign-up sheets for volunteering to help at the Festival and all parishioners will be getting raffle tickets to sell.

Sodas: We are starting to ask for donations of 12pks of sodas and cases of water. Below is a list of drinks we need. (No store or off brands please.) You all have done a great job in the past helping us meet our goals for the festival and we know you will do it again this year. Thank you.

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| Coke | Diet Coke | Sprite |
| Dr. Pepper | Diet Dr. Pepper | 7-Up |
| Pepsi | Ozarka Water | |

Questions-Please contact our 2015 Festival Chairmen, Frank Maldonado at Frank@acegathering.com (979-820-5275) or Charles Camarillo at ccamarillo@somervilleisd.org.

Country Store

It is not too soon to start making items for the Country Store.

The festival will be here before you know it. Hoping all of you are busy making items for the Country Store. It was successful last year but we can do even better this year for the church. Everyone can donate something homemade: jewelry, sewed items, crochet and knitting, etc. Food items, such as salsa, jams and jellies, and pickles are very popular. Plants are good items, too. You men can make birdhouses or any wood project will be appreciated. Art projects of all kinds are good, too. Remember, anything homemade. If you have any questions, call Peggy @979-450-2480.

Ashes to Easter 2015

Ashes to Easter annual Lenten Mission project has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a special Mission box. You may keep it on or near the dining table in your home. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Return your Lenten box to the parish on Easter. Money collected will help local missionaries and missionary projects.

CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members.

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

For missionaries who fearlessly proclaim the Gospel in all corners of the world....

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



Please pray for the needs of our parishioners & friends

Johnnie Sweed Jr.	Pete Zedlitz	C. Sweed
Lucy Jimenez	Dena Janish	S. Sweed
Ronnie Sweed	Patricia Sweed	Allen Labay
Jim Turner	Truman Sweed Sr.	Jim Arredondo
Larry Sweed	Elizabeth Milsaps	Linda Oppermann
David Earl Sweed Sr.	Mario Munoz	Betty Bayless
Lupe Arredondo	Joanie Arias Torres	David Jimenez
Elinor Simmons	Margaret Thomas	Ralph Winkler
Bernarda Escobedo	Leon Martin	Arthur Mendizabal
Leroy Stavinoha	M. Smith	Annie L. Henderson
Carol Winkler	M. Sweed	Nancy Pearson



Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Feb. 28 5:30p	Sun—Mar. 1 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Frank Vega Sr. John Pauline Sifuentes	Sr. Rocio Gloria Villarreal Cynthia Munoz
Greeters/Ushers	Janet & Larry Valigura	Frank Vittonel James Zapalac
Lectors	Lynda Mendizabal	Kimberly Camarillo
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Hannah Eldridge Benjamin Zapalac

Finances—St. Ann

2/15/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 1,169.00

Mass Intentions: Feb. 21-Mar. 1

Sat. Feb. 21	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Feb. 22	9:00a	John Polanco
Tues. Feb. 24	6:00p	†Mgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz
Wed. Feb 25	6:30a	†Milady Kristof
Thurs. Feb 26	6:00p	Leah Touchstone
Fri. Feb. 27	6:00p	Mary Casey
Sat. Feb. 28	5:30p	†Sam Reyes
Sun. Mar. 1	9:00a	For the People

Palm Sunday March 29th

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 25 5:00p Veronica Breedlove &

Sun. Mar. 1 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. Feb. 25 4:00p to 4:45p **Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament**



**Happy Birthday
&
God Bless You!**

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

**Charles Sweed Jr.
Brodrick Thomas
Amari Mason**

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

Finances — BVM

2/15/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 164.00

Other Ministries

	Wed-Feb. 25	Wed-Mar. 4
Church Housekeeping Duties	Team 5 Carol & Sammy Brinkman	Team 6 Debra Guerra Ricky &* Melissa Williams
Collection Counting	Debra Guerra Peggy Jablonski Sr. Rocio	Fran Thomas Larry Valigura Sr. Rocio


If you can help, please call Buddy or Kathy Walters 979 535-4530.

Adopt a Seminarian Project

.....Feb. 22.....Jim & Dee Turner
.....Mar. 1.....Buddy & Kathy Walters
.....Mar. 8.....Frank Vega
.....Mar. 15.....Irene Bacak

Amado Ramos
c/o Notre Dame Seminary
2901 S. Carrollton Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118

See new sign up Sheet in the back

<p><u>Prayer</u> <i>Is getting us ready to do God's will.</i></p>	<p>“Stations of the Cross” Every Friday after the 6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” (Ps. 150:6)</p>
<p><i>Praise + Forgiveness =</i> HEALING</p>	<p> Slovacek Sausage 2 locations to serve you 979-272-3333 254-826-4525 9423 Hwy 60 W I-35-exit 353 Snook, Texas West, Texas</p>	<p>Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth</p>
<p>Sample</p>	<p><i>In memory of</i> †Milady Kristof For her generosity to St. Ann <i>“May perpetual light shine upon her”</i></p>	<p>Sample</p>
<p>We are grateful to God for the safe return of Father Uche! The Ladies of SACCW</p>	<p>Sample</p>	<p>Welcome Back Father Uche! We Missed You! Mary Ralya</p>
<p><u>Flowers for St. Ann's Altar</u>  In your box of envelopes you will find an envelope for the Easter Flower Offering. You may begin to drop your envelope in the collection basket any Saturday or Sunday when you come to Mass. You may donate in honor or memory of someone. If you do not have an envelope, you can find an envelope in the entry of the church.</p>	<p>St. Ann Catholic Church PO Box 99 Somerville, Texas 77879 www.saintann-somerville.org Contact us at: Office: 979-596-1966</p>	<p>ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE \$180 for 12 months \$45 for 3 months \$7.50 for one week </p>