

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

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## Second Sunday of Lent



Pope Francis  
Rome, Italy



Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop  
Diocese of Austin



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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

Fran Thomas

#### Pastoral Council Chair

Lynda Mendizabal

#### 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

#### Finance Council Chair

Limas Sweed, Sr

#### Pastoral Council Chair

Mary McCorvey

#### Director of Religious Education

Limas Sweed, Sr

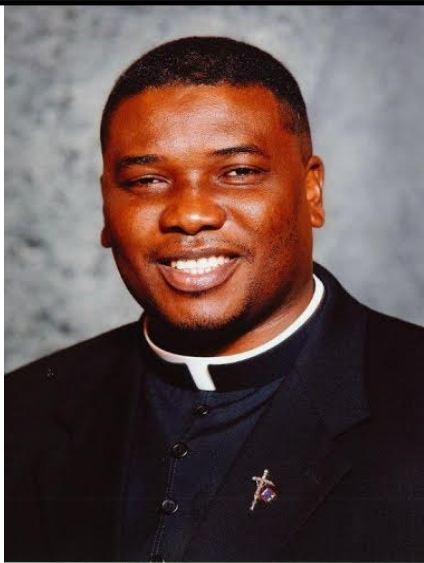
#### Director of Youth Ministry

Margaret Thomas

#### Business Manager

Limas Sweed, Sr

**Pastor's Corner**



**Father Uche Obikwelu**  
**Parish Administrator**

After the priest had received the oblation: (The Bread, Wine and the collections), he moves to the altar to prepare the elements of the oblation for the Eucharistic Sacrifice. When he finishes the preparation, he goes to the altar server who will pour the water on the hands of the priest, and as the priest washes his hands he prays silently saying "Lord wash away my iniquities and cleanse me from my sins." This prayer is not symbolic, but has real effect because the priest knows that he is only a priest not by his design or choice but because God chose him to be ordained in order to serve His people. Therefore, he knows he's not worthy, but by the rite of washing, the priest purifies himself humbly to begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

After washing his hands, the priest returns to the altar, and inviting the people he says, "Pray Brethren or pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father" and the congregation replies, "May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of his Holy Church". This dialogue is so spiritually enriching, because the reason why the priest says, "My sacrifice and yours" and not "Our sacrifice" is because the Holy Mother Church wanted us to appreciate the fact that it is Christ Himself who is inviting us through the person of the priest. This is further better buttressed by the response of the congregation when they begged the Lord to accept the oblation from the hands of the priest, asking that the paschal banquet that we all are about to encounter will be for our own good and the good of God's Holy Church. Very deep!  
God bless you!

**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.

**Palm Sunday March 29-Easter Sunday April 5th**

# Festival News

**Next Festival Meeting, Monday, March 9th, 7pm,  
Family Center \*\*\*\*Festival—May 16th\*\*\***

**Live and Silent Auction News:** The time has come to gather items for the live and silent auctions to be held during our festival. Debbie Zaharis, Auction Chair is in the process of writing donation request letters and need your help. If you, or anyone that you know, would like to make a donation of a new or gently used item, services (such as barber/hair stylist, lawn or auto maintenance), or money to go towards purchasing items, please contact her at [281-620-2115](tel:281-620-2115) or email: [rockin\\_z\\_ranch@yahoo.com](mailto:rockin_z_ranch@yahoo.com). Do you know someone who owns a business or has ties to a business that might care to donate? Debbie is open to suggestions for the auction and would love to have a few volunteers to call potential donors or pick up items. Items need to be gathered by the first week of May so that they can be categorized and bundled. If you are baking, creating, or building an item, she will need to know in advance so that she may prepare for it to come in during the week of set-up, or the morning of the auction.

**Gun Raffle:** Watch the bulletin for more information !

**Volunteer Sign-up Sheets:** Watch for the sign-up sheets. They will be on a table at the back of the Church.

**Raffle Tickets:** We will announce when Parishioners and anyone who would like to help sell tickets can pick up their tickets after Mass. Watch the bulletin for more information!

**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.

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](mailto:Frank@acegathering.com) (979-820-5275) or Charles Camarillo at [ccamarillo@somervilleisd.org](mailto: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.

**St. Ann Council of Catholic Women**

The next meeting of the St. Ann Council of Catholic Women will be at 4:30 pm, Thursday, March 12th in the Family Center. This will be a board meeting to plan future gatherings and agenda items. However, any lady of the parish, member or new member, is invited to attend. We will finish in time for Mass. SACCW wants YOU to participate!

**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 and in memory of Milady Kristof.....



**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—Mar. 7 5:30p	Sun—Mar. 8 9:00a
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Sr. John Jo Thomas Sr. Rocio	Peggy Jablonski Sr. John Rosie Guerra
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Bob & Linda Hays	James Bacak Buddy Walters
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Wernecke	Irene Bacak
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Richard Sifuentes	Kailey & Riley Eldridge; Benjamin Zapalac Benjamin Zapalac

**Finances—St. Ann**

2/22/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 1,710.00

**Mass Intentions: Feb. 28-Mar. 8**

Sat. Feb. 28	5:30p	†Sam Reyes
Sun. Mar. 1	9:00a	For the People
Tues. Mar. 3	6:00p	Communion Service
Wed. Mar. 4	6:30a	Communion Service
Thurs. Mar. 5	6:00p	Living & deceased members of KCs
Fri. Mar. 6	6:00p	†Robert Arredondo
Sat. Mar. 7	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Mar. 8	9:00a	†Natalia & Jimmy Zapalac

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wed. Mar. 4** 6:00p Communion Service

**Sun. Mar. 8** 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. 4** 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 *March*

**Devin Taylor**                      **Kevin Spriggs**

**Mason Rylander**                      **Keisha Mason**

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

**Finances — BVM**

2/22/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 313.05

**Other Ministries**

	Wed-Mar. 4	Wed-Mar. 11
<b>Church Housekeeping Duties</b>	<i>Team 6</i> Debra Guerra Ricky & Melissa Williams	<i>Team 1</i> Patsy & Leroy Stavinoha
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Fran Thomas Larry Valigura Sr. Rocio	Peachie Burlin Lynda Mendizabal Sr. Rocio

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

**Adopt a Seminarian Project**

.....Mar. 1.....Buddy & Kathy Walters


.....Mar. 8.....Frank Vega

.....Mar. 15.....Irene Bacak

.....Mar. 22.....Fran & Jo Thomas

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

**See new sign up Sheet in the back**

<p><b><u>Prayer</u></b> <i>Is getting us ready to do God's will.</i></p>	<p><b>“Stations of the Cross”</b> 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> <b>HEALING</b></p>	<p> <b>Slovacek Sausage</b> 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><b>Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth</b></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>Sample</p>	<p>Sample</p>	<p>Sample</p>

**Flowers for St. Ann's Altar**



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.

**Butter Braids Sale**



St. Ann Council of Catholic Women (SACCW) will be selling Butter Braids again this spring in time for Easter. It is a delicious pastry that they will be selling and will arrive in time for Easter. They will be taking orders (and giving out samples) after both Masses February 28 and March 7. You can also order from any SACCW member. Delivery will be after Masses on the weekends of March 21 and 28.

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

**\$180 for 12 months**  
**\$45 for 3 months**  
**\$7.50 for one week**

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