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## *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



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

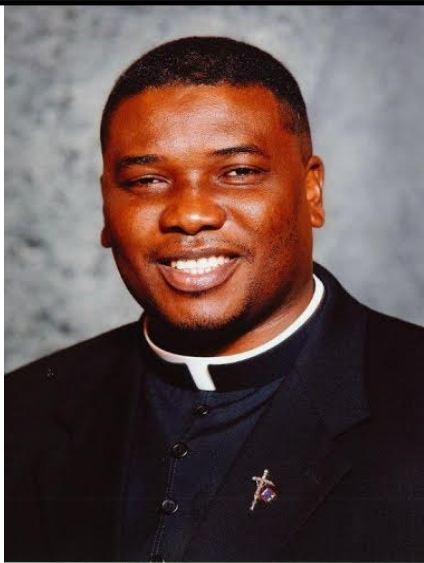
#### **Director of Youth Ministry**

Margaret Thomas

#### **Business Manager**

Limas Sweed, Sr

Pastor's Corner



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

Happy Easter to you all! Our Lord has indeed risen as He promised, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Death could not hold Him back; Judas could not see his betrayal materialized; the chief priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, leaders of the crowd and the Roman soldiers could not stop Him, and the devil, who deceived our foreparents—Adam and Eve—into disobeying God is powerless at the presence of the Son of God. There must be a great joy and celebration in the land of the dead when the Son of God was in the tomb for three days and finally rose from the dead. And what happened during these three days? The chains and shackles that kept humanity in bondage for ages, since the disobedience of Adam and Eve and their dismissal from paradise was shattered and broken loose by the Only Begotten Son of God, hence they were liberated, as well as we, too.

The Joy and happiness of Easter means that what Our Lord said indeed has come to pass. He told them in the Temple in Jerusalem, "Destroy this building and I will raise it up on the third day". Again, He says to Nicodemus, "As Moses raised the serpent in the desert, so shall the Son of Man be raised up". He further reminded us that, "When He is raised on the wood of Mount Calvary, He would draw all people to Himself.

My dear people of God, the empty tomb, and the earliest witnesses of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John - the beloved apostle, were confirmation to this joyful celebration that we are privileged to participate in today. Now that our Hope has been solidified, our Lenten sacrifices and observances are not in vain. They are meant to sustain our zeal to follow Christ, despite life disappointments and tough environment. St. Paul says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35); Nothing can! Not secularism, not the media's anti-faith in our society and organized conspiracy against God and His Church. My brothers and Sisters, stand firm on the Faith that you were born into at your baptism. When we are beaten down in life by tribulations, let us remember that God loved us already. All it takes is for us to claim that love and run to Him for consolation.

God bless you.

"This Prayer...Hold On to It and Keep It with You...Recite It Often, With Holy Insistence, as Jesus Has Asked Us"-Pope Francis

On March 25, 2015, Pope Francis asked for prayers for the October 2015 Ordinary *General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family*. Pope Francis asked that Catholics renew the *Prayer for the Synod of Bishops on the Family* in preparation for the upcoming synod. He hopes that [prayer will help the synod witness to "God's merciful love for all families." He asks that all—the pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, men and women religious, and lay faithful—pray for the synod.

**Ashes to Easter 2015**

Return your Lent box today. If you forgot your box, please bring it during this week or by next Sunday. Many Thanks for your generosity and for supporting missionary efforts.

**Festival News**

**Next Festival Meeting, Monday, April 13th, 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 needs 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 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:** Tickets are now on sale. Contact Buddy Walters if you have any questions. (979-535-4530)

**Volunteer Sign-up Sheets:** Sign-up sheets are on a table at the back of the Church on clipboards. Please take time after Mass to see the areas of need for our Festival.

**Raffle Tickets:** We are now accepting cash donations for the raffle prizes. You may drop your donation off at the office or put in the collection basket. The raffle tickets will soon be ready to pass out to parishioners to sell. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**Sodas:** Donations of 12pks of sodas and cases of water are starting to come in. 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](mailto:Frank@acegathering.com) (979-820-5275) or Charles Camarillo at [ccamarillo@somervilleisd.org](mailto:ccamarillo@somervilleisd.org).

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

**Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week**

For persecuted Christians around 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	Natalie Lewis
Lucy Jimenez	Dena Janish	Richard Lockett
Ronnie Sweed	Patricia Sweed	Allen Labay
Jim Turner	Truman Sweed Sr.	Wally Coronado
Larry Sweed	Elizabeth Milsaps	Charles Jablonski
David Earl Sweed Sr.	Mario Munoz	Betty Bayless
Lupe Arredondo	Joanie Arias Torres	David Jimenez
Zayden Arnold	Margaret Thomas	Ralph Winkler
Melinda Scott	Bob Hays	Arthur Mendizabal
Bernarda Escobedo	M. Smith	Annie L. Henderson
Carol Winkler	M. Sweed	Nancy Pearson



**Next Week's Ministers**

	Sat—Apr. 11 8:30p	Sun—Apr. 12 9:00a
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Sr. John Sr. Rocio Frank Vega	Sr. Rocio Angelita Munoz Mary Moreno
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Peggy Jablonski Debbie Zaharis	Zapalac Family
<b>Lectors</b>	Fran Thomas	Kimberly Camarillo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Richard Sifuentes	Benjamin Zapalac

**Finances—St. Ann**

3/29/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 1,695.08

**Mass Intentions: Apr. 4-Apr. 12**

Sat. Apr. 4	8:30p	For the People
Sun. Apr. 5	9:00a	†Patricia Thomas
Tues. Apr. 7	6:00p	Communion Service
Wed. Apr. 8	6:30a	Communion Service
Thurs. Apr. 9	6:00p	Communion Service
Fri. Apr. 10	6:00p	Ernestina Reyes
Sat. Apr. 11	5:30p	†Raymond & Luisa Robles
Sun. Apr. 12	9:00a	For the People

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wed. Apr. 1** 5:00p Chester Coleman & Family

**Sun. Mar. 29** 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. 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 *April*

<b>Evelyn Sweed</b>	<b>Jackendra N. Madison</b>
<b>Laguasha Bellard</b>	<b>Mamie Washington</b>
<b>Eddie L. Sweed Jr.</b>	<b>Sierra Shelton</b>

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

**Finances — BVM**

3/22/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 114.00

**Other Ministries**

	Wed-Apr. 8	Wed-Apr. 15
<b>Church Housekeeping Duties</b>	<i>Team 5</i> Carol & Sammy Brinkman	<i>Team 6</i> Debra Guerra Ricky & Melissa Williams
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Lynda Mendizabal Sr. Rocio	Kathy Walters Dee Turner Sr. Rocio

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

**Country Store**

Festival time is getting closer. Hope everyone is busy making items for the Country Store. Food items and plants sell fast but the sewed items such as crochet, knitted, cross stitch, needlepoint, etc. are popular items, too. Bird houses, planters and novelty items are good sellers. Other items are jewelry, toys, and paintings of all kinds. Anything as long as it is homemade will be appreciated. Please let me know what items you will be donating and I can get organized. We want to have the best Country Store around and make a huge donation for the church. If you have questions, please contact Peggy at 979-450-2480.

**Somerville Spring Festival**

Saturday April 18, 2015—9am-4pm  
American Legion Hall, 8th St.  
Somerville

*Proceeds Benefiting the Somerville Senior Center  
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*In memory of*

†Milady Kristof

For her generosity to St. Ann

*“May perpetual light shine  
upon her”*

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***Adopt a Seminarian Project***

...Apr. 5.....Maggie & Del Orozco  
...Apr. 12.....Frank Vega  
...Apr. 19.....  
...Apr. 26.....

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