

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

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July 5, 2015

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Pope Francis  
Rome, Italy



Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop  
Diocese of Austin



## St. Ann Catholic Church

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## Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

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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

**Deacon Don Sims**

**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

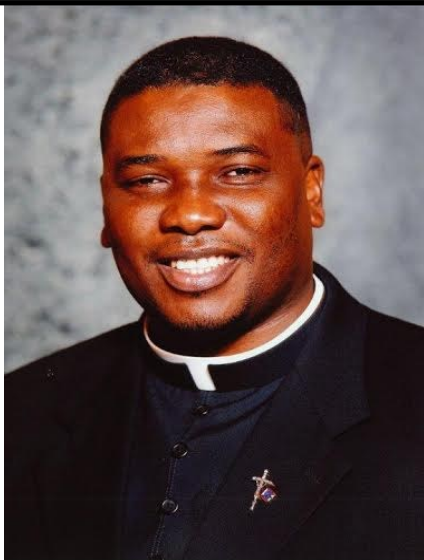
**Director of Youth Ministry**

Margaret Thomas

**Business Manager**

Limas Sweed, Sr

**Pastor's Corner**



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

**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mission, Welcomes  
Bishop Joe S. Vasquez**

With joyful hearts, the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Mission, on the Old Washington on the Brazos, Texas, warmly welcomes his Excellency, Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, the Bishop of the Diocese of Austin to our Fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of our Church and one year rededication of our remodeled Church. Bishop, from the bottom of our hearts, we say, thank you, for finding time to grace this joyful event with Mass, despite your busy schedule. We are indeed grateful! We pray for you and your episcopal ministry in our Diocese of Austin.

**Brief history of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mission**

In 1848, the Spann family arrived in Washington County, Texas, from South Carolina, bringing with them slaves. The Spanns catechized the slaves and saw that they were baptized Catholic. Well educated, the Spanns hosted numerous priests and seminarians sent to them by Texas bishops. Hard times came after the Civil War, however, and the family apparently left the area. For many decades, the African American Catholics in the area found themselves without pastors and often without even priests. The Ku Klux Klan often tried to keep white priests from coming in to celebrate the sacraments with the community. The faith was handed down from parent to child through family traditions.

The Josephite fathers served the community during the 1940's and '50's. In 1969, under the pastorship of Father Robert Mahoney, the community constructed a one-story, multi-purpose building that is still in use today.

Soon after Msgr. Ralph Brennan was assigned pastorship of Blessed Virgin Mary in 1987, parishioners began discussing building a new church. With assistance from the Catholic Extension Society, a missionary association based in Chicago, and funds from Catholics throughout the Austin Diocese, the parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary were able to raise a new edifice.

The newest church at that time in the Austin Diocese serves the oldest African American community in Texas. It stands as a proud symbol of their ancestors' toil, their determination to hold onto the land and to their faith, and a reminder of what it means to be delivered from the bondage of Egypt, to be strengthened by wanderings in the desert, and to finally find the sweet taste of freedom in Christ, Amen!  
God bless you.

**Announcement!**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Austin joyfully announces the ordination of **Mr. Amado Ramos Hernandez** to the Sacred Order of Deacon through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the **Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia, Auxiliary Bishop of Austin** on Saturday, July 11, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., (the entrance procession begins at 10:15 a.m.), at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 9500 Neenah Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78717.

**Announcement:**

There will be a meeting with the leads of all ministries on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at 7 pm in the Family Center. If you have any questions, please call the office (979)-596-1966.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

**Next Week's Ministers**

	Sat—July 11 5:30p	Sun—July 12 9:00a
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Sr. John Mary Moreno	Maggie Orozco Angelita Munoz
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Leo Schubert David Jimenez	James Bacak Buddy Walters
<b>Lectors</b>	Dee Turner	Christine Hernandez
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Richard Sifuentes	Kailey & Hannah Eldridge

**Finances—St. Ann**

6/28/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 961.00

**Other Ministries**

	Wed-July 8	Wed-July 15
<b>Church Housekeeping Duties</b>	Team 6 Debra Guerra Ricky & Melissa Williams	Team 1 Patsy & Leroy Stavinoha
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Fran Thomas Deacon Don Sims	Dee Turner Deacon Don Sims

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

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

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

For our country, its leaders and for the protection of religious

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



**Please pray for the needs of our parishioners & friends**

Theresa Sweed	Dena Janish	Allen Labay
Amanda Walhoviak	Maxine Sweed	Marilyn Smith
Gladys Hines	Truman Sweed Sr.	David Jimenez
Jim Turner	Elizabeth Milsaps	Arthur Mendizabal
Larry Sweed	Carol Robinson	Annie L. Henderson
David Earl Sweed Sr.	Joanie Arias Torres	Johnnie Sweed Jr.
Lupe Arredondo	Margaret Thomas	Michael Sees
Zayden Arnold	Bob Hays	Sally Sees
Melinda Scott	Patricia Sweed	Jacqueline Mouton
Dorothy Woods	Mark Pollard	Lynda Mendizabal
Carol Winkler	Natalie Lewis	Andy Manchack
Pete Zedlitz	Richard Lockett	Isidro Donate



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
Joseph Guerrero	Stephen Ruth
Jerry Gutierrez	Justo Suarez
Christina Marie Hahne	Brandon Thomas
Paul Jimenez	1LT Christopher M. Torres
Dane Kidd	Alan Turner
Matthew Lee	Jennifer Hlavaty
Annalisa Lujan	Jarrett Hlavaty
John Maldonado	Cpl. T.J. La France
Jacob McDonald	Stephen Mendizabal
Alex Ochoa	Rebecca Hubenak
Brandon Osburn	Michelle Hubenak

**Mass Intentions: July 4-July 12**

Sat. July 4	5:30p	†Patricia Thomas †Carmen Negrete
Sun. July 5	9:00a	For the People
Tues. July 7	6:00p	Linda Acker
Wed. July 8	9:00a	†Milady Kristof
Thurs. July 9	6:00p	Living & deceased members of SACCW
Fri. July 10	6:00p	†Juan Vega †Manuel Vega
Sat. July 11	5:30p	For the People
Sun. July 12	9:00a	†Bernice & Edmund Svrcek

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Wed. July 8</b>	5:00p	Sabrina Henderson & Family
<b>Sun. July 12</b>	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. July 8** 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 *July*

<b>Racheal Sweed</b>	<b>Thomas Sweed</b>
<b>Carla Sweed</b>	<b>Robert Lee Washington</b>
<b>Agnes Freeman</b>	<b>Jaedon Rylander</b>

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

**Finances — BVM**

6/28/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 314.00

**BVM BAZAAR 2015 Raffle Winners**

1. Kaylene William	14. Chyenne Minor	27. Amy Pinto
2. Dylan Jones	15. Claudia Rodriguez	28. Claudia Rodriguez
3. Marjorie Harris	16. Candy Jones	29. Mark Powell
4. Rodderick Bennett	17. Talia Griffin	30. Shane Watson
5. Lou Banks	18. Black Boi	
6. Gail Pinto	19. Margaret Bennett	
7. Marie Green	20. Maria Pfeffer	
8. James Steinbach	21. Steven McCorvey	
9. John West	22. Cooper Shiflett	
10. Miana Hill	23. Timikia Coleman	
11. POD	24. Glenn Sweed	
12. Netta Parker	25. Verando Sweed	
13. Eddie Jessie	26. Rachell Walker	

**Parishioners Needed for Church Ministries**

As parishioners head out for vacation during the summer, we find that we are in need of choir members, church housekeepers, lectors, ushers/greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers for Saturday and Sunday masses. If you are interested in helping out or joining any of these ministries, please contact the office or the following people:

Lectors: Fran Thomas—979-596-2308

Ushers/Greeters: Jo Thomas—979-596-2308

Altar Servers: Sr. John—979-596-1494

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Sr. John 979-596-1494

Church Housekeeping: Buddy & Kathy Walters 979-535-4530

**Chef Shane McCue**

*Bee Keeping Services      Remodeling/Repair  
Project Consultant      Custom Landscaping*

**Rhythm Oaks Ranch**

Somerville, TX      979-450-3866  
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**Halcyon Sadberry Watkins, DVM  
Consultant**



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Prairie View, Texas 77446      (979)826-3702 Home

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9423 Hwy 60 W      I-35-exit 353  
Snook, Texas      West, Texas

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(Prayer)

St. Michael the Archangel  
St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle. Be  
our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of  
the Devil. May God rebuke  
him, we humbly pray, and  
do thou, O Prince of the  
heavenly hosts, by the  
power of God, thrust into  
hell Satan, and all the  
evil spirits, who prowl  
about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

*In memory of*

†**Milady Kristof**

For her generosity to St. Ann

*“May perpetual light shine  
upon her”*

The Pastoral and Finance Councils  
and the Parishioners of Blessed  
Virgin Mary welcomes his  
Excellency Most Reverend Joe S.  
Vasquez, Bishop of the Diocese of  
Austin to our Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mission.

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**Special Events at St. Ann**

July 5: BVM Dedication Anniversary Mass  
July 9: Meeting, for Ministry Leads, 7pm,  
FC  
July 11: Amado Ramos—Deaconate  
Ordination  
July 17-19: Aggie Awakening  
July 18: Lake Fest  
July 18-19: Amado Ramos to visit St. Ann  
& BVM  
July 25-26: Missionary Visit  
August 6: KC Meeting 7 pm, Family Center  
August 13: Festival Meeting, 7pm, Family  
Center  
**August 15: The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
**August 20: Rural Life Mass, Parish Hall**

***Adopt a Seminarian  
Project***

....**July 5.....Valeria Schoppe**  
....**July 12....Fran & Jo Thomas**  
....**July 19....**  
....**July 26....Sr. John**

Amado Ramos  
St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
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