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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:30a

Weekday

Wednesday 5:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass

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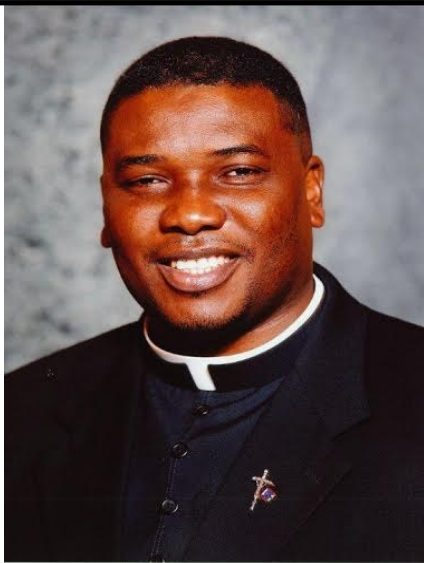
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Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu
Parish Administrator

Homiletics (The study of homily) suggests that the practice of "Lectio Continua" in a homily means that there was a message from the previous readings, for example, from last Sunday's readings that is still continuously connected to the current homily of this Sunday. Today, the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Holy Mother Church continues to enrich us with the message of the Eucharist, which has been the crux of last Sunday's message, especially from the first reading taken from the book of Exodus and the Gospel of John.

In the readings of this Sunday, The Bread of life is what gave Prophet Elijah the strength to embark on that tenuous journey for forty days and forty nights. "The Angel of the Lord came back the second time and said to Elijah," "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you! He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb." These forty days, my brothers and sisters, though biblically is a significant number to the people of Israel, it nevertheless, assumes a higher meaning in the life of Christians when our Lord Jesus Christ, was led by The Spirit into the desert (We may recall also that Elijah went to a day's journey to the desert), hence, after his Baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus was in the desert praying and fasting for forty days and forty nights. It is also from this scriptural phenomenon that the Holy Mother Church derived the Lenten period of Forty Days of prayer, fasting and alms giving, which means (Love or Charity).

Last Sunday, my dear people of God, Jesus continues His message of life giving Bread from heaven as He addressed His audience saying, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." This discourse prefigures the Eucharist, Jesus, the Second person of the Most Holy Trinity, is also the only Begotten Son of the Father. John, in today's Gospel continues the "Lectio Continua" where Jesus testifies who He truly is when He says: "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it

and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Catholics believe that The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is why it is a privilege for you and me to be Catholics. How about You? Do you believe in the Real Presence? Do you accept the sacrament of Confession, Penance or Reconciliation, as where we receive God's mercy and forgiveness for our sins, so that we could be in a state of grace to receive Him worthily? Hence, in the words of St. Augustine, "We become what we have received." A Food for a thought!
God bless you!

Rural Life Mass

On August 20th at 6pm, St. Ann will host Bishop Vasquez and over 300 guests for the Rural Life Mass. After the Mass, we will host a dinner in the Parish Hall. Please help us by bringing a salad (either potato, tossed, bean, macaroni/pasta, or coleslaw) and a dessert! We would like to have the salads in the parish hall by 5pm the day of the Mass. Thank you in advance for your help.

Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Aug. 15 5:30p	Sun—Aug. 16 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Sr. John Alice Perez	Sr. Rocio Frank Vega
Greeters/Ushers	Debbie Zaharis Mary Moreno	Frank Vittonel James Bacak
Lectors	Peachie Burlin	Kimberley Camarillo
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Kailey Eldridge

Finances—St. Ann

8/05/2015 Sunday Collection	\$ 1,214.00
8/05/2015 Building Fund	\$ 315.00

Apostolate

	Wed-Aug 12	Wed-Aug 19
Collection Counting	Lynda Mendizabal Jane Russell	Dee Turner Lucy Hodges

Thank You

Thanks to all the volunteers in our Church both at Mass and also in our Parish at large for giving of your time and talents to the Lord. May God's blessings always dwell with you. Amen

Fr. Uche Obikwelu

Praha Picnic

When: Sat., Aug. 15, 2015

Where: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

What: Holy Mass 10:00 a.m., dinner served from 11a-2p; band begins to play at 11 a.m.; country store, games, auction; food available throughout the afternoon and evening

CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members.

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

For those who labor outdoors in the heat of summer...

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

Theresa Sweed	Dena Janish	Annie L. Henderson
Amanda Walhoviak	Maxine Sweed	Johnnie Sweed Jr.
Gladys Hines	Truman Sweed Sr.	Michael Sees
Jim Turner	Margaret Thomas	Sally Sees
Larry Sweed	Patricia Sweed	Jacqueline Mouton
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Carol Winkler	David Jimenez	Elvira Jones
Pete Zedlitz	Arthur Mendizabal	

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Aug. 12 5:00p Katie Jessie & Family

Sun. Aug. 16 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. Aug. 12 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 **August**

Mary McCorvey **Donovan Mason**

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



Mass Intentions: August 8-16

Sat. Aug. 8	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Aug. 9	9:00a	†Betty & Edmund Stavinoha
Tues. Aug. 11	6:00p	Michele Polanco
Wed. Aug. 12	9:00a	†Milady Kristof
Thurs. Aug. 13	6:00p	Living & deceased members of SACCW
Fri. Aug. 14	6:00p	†Crescencio L. Vega
Sat. Aug. 15	5:30p	†Milady Kristof
Sun. Aug. 16	9:00a	For the People

Parish Garage Sale-Sept.12, 2015,8a-2p

It's time to inventory your drawers, closets, and garage and donate your unwanted items. If you are able to volunteer, we appreciate whatever you can do. For more information, call Fran Pack at (979) 820-7137 or email her at Francespack@gmail.com.



Year of Consecrated Life

A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in which the person who is called must serve God in the way and in the places to which almighty God has called him.

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Finances — BVM

8/02/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 253.89

Incoming Catholic Freshmen to Texas A & M

Attention incoming Aggie Catholic freshmen! St. Mary's Catholic Center in College Station invites you to attend CONNECT, a retreat for new students of Texas A&M and Blinn. Come and meet other Catholic students and see how you can grow closer to Jesus Christ while you are in college. We are offering two opportunities to attend CONNECT the week before school starts: August 24-25 and August 28-29. To register and get more information, please visit our website: www.aggiecatholic.org/connect. Gig'em and God Bless!

Curisillo

A 3-day course in Christianity. In today's world, one thing is for sure...Walking daily with the Lord is the best exercise for your mind and body. Everyone should consider taking some personal and uninterrupted time to deepen his or her relationship with Jesus. This is the only exercise guaranteed to leave you feeling stronger. What a beautiful gift to give yourself! The following are the dates for **English Speaking** weekends:

Next Women's Weekend: October 1-4, 2015

Next Men's Weekend: November 12-15, 2015

Not sure? Have questions? For more information or to register, please call Robin Spencer, Lay Director at (254) 220-3883 or robins@hot.rr.com; Sharon Ganslen, Pre-Cursillo Chairperson at (245) 698-2594 or sganslen@hot.rr.com.

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Special Events at St. Ann

- August 10: KC Meeting 7 pm, Family Center, 4th Degree Dinner
- August 13: Festival Meeting, 7pm, Family Center
- August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- August 20: Rural Life Mass, Parish Hall**
- Sept. 3: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
- Sept. 5: KC Cookoff, Parish Hall
- Sept. 12: Parish Garage Sale
- Sept. 13: Diocesan Day of Prayer
- Oct. 1: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
- Oct 23-25: Aggie Awakening
- Oct. 27: ECCW Meeting, SACCW to host

***Adopt a Seminarian
Project***

-**Aug. 9....Mike Discher**
-**Aug. 16...Jim & Dee Turner**
-**Aug. 23...**
-**Aug. 30...John & Pauline Sanchez**

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