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## *Twenty-Fourth 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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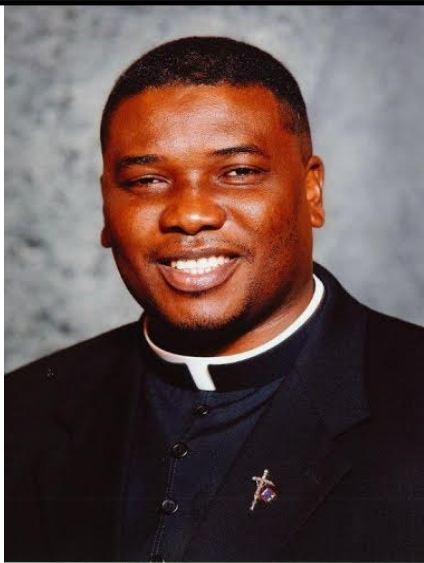
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**Parish Administrator**

**Why Priests Kiss the Altar at the Beginning of a Mass?**

The Roman Catholic Mass begins with the procession. Each member genuflects at the altar, and the priest and deacon kiss the altar in an act of veneration.

**The Altar of Sacrifice:**

In Roman Catholicism, the altar is both the sacrificial table and the place where the paschal feast takes place. During the first centuries of Christianity, when the Eucharist was still illegal, Christian altars were constructed from wood and often resembled ordinary house tables. This practice continued until the Middle Ages when, in 517, the provincial council of Epeaune in France decreed that altars should be made of stone to signify "Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone" of Catholicism. Venerated relics were conserved in cavities in the stone altars of newly built Basilicas, which were then placed directly above the tomb of a martyr to evoke those times during the persecutions of the church when martyrs' tombs were utilized as places of Eucharistic celebration.

In Remembrance of Me.

The Eucharist is housed in the Tabernacle, which is present in the sanctuary. It is customary to genuflect in reverence to the Tabernacle when entering the sanctuary. According to Catholicism, Jesus Christ established the Holy Eucharist prior to his death on the cross by informing the twelve apostles to "do this in remembrance of me." The Eucharist involves the Roman Catholic concept of Transubstantiation: the bread and wine take on the substance of Christ, maintain their literal taste and appearance while becoming, in essence, his body and blood.

**The Altar:**

An act of veneration, the holy kiss, or kiss of peace, occurs three times during the Mass, the first of which is at the altar. Like the cross on Calvary, where the Bible says that Jesus Christ sacrificed his life and was crucified, the altar is considered a place of sacrifice. In kissing the altar, the priest symbolizes the bond between Christ and his church; acknowledges the

sacrifices of those martyrs (relics) who gave their life for the furtherance of the faith; and, when performed with the deacon, is an extension of peace to the community. The final kiss is also given at the altar to venerate the table as a symbol of Christ, as well as being the place where the faithful offer their bodies as a "living sacrifice."

**The Living Word:**

The next holy kiss seals and venerates the Word after the liturgy of the Word at the Ambo. The Ambo is a lectern where the deacon carries the Gospel book. The Gospel is seen to have within it the power to transform the lives of the faithful. According to Catholicism, just as Christ became the living Word, so the faithful should seek to do the same.

God bless you.

**Religious Education News**

Registration for Religious Education classes will again take place September 19th and 20th in the Church after each mass. There will be a teacher training on Wednesday, September 16th from 7-8 pm in the Family Center. Parishioners wishing to be an RE Instructor should be EIM certified. The first day of RE classes will be Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Religious Education building.

**October is Respect Life and World Mission Month**

The Offices of Missions and Pro-Life Activities are working collaboratively to promote the dignity of every human life from conception until natural death, while cultivating awareness and support for the mission territories of the Catholic Church that provide a spiritual home for the poorest and most vulnerable. As in the past, baby banks will be available beginning the last weekend in September. All Pro-Life activities will be coordinated through the Parish office.

<b>Next Week's Ministers</b>		
	<b>Sat—Sept. 19 5:30p</b>	<b>Sun—Sept. 20 9:00a</b>
<b>Extradordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Sr. Rocío Frank Vega	Sr. Rocío Angelita Munoz
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	David Jimenez Leo Schubert	Miguel Bonilla James Bacak
<b>Lectors</b>	Fran Thomas	Irene Bacak
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Richard Sifuentes	Open
<b>Apostolate</b>		
	<b>Wed-Sept. 16</b>	<b>Wed.-Sept. 23</b>
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Dee Turner Lucy Hodges	Fran Thomas Tom Hodges
<b>Finances—St. Ann</b>		
9/06/2015 Sunday Collection		\$ 1,062.00
9/06/2015 Building Fund		\$ 222.00

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

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

## Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

Called to be faithful disciples, may we open ourselves to God's grace, which enables us to carry the cross....

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



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

Theresa Sweed	Maxine Sweed	Johnnie Sweed Jr.
Amanda Walhoviak	Truman Sweed Sr.	Michael Sees
Gladys Hines	Margaret Thomas	Sally Sees
Jim Turner	Mark Pollard	Jacqueline Mouton
Larry Sweed	Natalie Lewis	Andy Manchack
Ken Wernecke	Richard Lockett	Mario Munoz
Zayden Arnold	Allen Labay	Lucy Jimenez
Melinda Scott	Marilyn Smith	Elvira Jones
Carol Winkler	David Jimenez	Jean Hlavaty
Pete Zedlitz	Annie L. Henderson	



John Brown	Brandon Osburn
Kevin Davis	Tommy Polansky
David Dominguez	Joseph Ramirez
Neil Frerick	Matthew Reynolds
Robin Frerick	Charlie Richardson
Jason Grace	Cesar Rodriguez
Jerry Gutierrez	Michael R. Rodriguez
Christina Marie Hahne	Stephen Ruth
Paul Jimenez	Justo Suarez
Dane Kidd	Brandon Thomas
Matthew Lee	1LT Christopher M. Torres
Annalisa Lujan	Alan Turner
John Maldonado	Jennifer Hlavaty
Jacob McDonald	Jarrett Hlavaty

### Mass Intentions: Sept. 12-20

Sat. Sept. 12	5:30p	†Robert Lee Perez †Juan Rodriguez
Sun. Sept. 13	9:00a	For the People
Tues. Sept. 15	6:00p	†Milady Kristof
Wed. Sept. 16	9:00a	George Hlavinka Smith
Thurs. Sept. 17	6:00p	†Sue Williams
Fri. Sept. 18	6:00p	†John Murphy
Sat. Sept. 19	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Sept. 20	9:00a	†Carmen Negrete †Patricia Thomas

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Wed. Sept. 16** 5:00p Gayle Pinto & Family

**Sun. Sept. 20** 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. Sept. 16** 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 **September**

**Kim Sweed Muiah Madison  
Makhalia Madison**

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

### Finances — BVM

9/06/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 203.00

### EIM Basic and Refresher Workshops

EIM workshops are scheduled by the EIM Office. If you need to sign up for a workshop, go to [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org), click on Quick Links, then click on EIM workshops. Follow the directions on the screen. Here are some upcoming dates:

Refresher: Sept. 12, 9-10:15am, St. Mary, Brenham  
Refresher: Sept. 16, 6-7:15pm, Sacred Heart, LaGrange  
Basic: Sept. 19, 9a-12p, Santa Teresa, Bryan  
Basic: Sept. 19, 1-4p, Santa Teresa, Bryan  
Basic: Sept. 20, 2-5p, St. Mary, College Station  
Basic: Sept. 23, 6:30-9:30p, St. Mary, College Station  
Refresher: Sept. 30, 6:30-7:45p, St. Mary, College Station

### Bazaar & Picnic

Holy Rosary in Frenstat will host its annual Homecoming Bazaar and Picnic, Sunday, October 4, 2015. Mass will be at 8:00 am with kolaches and baked goods available for purchase in the Parish Hall after Mass. Enjoy music by Mark Halata and Texavia from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The live auction will begin at 1:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, country store, kolaches and baked goods, children's games and much more, available throughout the day. Lunch plates will be served 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for \$10 each and include barbecue brisket and sausage with all the trimmings. BBQ Beef, Pork and Sausage will be available by the pound at the Pit from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is something for everyone, so come and enjoy!

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†Milady Kristof

For her generosity to St. Ann

*“May perpetual light shine  
upon her”*

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**Special Events at St. Ann**

- Sept. 13: Diocesan Day of Prayer
- Sept. 20: Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 22: World Meeting of Families
- Oct. 1: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
- Oct 23-25: Aggie Awakening
- Oct. 27: ECCW Meeting, 9:30 am,  
SACCW to host
- Nov. 1-7: National Vocation Awareness  
Week
- Nov. 5: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
- Nov. 7: Parish Garage Sale
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day; Mass 9am
- Nov. 29: 1st Sunday of Advent

**Adopt a Seminarian  
Project**

- ....Sept. 13...Dee & Jim Turner
- ....Sept.20...Dorothy Woods
- ....Sept.27...
- ....Oct. 4.....

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