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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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

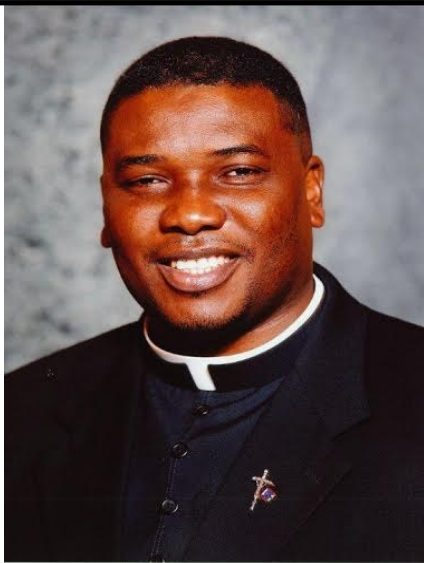
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Margaret Thomas

Business Manager

Limas Sweed, Sr

Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu
Parish Administrator

Today, we are less than two weeks away from Holy Week and the Holy Mother Church wants us to take a deep breath, as well as a little rest from our intense Lenten observances or mortifications. Hence, the name of this Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is taken from the Latin word, "*Laetare*", which means "Rejoice. Looking at this Sunday's "Entrance Antiphon", from Isaiah 66: 10-11, it sets the tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, even though we are still in the midst of the Lenten season. This rejoice anticipation of the Lord's mystery is why the color of the vestment is Rose, a clear indication of a glimpse of that joy, which shouts out from the gloomy violet penitential mood. It is very helpful for us, Catholics, to always pay attention to the rites and rituals that the Holy Mother Church offers us. Lenten season is a very special season, a time when we are very dedicated to our faith; working hard to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All of these required an intense approach. Therefore, it is under this condition that the Holy Mother Church asks us to relax our guards by reminding us that we need to look forward from this intense Lenten preparation with joy and hope, and not with sadness and distress. So that those mortifications, fasting, charity and corporal works of mercy, do not take away from us the main reason of Lent, which is to welcome Our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter: The Resurrection!
God bless you!

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40) Today we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

Year of Consecrated Life

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](tel:281-620-2115) or email: 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: 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.

Sodas: Donations of 12pk's 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 (979-820-5275) or Charles Camarillo at ccamarillo@somervilleisd.org.

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. Bir 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.

Ashes to Easter 2015

We are blessed by the gracious gift of one man, Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite love. Through his Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With an open heart, share your blessings. Put something in your Ashes to Easter box each day and we will together substantially help and bring hope to the struggling missions. Please pray for the missions. If you did not get a Lent box, please pick one up.

CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members.

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

For students, teachers and faculty who are on Spring Break, that they may have safe travels and be spiritually refreshed....

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	Anthony Lockett
Lucy Jimenez	Dena Janish	Richard Lockett
Ronnie Sweed	Patricia Sweed	Allen Labay
Jim Turner	Truman Sweed Sr.	Jim Arredondo
Larry Sweed	Elizabeth Milsaps	Charles Jablonski
David Earl Sweed Sr.	Mario Munoz	Betty Bayless
Lupe Arredondo	Joanie Arias Torres	David Jimenez
Elinor Simmons	Margaret Thomas	Ralph Winkler
Melinda Scott	Leon Martin	Arthur Mendizabal
Bernarda Escobedo	M. Smith	Annie L. Henderson
Carol Winkler	M. Sweed	Nancy Pearson



Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Mar. 21 5:30p	Sun—Mar. 22 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Sr. John Sr. Rocio Gloria Villarreal	Sr. John Sr. Rocio Janet Zapalac
Greeters/Ushers	Bob & Linda Hays	Frank Vega Miguel Bonilla
Lectors	Peachie Burlin	Christine Hernandez
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Benjamin Zapalac Brianna Hernandez

Finances—St. Ann

3/08/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 1,420.00

Mass Intentions: Mar. 14-22

Sat. Mar. 14	5:30p	†Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz
Sun. Mar. 15	9:00a	For the People
Tues. Mar. 17	6:00p	†Milady Kristof
Wed. Mar. 18	6:30a	John Polanco III
Thurs. Mar. 19	6:00p	†Modesto Maldonado
Fri. Mar. 20	6:00p	†Antanacia Orozco Vega
Sat. Mar. 21	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Mar. 22	9:00a	†Mary Ann Arredondo Cruz

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Mar. 18 5:00p Diane Brooks & Family

Sun. Mar. 22 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. 18 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**
George Robinson

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

Finances — BVM

3/08/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 149.00

Other Ministries

	Wed-Mar. 18	Wed-Mar. 25
Church Housekeeping Duties	<i>Team 2</i> Cindy & Frank Maldonado; Theresa & Raymond Perez	<i>Team 3</i> Kathy & Buddy Walters
Collection Counting	Lynda Mendizabal Dee Turner Sr. Rocio	Debra Guerra Peggy Jablonski Sr. Rocio


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

Adopt a Seminarian Project


.....Mar. 15.....Irene Bacak
.....Mar. 22.....Fran & Jo Thomas
.....Mar. 29.....Valeria Schoppe
.....Apr. 5.....Del & Maggie Orozco


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

<p><u>Prayer</u> <i>Is getting us ready to do God's will.</i></p>	<p>“Stations of the Cross” Every Friday after the 6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” (Ps. 150:6)</p>
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<p><i>Praise + Forgiveness =</i> HEALING</p>	 <p>Slovacek Sausage 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>Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth</p>
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<p><i>Volunteers needed for our Parish Festival. The Sign-Up Sheets will be on a table at the back of the Church. We need everyone— young and old!</i></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>
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<p><u>“Jessica Brown Scholarship Fundraiser”</u> Where: in front of B&B Grocery When: Saturday, April 4, 2015 beginning at 8:30 am until everything is sold out Donations of Money & Baked Goods is appreciated. Questions: Contact Margie Brown 979-551-0646</p>	<p>Sample</p>	 <p>“Fish Fry” All You Can Eat Friday March 27, 2015 Mantey Country, Somerville Corner of 8th & Hwy 36 From 6-8pm \$10 a plate Dine in or Take to Go Tickets will be sold at the door</p>
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<p><u>Area Penance Services</u> March 17: St. Mary's Brenham, 7p March 24: St. Joseph's, Dime Box, 6:30p March 24: St. Stanislaus, Chappel Hill, 7p March 25: Holy Family, Lexington, 7p March 26: St. Joseph's, Rockdale, 7p March 29: Sacred Heart, La Grange, 7p March 30: St. Mary, Ellinger, 5p March 30: St. John the Baptist, Fayetteville, 7:30p March 31: St. Margaret's, Giddings, 7p</p>	 <p><u>Butter Braids Delivery</u> St. Ann Council of Catholic Women (SACCW) will be distributing Butter Braids after both Masses March 21 and March 22. If you placed an order, please go to the family center after Mass to pick yours up. Thank you for supporting SACCW and our work for St. Ann's Catholic Church.</p>	<p>ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE \$180 for 12 months \$45 for 3 months \$7.50 for one week</p> <p>St. Ann Catholic Church PO Box 99 Somerville, Texas 77879 www.saintann-somerville.org</p> <p>Contact us at: Office: 979-596-1966</p> <p>Email: secretary.stanns@gmail.com</p>
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