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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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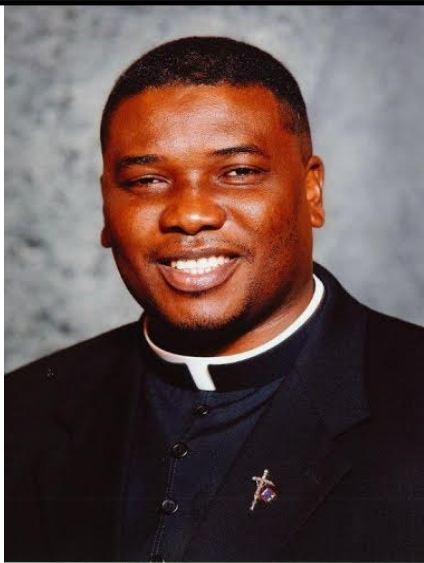
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Father Uche Obikwelu
Parish Administrator

Back to School

Summer is about to give way to Fall; our teachers and students are dusting their books, bags, and other required needs to begin this Fall's academic season. What a refreshed time after a long joyful, but sometimes exhausted summer holiday? Teachers and students, use the summer break to catch up with family members and friends; some use the period to visit many places of interest, either within or outside the country. And many could not wait to get back and meet their classmates and new students to share their adventures, holiday beautiful experiences and knowledge that they have learned from these. Since teaching and studying require a mental and physical discipline, it would not be out of place to suggest that there may be a few who may not be too excited that it is again another school year in the offing.

In the midst of all this excitement and possible delusion about getting back to school or attending for the first time, there is one important thing I would suggest to both the teachers and students to have somewhere on their minds: God is FIRST in all we do: Heaven is REAL, Purgatory is REAL and Hell is REAL. Today, prayers are not allowed in our public schools, rather some kinds of teachings that do not morally help our teachers and students to strive for upright and morality, are taught and upheld over and above what our Founding Fathers have honored both in our constitution and in their personal writings. Hence, because of the lack of spiritual and moral disciplines in our public schools today, I would offer just a few recommendations, so that our teachers and students in public schools do not take it as an excuse to ignore the "Author and Giver of life and all that is good with it" under the disguise that our public schools are no place for God, but a dwelling home for secularism.

Saint Pope John Paul II, reminded us again that "Family is the first Church". I believe, that Saint Pope John Paul II deduced this conclusion from the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How? Because The Holy Family is not only a model for our families, but also a home where Our Lord Jesus Christ was

Raised in the culture of prayer; respect to his parents and love for Him, by His parents. We found instances in the Scriptures where the parents of Jesus presented Him with different opportunities to participate in the Religion of their Fathers: "When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord" (Luke 2:22-23). Again, we read that, "And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast." (Luke 2:42). These and others showed that family is the first Church, because parents who indeed love God and His Church are the first Catechists, before the child begins to attend School and Religious Education. This begs the question, like when some parents seem to suggest that their child or their children were irresponsible, but for this teacher, like when some parents seem to suggest that their child or children were irresponsible, but for this teacher, that priest or that nun, that they became better. I do not doubt this claim, but my honest suggestion to our Catholic parents is to step up to the plate and take full responsibility of our parental care, just like Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus did. If a child does not learn from his or her parents on how to greet "Good Morning, Sir, or Good Morning, ma'am", unless their parents or grandparents nudge them to greet, who would these parents want to teach him or her that simple civilized culture? If a child does not know how to say the grace before meal? How would he or she know that all that he or she has come from the Almighty God? So, if we expect the teachers in the public school to mold a well formed conscience of our children, it may not happen. We are the ones to begin to mold their consciences in our homes - discipline to pray together, attend Sunday Mass and Religious Education, honest resolve to tell our children the truth by correcting and praising them with love, and not to pretend that life is easy.

My brothers and sisters, this is what Saint Pope John Paul II, teaches when he said that "Family is the FIRST Church". As our teachers and students return to School this Fall, I impart my blessings on them to primarily love God, their Creator, know Him and secondly love their neighbors. Amen!
God bless you all!

Thank You!

Thanks to God for the success of the Rural Life Mass that took place in our Parish Hall last Thursday night. Thank you, too, to all of the volunteers who helped to make it a success. May God bless you all!

Fr. Uche Obikwelu

Important! Date Change!

Parish Garage Sale-Nov. 7, 2015,8a-2p

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.



Apostolate		
	Wed-Aug 26	Wed-Sept. 2
Collection Counting	Fran Thomas Tom Hodges	Fran Thomas Tom Hodges

CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members.

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention for this Week

That Christ's faithful will constantly seek the goodness of the Lord and humble themselves to follow the path of sacrifice and service, especially to the poor, the hungry, the immigrant, and the broken hearted....

The sanctuary lamp is given for the honor and glory of God and in memory of Jessica Brown.....



Please pray for the needs of our parishioners & friends

Theresa Sweed	Maxine Sweed	Johnnie Sweed Jr.
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Pete Zedlitz	Arthur Mendizabal	
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David Dominguez	Joseph Ramirez
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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

Next Week's Ministers

	Sat—Aug. 29 5:30p	Sun—Aug. 30 9:00a
Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Sr. John Jo Thomas	Sr. Rocio Cynthia Munoz
Greeters/Ushers	Leo Schubert David Jimenez	Frank Vittonel Frank Vega
Lectors	Frank Vega	Christina Hernandez
Altar Servers	Richard Sifuentes	Briana Hernandez

Finances—St. Ann

8/16/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 1,393.00

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed. Aug. 26 5:00p Keisha Mason & Family

Sun. Aug. 30 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. 26 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)

Finances — BVM

8/16/2015 Sunday Collection \$ 248.52

Mass Intentions: August 22-30

Sat. Aug. 22	5:30p	For the People
Sun. Aug. 23	9:00a	†Robert Lee Perez †Diane Berg
Tues. Aug. 25	6:00p	Communion Service in the Church
Wed. Aug. 26	9:00a	Dorothy Woods
Thurs. Aug. 27	6:00p	John Polanco
Fri. Aug. 28	6:00p	Nora & †Frank Garcia
Sat. Aug. 29	5:30p	†Sondra Funderburg
Sun. Aug. 30	9:00a	For the People

Curisillo

The following are the dated 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

- 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, 9:30 am,
SACCW to host
- Nov. 1-7: National Vocation Awareness
Week
- Nov. 5: KC Meeting 7pm, Family Center
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day; Mass 9am
- Nov. 29: 1st Sunday of Advent

**Adopt a Seminarian
Project**

-Aug. 23...Patsy & Leroy
Stavinoha
-Aug. 30...John & Pauline
Sanchez
-Sept. 6....Del & Maggie Orozco
-Sept. 13..

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