



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 21

5 p.m. Darren Trace LeBlanc (L)

7 p.m.

### Sunday, March 22

8 a.m. Florina & Alvin Robichaux (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

### Monday, March 23

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Dr. Nolan LeBlanc (D)

### Wednesday, March 25

6:30 p.m. Don Harmon (D)

### Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. David and Kevin Wilson (D)

### Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Theresa Fall (D)

### Saturday, March 28

5 p.m. Knights of Columbus and families

7 p.m.

### Sunday, March 29

8 a.m. Rosey Molina (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;  
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;  
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9;  
Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7;  
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;  
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16,  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 [15:1-39]



## BREAK OPEN THE WORD

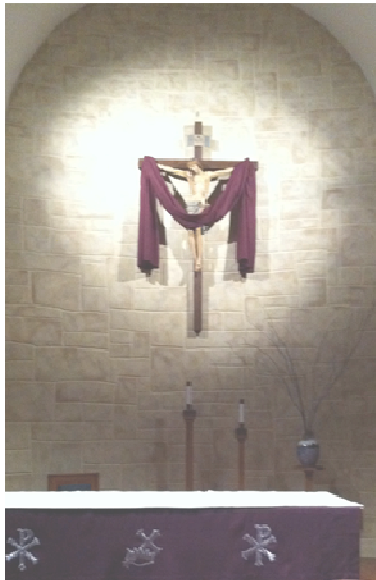
Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

The Letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as fully human (in the flesh) and at the same time, God's Son. While we can assume that Christ was the real and powerful example of a person whose heart beat to the rhythm of God's own heart, we still hear of his cries and tears, his prayers of supplication. In that, he is the model of one whose interior life was formed in praying the psalms, those magnificent songs of praise and cries for God's mercy.

Here we get a glimpse of Jesus' emotional conflict. God's love was all that motivated him, and yet that did not exempt him from normal human feelings and emotions. In fact, one might suggest that as the model of all humanity, the depth of Jesus' feelings would be unparalleled. And so we hear that he prayed to "the one who could save him from death." We hear that his prayer was answered, but we don't hear how. He died, in anguish and in obedience.



In the scripture this weekend from Hebrews, listen how Jesus had to learn obedience and he learned it through suffering. It is as if to say that what he knew through his loving relationship with the Father, what his faith told him was true, still had to be carried out in history, incarnated in his actions. Because he was "in the flesh," he had to pass through everything that flesh implies, including rejection and abandonment, being on the receiving end of hatred and accusations of heresy, and in the end, death itself. It was that suffering that taught him what obedience means. Ultimately, his obedience seems to be identical with faith. Sharing the heart of God, Jesus gave it flesh.

The author of Hebrews wrote to encourage people growing weary of the demands of their Christian life. In the second reading this weekend we are reminded that we are not alone; Christ had suffered all we do, and more.

Sometime this week, when you have a quiet moment, reflect on this passage of John's Gospel: "Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there will my servant be." (Jn 12:26)

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

163 families donated \$69,210 which is 89% of our goal from 26% of our parishioners.

On behalf of Bishop Guillory and the more than 110,000 individuals who are served by our diocesan ministries, thank you to all of those who have pledged to this year's Bishop's Faith Appeal. If you have not made a financial and prayer pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews, church entrances and church office. You can also donate on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofbmt.org](http://www.dioceseofbmt.org).



PRAY FOR THE SICK  
OF OUR PARISH

### Day of Prayer

The St. Anthony Cathedral Ladies are hosting a Women's Afternoon of Prayer featuring Linda Frederick on Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Center in Beaumont. All women of the diocese are invited to attend.

## Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The family of S. Roy Simar is presenting the 5th annual \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior, who is Catholic and active in his or her parish. Applications are available in the parish office, due back to office May 1. Call Wanda Simar 883-4912 for more information.

Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be giving two \$500.00 scholarships to two young ladies who are High School Seniors. Applications are available in the church office, due back to Port Arthur address by April 1.

### First Annual Rosey Molina Memorial Scholarship

The family of Rosey Molina is offering two \$500 scholarships in her memory, available to a boy or girl. Applications/Qualifications are available in the church office, due back by May 1.

DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT  
NEW EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE  
OPENING ADDRESS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7 P.M.

“GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES:  
SHARE WHO AND WHAT YOU HAVE  
ENCOUNTERED”  
MOST REVEREND  
GUSTAVO GARCIA-SILLER  
ARCHBISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF  
SAN ANTONIO

SAINT ANTHONY CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
700 JEFFERSON, BEAUMONT, TX

OPENING PRAYER  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18  
9 A.M.



Tuesday, March 31 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 1 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Thursday, April 2 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 3 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Vigil, April 4 8:30 p.m.  
Easter, April 5 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN ZEN RETREAT

Fr. Robert E. Kennedy, SJ

*Integrating Christian life and meditative prayer*  
Thursday - Sunday, April 9-12

This is a silent retreat with formal instruction and teaching. The retreat begins with dinner at 5:30 pm on Thurs and ends at 11:30 am Sun  
Registration begins at 4 pm Thurs

Cost: \$215/person for a private room  
\$75.00 deposit with email address and phone

To register please mail \$75 deposit to  
Holy Family Retreat Center  
9920 North Major Drive  
Beaumont, TX 77713

**Polunsky Hygiene Program** provides free soap, deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo for prisoners that do not have the means to purchase them. What the state provides is very insufficient for proper hygiene. The system encourages the inmates to purchase their toiletries at the commissary but those who do not have an outside source to send them money are left without, leaving them vulnerable to those who have.

If you would like to donate to the Polunsky Hygiene Program during this Lenten season of almsgiving, please make the check out to:

**San Martin de Porres Mission**  
P.O. Box 275  
Moscow, TX 75960

**Please write in the check memo line**  
Franciscan Guild - Hygiene

### THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song harkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

### LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death without the love of the Savior;  
unhappy is love without the death of the Savior.  
St. Francis de Sales

### RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don’t trust enough. Anonymous

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## LA NUEVA ALIANZA

Cuando el profeta Jeremías creó el término “nueva alianza” hacía algo muy radical. Para el pueblo judío, sólo había una alianza, la que el Señor Dios había hecho con Israel por medio de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. Cuando Jeremías dice que de alguna manera Dios va a reemplazar la antigua alianza con una nueva, seguro que sus oyentes pensaban que era algo muy atrevido. De ese modo Jeremías es un predecesor de Jesús, quien, en el Evangelio de Juan se presenta siempre como alguien que reemplaza el pasado, estableciendo el Reino de Dios de una manera nueva. Y en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús, “la nueva alianza” habla con el lenguaje del “nuevo mandamiento” de amor cuando menciona el grano de trigo que muere y nuestra propia muerte al egoísmo para poder resucitar con Cristo. Al finalizar la Cuaresma y al prepararnos a entrar en la Semana Santa, el grano de trigo que muere es un símbolo excelente del tipo de muerte y autosacrificio al que los discípulos están llamados, un símbolo de esa nueva alianza escrita en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Basándose en las palabras de Jesús, Mariano de Blas, compuso su canto: “Entre tus manos”. Este hermoso canto nos recuerda que “hay que morir para vivir”, es decir, que no es nada fácil ser discípulo de Jesucristo. El mismo Jesús nos pide que nos neguemos a nosotros mismos (Mateo 16:24); que carguemos la cruz para seguirlo (Marcos 8:34); que perdamos nuestra vida por su nombre (Lucas 9:24). Todo esto porque Jesús reconoce que el grano de trigo debe morir para dar vida, para multiplicarse (Juan 12:24).

El canto: “Una espiga dorada por el sol”, de Cesáreo Gabaráin, nos recuerda que los cristianos somos trigo del mismo sembrador. Es Jesús quien nos siembra, nos cultiva, nos cosecha, nos tritura, nos amasa, y nos hace un solo pan consagrado a Dios. Somos granos de trigo que, unidos formamos el pan de la comunión que es comunidad. Para esto, cada uno debe morir a sus egoísmos y preferencias. Morir a sí mismo tiene sentido cristiano, sólo si es para trabajar unidos y en la misión de Cristo, la cual es salvación del mundo y construcción del Reino de Dios. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## AMOR Y MUERTE

Infeliz es la muerte sin el amor del Salvador;  
infeliz es el amor sin la muerte del Salvador. San Francisco de Sales

## RIESGOS

Si confío demasiado, me arriesgo a equivocarme. Pero si no confío lo suficiente, me arriesgo a vivir atormentado por el sufrimiento. Anónimo

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT March 15, 2015

<b>Amount needed each week</b> (Regular collection)	\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund)	10,815.00
<b>Short of Goal</b>	<b>1,058.00</b>
<b>Year to date totals (March 15, 2015)</b>	
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 37 fiscal weeks)	\$ 439,301.00
Total Sunday collections to date	426,501.67
<b>Year to date shortage</b>	<b>12,799.33</b>

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

**Holy Land Apr 3rd Easter Collection Seminarians/Ministers Apr 5**

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to [www.stfrancisorangetx.org](http://www.stfrancisorangetx.org) and click the Online Giving link.



## Saturday, March 21

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

## Sunday, March 22

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

6:30 p.m. Sonlight Choir

## Monday, March 23

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

## Tuesday, March 24

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. mass

RCIA 7 p.m.

KC Dinner 6:30 p.m. A-H-Mt.I-O-Veg.P-Z Des

## Wednesday, March 25

RE grades K-8 5:15-6:15

Keysis grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. mass

## Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. mass

Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Francis/Claire

Book Club 7pm

## Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. mass

Girl Scouts 4:30 p.m.

KC Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. San Damiano Center

Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

## Saturday, March 28

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

## Sunday, March 29

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

A free workshop offered for Texas parochial school teachers to be held from 8:30 -Noon on April 11, 2015 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Parish Center. To reserve a place, please contact: Professor Thomas W. Jodiewicz, Department of History, University of Dallas, [tjodz@udallas.edu](mailto:tjodz@udallas.edu), (972) 721-5341