



**Mass
Intentions**

Saturday, April 4

8:30p-Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 5

8a Alvin and Florina Robichaux (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, April 6

No Mass

Tuesday, April 7

8:30a Charles Forster (D)

Wednesday, April 8

6:30p Gary Derouen (L)

Thursday, April 9

8:30a David and Kevin Wilson (D)

Friday, April 10

8:30a Mary Sedlak and John

Saturday, April 11

5p Nancy Ehrman (D)

7p

Sunday, April 12

8a Rosey Molina and David Molina (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Mark 16:1-7

At Jesus' resurrection there were no human witnesses. No CNN, Fox News, or CNBC news team; no cameras recorded the scene for all posterity. Rather, and as the Christian Scriptures consistently attest, the resurrection of Jesus was an act of God breaking into salvation history and an integral aspect of the transformation of the world.

This early Christian perspective affirms that the resurrection is more than the divine vindication of a particular person, Jesus of Nazareth. God's saving plan is involved in Jesus in such a way that after Easter, Jesus became the norm for the relationship between humanity and God. When the evangelists wrote of Jesus' resurrection, they did so in the light and grace of Easter faith. That grace and faith enabled them to look back on Jesus' life and ministry and, with new understanding, to appreciate his journey and make it their own.

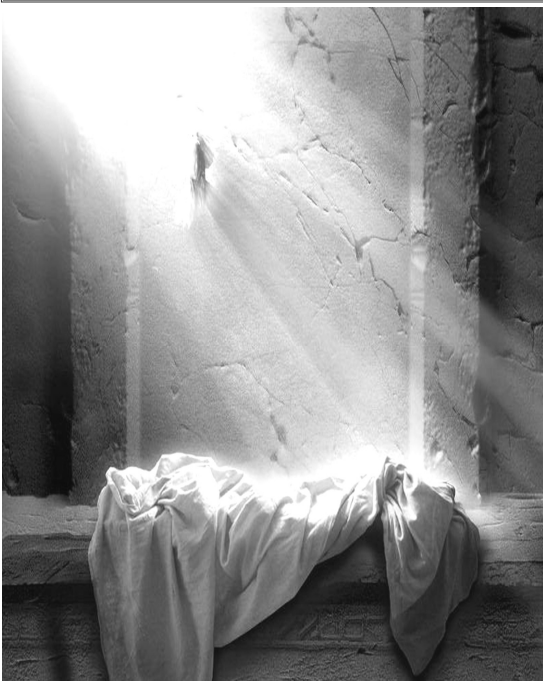
In his Good News Mark tells of the women coming to offer a last service to Jesus: the anointing of his body for a proper burial. Understandably, since they had no inkling that Jesus was risen, they were concerned about the stone. When they arrived, they found "the stone was rolled back." Notice the passive voice is used here to avoid directly speaking of God. We are to understand that the entire event is God's doing.

What was the experience of these women? Mark wants to clarify and interpret their experience. The young man dressed in a white robe told the women that Jesus was risen. The young man serves as an "angel/messenger" who delivered the good news of Easter. The tomb is empty because Jesus lives. In that emptiness is expressed the futility of every effort to possess the Nazarene, the frustration of every quest of the historical Jesus. To see Jesus, the women and the disciples must not look back, but look ahead ... to Galilee

Galilee was not only where the disciples had made their home and their livelihood; it was also the place where the Apostles mission would begin. From Isaiah 9:1, we learn that Galilee was a land of foreigners. Therefore it was a place ripe for evangelization. However, the women fled in fear and said nothing to anyone. Because of the abrupt ending of Mark's Gospel, some have suggested that the original ending was lost. To remedy what may appear to be an incomplete Gospel, verses 9 through 20 were later added. Included in this reading we can find the commissioning of the disciples for their universal mission.

But if Mark did choose to end his Gospel with verse 8, what is his message to us and to all believers? Perhaps he was assuring us that Jesus has indeed gone ahead of us and, despite our fears and weakness, we *will* see him. For now, we have to summon our courage and, by God's grace, proclaim the good news of Jesus-risen to all — with our lips and with our lives.

All of your support staff here at St. Francis of Assisi wish you a faith-filled and joyous Easter!



EASTER SUNDAY

Women's ACTS Retreat

The prayer poster for the April 2015 St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat is located at the church entrance. Please choose an hour to pray for **all women** attending the retreat. Sign the poster by the hour that you will pray, tear off that time & keep it with you as a reminder. Thank you and God's Blessings to you!

Young At Heart

Young At Heart monthly meeting is scheduled for April 14 in the SDC. Following daily 8:30 Mass we enjoy coffee, fellowship, and games. Bring your favorite salad to share at our lunch which follows the 11:30 meeting.

Tickets for \$12 will be available for the 23rd Annual 3rd Age Celebration which will be held May 19th. in Port Acres. Any questions will be addressed in the meeting or call Janis at 883-4566.

We will continue to finalize planning for the April 15, 16, and 17th bus trip to the Fredericksburg area. Also, plans will continue for the June bus trip to attend the Houston Astros vs New York Yankees baseball game.

Make plans to join in the fun and fellowship for our 50+ ministry.

Women's ACTS Retreat

It is now time to put together the Women's ACTS Retreat Support Team for the upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat taking place April 16 -19 2015. We need women volunteers to help with Send Off on Thursday, April 16, at St. Francis at 5:30p and volunteers are needed for all four days to cover all areas of service from registration day to Sunday, April 19. Also volunteer is needed to head the Sunday reception and clean up. Please contact Charlean Lindsey - clindsey002@gt.rr.com

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.

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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Application Forms for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas \$500 scholarships are available in the church office or by contacting Jeanette Boehme, Regent, at 409-883-4021. Applications must be completed and returned by May 1st. Applicants may be girl or boy and from any local high school.

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.



Women's Faith Share meets
every Tuesday, 6:16 a

Men's Faith Share meets every
Tuesday, 5:45 a.m.



Many thanks to all who purchased an Easter lily to help beautify the church and the Lord's sanctuary during this Easter season. Giving thanks for blessings or remembering loved ones in this manner is very special. God's blessings for a Happy Easter from the Altar Society

Barbara & Jackie Authement in memory of Christie Authement.
Janis & Gerald Beach in thanksgiving for many blessings.
Shelley Borel in honor of Joyce & Bill Poisel* Thanksgiving for children & grandchildren*
In memory of deceased family members
Jonnie Broussard in memory of Frank & Myrtle Broussard* John & Marie Orlando
Jan & Doug Childress in thanksgiving for children & grandchildren
Louise Claybar in memory of James Claybar
Diana & Lon Craft in memory Alonzo & Mary Jo Craft and Joseph Mitchell* Honor of Delia Mitchell
Joyce Domas in memory of Daniel E. Domas
Joan & Eddie Dubord in memory of Eddie Dubord III
Jerry Ehrman in memory of Nancy Ehrman
Norma Franklin in memory Elvie & Aldolphie Dubois and Alma & Dick Franklin
Della Gallien in memory of Leonard Gallienand Richard Bonnin
Mary Gravett in memory of Leander and Grace Wolf
Hope Kolar in memory of Jessica Evans
Betty & Donald LeBlanc in memory of Dwayne Terrance LeBlanc
Kaylard LeBouef in memory Lee Roy Boehme, Sr., Eldred Boehme and Dorothy Hagy
Pat Lorfin in memory of Kenneth Lorfin
Gloria Lormand in thanksgiving for the Dyer and Lormand families
Carolyn & Gary Martin in honor of our three precious grandchildren
Mary & Floyd McDuffie in memory of Winford and Ernestine McDuffie and Manuel Guiterez
Joseph Molina in memory of David Foreman Molina
Robert, Joseph & The Molina Family in loving memory of Rosie Molina - wife, mother, and grandmother
Marilyn & Joe Murphy in honor of our children & grandchildren
Marilyn & Jack Oldani in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
Delfinia Pachuca in memory of Maria L and John Pachuca, Sr., Juanita and Marcello Pachuca
Irene Pachuca in memory of Mike and Nemecia Pachuca and Arnulfo & Rita Arciva
Shirley & Reginald Parker in memory of our parents
Paula & Earl Perkins in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
Cecilia Pillsbury in loving memory of Richard Edward Pillsbury
Rose Pugh in memory of Elridge and Ella Mae Thibodeaux Sr.
Mary & Scott Rollins in honor of the Neu family, the Rollins family and Clete-Abby-Kenady-Brylon-Cam
Albert Rucka in memory of Dorothy Rucka and Helen Arvil Fair
Myrna James Stimac in thanksgiving for our blessings
Pat Stracener in memory of Louise and Elmo McKown
Donna & Frank Thomasee in memory Lorna Thomasee, Lily Marie Doucet and Nella Jean Thibodeaux
Bobbie & John Toomey in memory of Richard Toomey and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pachuca
Angie Vincent in thanksgiving for blessings
Hazel & Paul Webb in memory of Manfred Prince and Betty Webb
Peggy West in thanksgiving for blessings
Marie & Frank Zeto in memory Dominic and Isabel Romano, Dale and Ski Bilowich and
Jeannie & Chad McGee

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once a year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.” Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Domingo de Pascua: La Resurrección del Señor

BÚSQUEDA

El Domingo de Pascua es un día para la búsqueda. Las primeras comunidades cristianas se reunían alrededor de los apóstoles para conocer más sobre la vida y el ministerio del Señor Jesús. San Pablo les dijo a los colosenses bautizados que buscaran “las cosas de arriba”. María Magdalena fue a la tumba para encontrar el cuerpo del Señor y ungirlo. Nosotros vamos a la iglesia el Domingo de Pascua buscando muchas cosas. Para algunos de nosotros, este es un trayecto anual cuando buscamos conectarnos con el fundamento de la fe cristiana. Para otros, este día es la culminación de una larga trayectoria para el arrepentimiento de la Cuaresma. Para los nuevos bautizados es el primer día de una nueva vida llena de promesas y expectativas. No importa lo que sea que busquemos, inspirémonos con la acción del discípulo amado de Jesús quien al ver el sudario dentro de la tumba “vio y creyó”.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT March 29, 2015

Amount needed each week (Regular collection)	\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund)	12,173.00
Over Goal	300.00
Year to date totals (March 29, 2015)	
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 39 fiscal weeks)	\$ 463,047.00
Total Sunday collections to date	448,624.00
Year to date shortage	16,003.00

Easter Collection for the Seminarians/Ministers -Apr 5

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Saturday, April 4

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5

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

Monday, April 6

Office closed

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 a.m. mass

Adoration- 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, April 8

Dementia Support 10 a.m.

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

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

6:30 p.m. mass

Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. mass

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

Catechist Training 5p.m.

Altar Society 6:30 p.m.

A.C.T.S Core Mtg 6:30 p.m.

Dementia Support 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Girl Scouts 5:30 p

Saturday, April 11

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 12

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

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat



Scan for Online Giving Link