



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11

5p Nancy Ehrman (D)

7p

Sunday, April 12

8a Rosey Molina and David F. Molina (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, April 13

No Mass

Tuesday, April 14

8:30a

Wednesday, April 15

6:30p Dallas and Darrell Derouen (D)

Thursday, April 16

8:30a Ann Johnson (D)

Friday, April 17

8:30a Communion Service

Saturday, April 18

5p St. Francis Altar Society

7p

Sunday, April 19

8a Christy Authement (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9;

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9,

17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,

18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4,

7-9;

1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Our second reading this weekend (1 John 5:1-6) offers us a sense of the “life and death struggle” experienced by the Johannine community in the late first century. At the heart of the struggle were two conflicting interpretations of the Gospel of John. The two groups disagreed about the unique role of Jesus, the ethical demands of Christian life, the Holy Spirit and eschatology (the ultimate destiny of humanity). While one group took to heart the deposit of faith as it had been handed down from the Apostles, the other refused to acknowledge or accept the incarnation of Jesus; and while they claimed to enjoy a close relationship with God, they did not reflect this union in their interactions with one another (2:9-11; 3:10-24; 4:7-21). John referred to this group as the “Anti-Christ” and he frequently offered his contemporaries criteria for recognizing and refuting their errors. In the end, this group seceded from the church. Not a lot of difference between this group and the “more catholic than the Pope” groups that spring up from time to time.

In our liturgy this weekend, John called his readers to exercise their faith in Jesus as Christ and God by keeping his commandments to love one another. Previously in this letter (2:22; 4:20), John insisted that anyone who claims to love God but hates their brother or sister is a “liar.” Here, he makes the same point. Those who believe in Jesus are begotten by God and are to love all others so begotten. To refuse to do so is to live a lie.

We hear all too often that what is demanded of the followers of Christ is not belief in an intellectual truth about Jesus, but belief in a person with whom one enters into a relationship. Without denying this truth, but for the author of 1 John there is an intellectual aspect in the challenge to believe. One must know and understand Jesus correctly in order to have the saving relationship with him we all desire.

Because the secessionists did not acknowledge or accept Jesus for who he was — the incarnate word of God and the Christ — John believed their faith to be a sham and their unethical behavior further proof of their heretical ideas. The true believer, on the other hand, knows Christ and has been begotten by God; therefore, certain Christian behaviors must follow.

In a tone very similar to that of John the Seer, author of the book of Revelation, the author of 1 John described those who are begotten by God as conquerors of the world (v. 5). Those begotten by God can overcome any adversity by faith in Jesus as the Son of God who came through water and blood, i.e., as a true man who suffered and died for our sins. William Barclay, commentator on the scriptures put it this way, “we have a defense against worldly standards and motives, the fascination with the wrong things and the temptations that are part of the human situation in a world not interested in and sometimes hostile to God.” (“John and Jude,” The Daily Study Bible, The Saint Andrew Press, Edinburgh, U.K.: 1976). Once we are aware of the presence of Jesus ever with us, we become strong so we may remain faithful and true to him.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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 a 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.

Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior. Applications are available in the church office and are due back 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.**

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being “of one heart and mind” as was the first community of believers? Today’s First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God’s commandments and loving all of God’s children seems to be the start of being “of one heart and mind.” We live in a world that stresses differences-differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Segundo Domingo de Pascua (Domingo de la Divina Misericordia)

UN SOLO CORAZÓN Y UNA SOLA ALMA

Al leer sobre la fe de las primeras comunidades de creyentes puede ser fuente de gran inspiración para los que han sido cristianos por largo tiempo, como también para los que acaban de ser bautizados. ¿Te puedes imaginar a gente de hoy que “tiene un solo corazón y una sola alma” igual que la primera comunidad de creyentes? La primera carta de san Juan que leemos hoy es la clave que nos dice cómo podemos lograrlo. Si guardamos los mandamientos de Dios y si amamos a todos los hijos de Dios parece ser la base de poder tener un “un solo corazón y una sola alma”. Vivimos en un mundo que recalca las diferencias –ya sean entre religiones, razas, géneros y clases. Hoy se nos pide que nos enfoquemos en lo que tenemos en común en este frágil planeta que ocupamos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of “Peace.” The risen Lord’s word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ’s gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ’s rising in our lives.

BISHOP ’ S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

If you have not yet had an opportunity to contribute to the 2015 Bishop ’ s Faith Appeal please consider doing so.

The total Easter collection has been sent for the support and education of the Seminarians. Thank you for your continued assistance for vocations.

Texas Catholic Conference Statement On Open Carry/Campus Carry Bills

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops has concerns about proposed legislation that would permit the open carry of handguns in public areas, particularly proposals that would allow weapons to be carried into churches, schools, college campuses, and hospitals. Law enforcement officials statewide worry about whether they could distinguish citizens from perpetrators. The Texas Catholic Conference is particularly concerned that many bills make no exceptions that guarantee respect for our sacred spaces and sanctuaries, such as our classrooms, hospitals, schools, and university campuses, where people should be inspired to introspection and worship without enduring suspicion and intimidation. Proposals to force Institutions of faith, charity, and learning to accept arms in their facilities should be opposed. The Texas Bishops strongly urge state lawmakers to be prudent when considering the circumstances and location in which the population is permitted to carry weapons. Civility and human respect go much further in building a more secure and urbane society, where human dignity is allowed to flourish.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En tiempos pasados, cuando la misa era en latín, no teníamos la oportunidad de escuchar en nuestro propio idioma las bellas palabras que Cristo pronunció durante la Última Cena y que el sacerdote repite durante la Consagración: “Esto es mi cuerpo”... “Esta es mi sangre”. Por tal razón los monaguillos sonaban unas campanitas indicando que algo importante estaba pasando. En ese momento los fieles levantábamos la cabeza para ver el pan convertido en cuerpo y el vino convertido en sangre. Lamentablemente el sacerdote nos daba la espalda y no podíamos ver lo que ocurría sobre el altar. Sin embargo, respondíamos con las palabras del apóstol Tomás: “Señor mío y Dios mío”.

Estas palabras reconocen y adoran la presencia de Jesús en el pan y el vino. A este momento se le consideraba el más importante de la misa. No obstante, el Concilio Vaticano II vino a enseñarnos que este es el momento cumbre, junto con toda la Plegaria Eucarística, pues toda la misa es igualmente importante, excepto que durante la Plegaria Eucarística alcanzamos el punto más alto de la celebración. Por esa razón ya no hay campanita, pues ahora escuchamos todo en nuestro propio idioma, así como los discípulos las escucharon de Cristo, en su propio idioma.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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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

Confirmation Retreat

Sonlight Choir 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

Tuesday, April 14

Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Young at Heart 9 a.m.

KC Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

Mass 6:30 p.m.

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

No Keysis

Confirmation at St. Mary's 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

Mass

Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Brother Sun Room

Women's A.C.T.S. Send Off 6 p.m.

Book Club 7 pm Library

Friday, April 17

Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19

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

Sonlight choir 6:30 p



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