



**Mass
Intentions**

Saturday, April 18

5p St. Francis Altar Society

7p

Sunday, April 19

8a Christy Authement (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, April 20

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21

8:30a Nancy Ehrman (D)

Wednesday, April 22

6:30p Micah Merranda (L)

Thursday, April 23

8:30a David and Kevin Wilson (D)

Friday, April 24

8:30a Mike and Nemezia Pachuca (D)

Saturday, April 25

5p Tommy Trahan

7p

Sunday, April 26

8:30a Knights of Columbus and families

10:30a People of the parish



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19 1 JN 2:1-5A LK 24:35-48



In our Easter scripture from 1st John this week we contemplate the reality of sin. While John hoped that Christians can avoid sinning, he's realistic enough to admit that sin happens. So he explains that when we sin, Christ himself is our advocate and expiation for our sins.

What we have here is a vision of God reaching out to us, especially in our weakness. John does not encourage sin but sees it as having an inevitable part in the rhythm of our relationship with God. When we sin, he says, God is the expiator; the result of our sin is that God reaches out to us. This indicates that if we want to know where God is moving in our world, we should look at the worst situations we know; the path into what we see as the most God-forsaken situations is really the way along which we will find God. John is saying that as soon as there is sin, Christ is advocating, acting as the conduit of grace. Not only that, but John doesn't confine this vision to the Christian community: He reminds us that Christ's outreach extends to the whole world.

Theories of salvation have often presented Christ's expiation as a movement from humanity toward God showing how Jesus atoned for the wrong done so that humanity could stand right with God again. That is the opposite of the message of today's scriptures. John presents expiation not as humanity's peace offering to God but as God's outreach to humanity. *The more we understand and accept the way God seeks us out, the more God's touch can influence us.*

Our reading from 1st John closes with the promise that keeping God's word leads to the perfection of the love of God. As we internalize God's love, we cannot help but spread it. John teaches us that keeping the word of God is not a question of mandates but of cherishing God's word, keeping it alive in our hearts. When we do that, the word continues to grow in us, and the love of God slowly and surely fulfills its purpose. You think this is what he means by the love of God coming to perfection in us?

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Those who came into the Church and received sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist are:

Abigayle Granger and Ian McHann



Those making a Profession of Faith and received sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist are:

Peggy O'Leary, Jeremy Pitts and Chad Taylor.



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.



A Special Thank You to all the Ladies and Men who helped the Environment Committee to prepare for the Lenten Season and the Holy Week of Easter. All the many hands that helped were truly a blessing.

Lilies will begin being placed in the halls behind the altar for pick up this week for those who purchased one.

Thank you All,
Rose Tarver

**COLUMBIAN SQUIRE/ SQUIRE ROSE
TAQUITO BREAKFAST SALE
SUNDAY, MAY 3
7 am—Noon
San Damiano Center**

Sausage, egg and cheese/ chorizo, egg and cheese, and bacon, egg and cheese. We can accommodate large orders for plant workers, please e mail Deacon Hector at hmm19@yahoo.com at least 1 week in advance. Taquito donation will be \$2 each, dine in or take out.



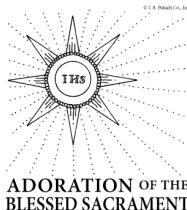
MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE JUNE 25-28 MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT THE HOLY FAMILY CENTER.. THE COST IS \$170 BUT FINANCIAL NEED SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE . A \$50 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM HOLDS A PLACE FOR YOU. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE THIS RETREAT, REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT CHURCH OFFICE AND CHURCH WEBSITE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
May 5
9a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the church.

Third Sunday of Easter

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SABOREA LA EXPERIENCIA

Una de las cosas maravillosas sobre las vacaciones es que después de nuestro regreso nos pasamos dos o tres semanas saboreando la experiencia, compartiendo las fotos y recuerdos con nuestra familia y amistades. Esta clase de reflexión nos vincula nuevamente a la experiencia original y nos hacer volver a vivir el descanso y las maravillas que la vacación nos proporcionó. Hoy, el Tercer Domingo de Pascua, la Iglesia nos da la bendición de unos recordatorios de lo que celebramos hace dos domingos. Las tres lecturas son reflexiones del significado de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Uno de los hilos que unen a estas reflexiones es que el propósito del sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección del Señor fue para salvarnos y perdonar nuestros pecados. Tenemos cincuenta días para contemplar esta realidad – cincuenta días para saborear la experiencia de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo por nosotros. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



May our faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Virgil Person

Kathy Keegan

Delmond Scheer— Gary Scheer's father

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos somos ¡testigos de Cristo resucitado! Testimoniamos todo lo relacionado con Jesús de Nazaret quien murió en una cruz, fue sepultado y resucitó al tercer día. Debemos ser personas que cantan y gritan ¡Resucitó, Aleluya! Tan importante es la resurrección de Cristo que, mientras tenemos cuarenta días de Cuaresma hay cincuenta días de Pascua en el calendario cristiano. Durante esta época, domingo tras domingo mediante la proclamación del Evangelio se nos transmiten escenas de Cristo, quien cada ocho días se aparecía a sus discípulos confirmando cada Domingo que en verdad había resucitado, instruyéndolos para que pudieran ser verdaderos testigos de su resurrección.

Y ¿tú? ¿Cuán buen testigo eres? Un buen testigo da testimonio de lo que ha visto, escuchado y experimentado. Para ser testigo de Cristo hay que verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo. La Iglesia nos da la oportunidad de verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo diariamente, en especial durante el domingo. Esto es posible sólo si durante la semana vives con el corazón abierto. Abierto para ver, escuchar y experimentar a Jesús en tu hogar, en tu trabajo, entre tus parientes y amistades.—Fray Gilberto azos-GlZ, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord's presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer.

Secondarily, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament's healing and strength. Society's impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, "Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Religious Education K-8th End of the Year Hot Dog Party

Wednesday, April 22
5:15 p—6:15p



In the gathering area-
don't forget your lawn
chairs and
blankets to sit on.

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.
— Psalm 4:9



Altar flowers for
April 18,19 were
donated by:

Greg and Susie Thompson
In honor of our girls
Stephanie and Holly
and
Scott and Mary Rollins
In memory of:
Bill and Esther Neu

Blessed Mother flowers were
donated by:
Randy and Melissa Usie
In honor of our
22nd Anniversary and
Andrew and Katelyn's
birthdays

SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

All are invited to join the Altar
Society Women for the semi-annual
cleaning of the church on Monday
April 27 at 9 a.m.
Many hands makes
the work lighter.



BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

176 families have pledged \$75,960
which is
98% of our goal from 28% of our
parishioners.

We have still not reached our goal
for pledges to the 2015 Bishop's
Faith Appeal. We are close, but just
reaching the goal isn't enough.
Based on our history of payments
versus pledges, we need additional
pledges of \$7,700, or 10% above the
goal.

Why is that necessary? Every year
there are people who move out of
town, or have their financial
situation change, or die. The
additional pledges above the goal
allow us to cover the pledges that
are not completed. If you have not
made a pledge, please consider
doing so.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT April 12,2015

Amount needed each week
\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including
building fund) \$15,458
Over Goal \$3,585

Year to date totals April 12,2015
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 40 fiscal
weeks) \$ 474,920
Total Sunday collections to date -
\$464,082

Year to date shortage - \$10,838



Saturday, April 18

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

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

Monday, April 20

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

Tuesday, April 21

Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Wednesday, April 22

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Last Day for RE—Hot dog party

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

Thursday, April 23

Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, April 24

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

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

St. Mary's Festival this weekend

Sunday, April 26

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

Sonlight choir 6:30 p

Adoration sign up

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.



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