



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

EASTER 2010

This year April begins with the Easter Triduum and Easter itself. For those of you who do not know the schedule for Holy Week, here it is. Maundy Thursday is April 1. We will have the Holy Communion service followed by the stripping of the altar beginning at 7:00 pm. This service commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and in one sense the “ordination” of the apostles to whom Jesus gave the command “Do this in memory of me.”

The service for Good Friday also begins at 7:00 pm. (There will be no Evening Prayer or Games Night on this day). This service calls to mind Jesus’ passion and death and includes the Solemn Collects and other prayers for the church. It also includes the veneration of the cross, the instrument of Jesus’ death as well as our salvation.

The Solemn Easter Vigil will take place on Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 pm. It should take place much later but none of you would come if it did. Everyone should participate in this magnificent celebration. I think that those of you who have will attest to beauty and solemnity of this liturgy. It contains the first proclamation of the resurrection of Our Lord and readings from the Scriptures that

speak to us of the history of our salvation. It is also the first Mass of Easter.

Of course, we will have our regular Sunday schedule on Easter Sunday morning, Holy Communion at 9:30 and 11:00 am. At the 11:00 o’clock service the children of the parish will also do the flowering of the cross. It is my hope that many of you will attend all or at least some of these Holy Week services. It’s only once a year and these services help us to meditate upon the most important mysteries of our faith. They should not be missed.

A special word of thanks is due to our Presiding Bishop, William W. Millsaps, for joining us the weekend of March 13/14 for the ordination to the priesthood of Father Andrew Brummett and Father Tim Williams. He also confirmed Jessica Brummett, Eleanore Douglas, Becky Hunt and Polly Sowell. Our congratulations to both the ordinands and confirmands. To my knowledge, Tim and Andrew are the first priests to be ordained in our church. This was truly a momentous occasion.

None of this could have been done without the help of so many people. I want to thank everyone who had anything to do with the preparation and execution of the

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liturgies and the celebrations that followed each of them. I won't mention any names. You know who you are. But a big thanks to all of you!

40 Days for Life

By the time you read this the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life will be history. Many of you have now participated in at least one of these campaigns if not two or three. If you receive the newsletter from the Austin Coalition for Life that sponsors 40 Days you know that there has been some success. Many women have decided to keep their children because of the prayer, fasting and witness of dedicated volunteers who spend at least one hour a week (in some cases many more than that) praying in front of abortion clinics here in town. But it is hard to really measure success in this venture. No one will really ever know the true number of "saves". No one will ever know how many hearts have been changed because of our witness on busy streets here in Austin. But God knows our hearts and our desire to work with Him to end this scourge. No matter how discouraged we might be from time to time, we can't quit.

Anglicans for Life

There will be a regular meeting of our chapter of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, April 18th. We will meet in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 service, and everyone is welcome. Saint Francis has been actively involved in this fight for life, come join us.

April Prayer Walk

Join us on Saturday, April 3rd. We will meet at 9 am in the Parish Hall for coffee and opening prayer for 30 minutes before embarking on our prayer walk. We'll drive downtown, park and walk as a group to pray at some strategic sites. Please wear comfortable clothing and walking sneakers. We will drive back to the St. Francis campus around 11 am for closing prayer.

Prayerfully consider joining us and allow the Lord to inspire you as we pray together "on-site with insight." Any questions, please contact David or Kim Norris at (713) 204-2563 or austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com
Hope to see you there!

Refreshments

Each Sunday, light snacks and coffee are available in the parish house after the 11:00 service. This can be considered a tool in building the body of Christ in our church. Making the personal connections to each can lead further involvement in the church in other activities. The key to the time is a steady pool of volunteers willing to supply the food and make the coffee. Pick a Sunday when you can help out and sign-up on the list near the kitchen.

St. Francis Nursery

A nursery is available for young children during the 11:00 service year round and during the 9:30 service when there is Sunday school. Please contact Susan Ramin at 258-8025 if you can help out.

Easter Lilies Donations

Even though there are no flowers on the altar through Lent, plans are in the works to adorn the church on April 4th which is Easter Sunday with Easter Lilies.

This is your opportunity to make a memorial for a family member. Please use an envelope located on the table near the door to enclose your donation, and list those you wish to remember, and place it in the offering plate or give to Angie McCown or Nancy Critchfield-Jones.

Sermons Online

The sermons from both services are recorded and available on the church's web site. For those of you who would like a CD copy, please sign up on the list on the table below the bulletin boards in the parish house. For those who have ordered CDs, the copies are available on the same table. We are blessed with wonderful and extraordinarily gifted preachers in our church. Tell your friends that they can hear a sermon at anytime. Of course, we invite you to hear our Priests in person.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthdays:

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| 1 | Susan LaRoux James Ogden LaRoux |
| 4 | Don Watkins |
| 5 | Paige Adkins |
| 6 | Elliott Wilkes |
| 8 | Micah Looke Jessica Brummett |
| 9 | Julie Rambin |
| 10 | Shannon Adkins |
| 16 | Graham Kinahan |
| 17 | Jason Kranzusch |
| 20 | Ray Merrill |
| 21 | Jim Crandell |
| 22 | Victoria Ruth Stults Samantha Wathen |
| 23 | Diane Darling Jace Phillips |
| 24 | Steve Ogden |
| 26 | Lorraine Pangle |
| 27 | G.W. Martin |
| 28 | Kim Kinahan |
| 29 | Miller Hicks |

Anniversaries:

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| 3 | Jack and Mildred Farris |
| 5 | Roy and Nancy Jones |
| 8 | Karl David and Pam Stephan |
| 19 | David and Amy Malish |



Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults

Organist: Paula Blaha

Server: Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate

Newsletter Submissions

Any parishioner that has news of any kind they would like to share with everyone is welcome to send it in writing to Tricia Denslow at 640 B Lakeside Dr., Wimberley, TX 78676 or to her e-mail address (triciadenslow@yahoo.com). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

St. Francis Anglican Church

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| 1 | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon. | 13 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
| 1 | <u>Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm</u> Exodus 12:1-14a, Psalm 78:13-25 1Cor. 11:23-32, John 13:1-15 | 15 | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon |
| 2 | <u>Good Friday Service, 7 pm</u> Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22:1-11, Hebrews 10:1-25, John 18:1-19:37 | 16 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i> |
| 3 | PRAYER WALK, 9 am | 18 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> 9:30 am and 11:00 am, Acts 9:1-19a Psalm 33 Revelation 5:6-14 John 21:1-14 Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am ANGLICANS FOR LIFE meeting |
| 3 | <u>Solemn Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm</u> Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:10-15:1, Isaiah 55:1-11 Ezekiel 36:24-28, Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 | 19 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00 am |
| 4 | <u>EASTER SUNDAY, Holy Communion,</u> <u>9:30 and 11:00 am</u> Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:14-29 Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18 | 20 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
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| 9 | Evening Prayer, 6pm | 25 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> 9:30 am and 11:00 am, Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 Psalm 100 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 11 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> 9:30 am and 11:00 am, Acts 5:12a,17-22, 25-29 Psalm 111 Revelation 1:1-19 John 20:19-31 Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 27 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
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