



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

I want to thank everyone who planned and participated in the execution of my 20/40 Anniversary celebration of February 24. I am deeply grateful to all of you for showing your appreciation of my ministry. I can't thank you enough.

March has several items to which we need to pay some attention. Of course, Spring begins in March, at least officially. It usually begins here a little sooner, and unofficially. March now also brings us Daylight Saving Time, which this year commences on March 10. Try to remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday so that you don't miss church.

March also brings us Easter this year. It is early again; not as early as it can be, but pretty early nonetheless. Easter is March 31 and it will be the last time we will celebrate Easter at our current location. Easter is preceded by Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. Each service on Palm Sunday will feature the blessing and distribution of the blessed palms. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be here on Palm Sunday. Our son is getting married in New Orleans the day before and I am officiating at the wedding. Father Peter will take care of the celebrations on that day. I will be back for everything else that week, beginning with the conclusion of our Lenten series on healing and healing prayer on Wednesday. Each Wednesday during Lent, we are celebrating Holy Communion and featuring a teaching on healing along with a healing service. If you have not attended yet, please feel free to join us on Wednesday evening. Almost everyone can use some sort of healing in their lives, whether it be physical, spiritual or emotional. If that applies to you, please come and let us pray with you and for you. Of course, we also have a healing service each Sunday after the 11 am Holy Communion celebration. The sacraments are given to us for our benefit. They should be used.

Thursday of Holy Week is Maundy Thursday and commemorates both the institution of the Eucharist and, in liturgical churches, the institution of the priesthood. We celebrate Holy Communion and strip the altar after the Post-Communion prayer to commemorate Jesus being stripped of His garments before His crucifixion. 7:00 pm.

On Good Friday we commemorate the Lord's passion and death. We read the Passion according to St. John and venerate the cross as the symbol of our salvation. 7:00 pm.

On Saturday evening, at 7:30 pm we celebrate the Solemn Easter Vigil. This year we may have a baptism at the Vigil. The Vigil calls to mind the history of our salvation through the readings from Scripture, beginning with Genesis and concluding with the Gospel of the resurrection of the Lord. In my opinion, this is the most wonderful liturgy in the church calendar and should be experienced by everyone. I encourage you, as I always do, to attend as many of these worship services as you can. It does, of course, take some effort to do this. But it is well worth it.

There is still time to do a little spiritual reading for Lent. I have been working through a little book entitled The Secret of Guidance by F. B. Meyer, an English Baptist preacher who lived from 1847 to 1929. There really is no secret here. Meyer presents time honored principles of the Christian life in a well written concise fashion. It can serve as a refresher course for some and as an eye opener for others. Definitely worth your time and the little money it costs. You can get it in paper or as an ebook from Amazon and probably from others. I will add my usual disclaimer here. My suggestion that you take a look at this is not an endorsement of every word in it. I believe that on the whole you will find it worthwhile. Have a wonderful remainder of Lent and a Happy Easter.

Sunday School News

What a joy it is to see the parish house filled with the sound of the younger generation between 9:30 and 10:30 each Sunday. Some Sundays there are up to 20 students in the two classes, plus three in the nursery, all from 8 families. This is wonderful!

During the month of March, the younger class will be concentrating on the events of Holy Week. There is much to be covered and the curriculum takes 5 weeks to cover the stories. Rebecca Hoard is coordinating the lessons, but other parents are stepping in to teach on the 10th, 17th and 31st while she is out of town. What a wonderful group of volunteer parents we have!

The Bible verse for this month is from John 3:16: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. The theme is that God promises new life through Jesus.

Lessons are as follows:

- 3/3: Jesus Washes Feet from John 13:1-15
- 3/10: The Passover Meal from Luke 22:14-23
- 3/17: Praying in the Garden from Matthew 26:36-46
- 3/24: Palm Sunday from Mark 11:1-10
- 3/31 The Resurrection from Matthew 28:1-10

The older class continues in their curriculum titled Teach Deep. The first part of the month concludes the section titled "FACE 2 FACE" – with the theme that it could be said that church would be easy if it weren't for the people. "Face 2 Face" is a look into how Scripture calls us to relate to different kinds of people. They'll look at a few of the "one another's" in Scripture. Dealing with the Needy, Accountability, Helping the Fallen.

Easter Sunday begins a section titled: "HOW THIS THING WORKS" – with the theme that Jesus gave a stark statement when talking about the leaders in the world, "but it is not so among you." Being a leader in Christ's eyes looks different. These 3 lessons help uncover what Biblical leadership is about. The first lesson is on qualities of a leader.

Their teacher, Doug Cooper is contemplating boring them with a story or two.

Our Sunday school program is on the church prayer list, but all prayers are needed. Pray for the teachers, parents

March Prayer Walk

Our upcoming prayer walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd. We will be walking and praying along 14th Street. Please join us at the Parish House for coffee at 9 am. After opening prayer, we'll car pool and ride downtown. We finish at 11 am. It's a great opportunity to spend two hours a month praying for the needs and restoration of our Austin community. If you plan to attend or have questions, please email David or Kim Norris at austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com

Coffee Hour Sign-up

The next time you visit the Parish House, be sure to stop by our Coffee Hour sign-up sheet. We are desperate for volunteers! Plenty of open dates in March and April. Something simple and tasty is most welcome...cheese and crackers, cookies and fruit are big favorites. Team up with a fellow parishioner and host a Sunday together.

Easter Lilies

We are now in the season of Lent, and we look forward to the celebration of Easter when we decorate our church with lilies. This is a time that you may want to remember those no longer with us, or perhaps to offer a thanksgiving for some person or event. There are envelopes on the table in the back of the church where you can indicate the person or event you wish to commemorate. Put your check in the envelope, fill out the front of the envelope, and drop it in the box on the same table. Gifts will be collected through Palm Sunday.

Saint of the Month

Of course, when we think of March saints, Saint Patrick comes to mind immediately. Here is a lesser known saint whose feast day is celebrated on March 12th - Saint Maximilian. He is one of the earliest conscientious objectors in the Church. Twenty-one year old Maximilian was the son of a war veteran. He was drafted, in customary tradition for young men, into the Roman army. Maximilian announced to the Roman proconsul that he would not serve his country, as his loyalty was only to the army of God. When it was explained to him that he must serve or perish, he chose death, replying that it would mean eternal life with God. His name was struck from the army roster and he was condemned to death. At his beheading, Maximilian noticed the shabby dress of his executioner. Minutes before he lost his head, he called to his father and made one final request. Maximilian asked that his own, new clothes be stripped from his body and given to the impoverished executioner.

No Pot Luck Lunch

5th Sunday falls on Easter Sunday in March. Therefore, our usual Pot Luck lunch is cancelled. The next 5th Sunday is June 30th. We will hold our Pot Luck lunch on that day after the 11:00 am service. Mark your calendars.

Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthday

2	Mason Jensen
4	Andy Adkins
5	Bobbie Kemp
7	Heather Pangle
8	J. P. Wathen
12	Pam Stephan Ganne McCullough
15	Shirley Ellis Melissa Nelson Bernard
17	Beth Carsrud
26	Joe Gardner Grady Collins
29	David Sikes
30	Victor Carsrud

Anniversaries

1	Larry and Eileen Cole
14	G.W. and Carole Martin
19	Miller and Elizabeth Hicks
21	Bill and Susan LaRoux



Organist: Paula Blaha

Acolytes: Ray Merrill, Ed Sandlin,

Arthur Woodgate and James Glomb

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 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.

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| 1 | Games Night, 6:30pm | 19 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 2 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9am | 20 | <i>Holy Communion, with healing service, 7:00 pm</i> |
| 3 | <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion,</u>
9:30 am and 11:00 am
Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 103:1-11
1 Cor. 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Sunday School, 9:30 | 21 | Mothers' Prayer Group, 12 noon
Evening Prayer, 6pm |
| 5 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 24 | <u>PALM SUNDAY</u>
<u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11 am</u>
Isaiah 45:21-25 Psalm 22:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:39-23:56
Sunday School, 9:30 |
| 6 | <i>Holy Communion, with healing service, 7:00 pm</i> | 26 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 7 | Evening Prayer, 6pm | 27 | <i>Holy Communion, with healing service, 7:00 pm</i> |
| 10 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 34:1-8
2 Cor. 5:17-21 Luke 15:11-32
Sunday School, 9:30 | 28 | <u>Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, 7:00 pm</u>
Exodus 12:1-14a Psalm 78:13-25
1 Cor. 11:23-32 John 13:1-15 |
| 11 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm | 29 | <u>Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm</u>
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22:1-11
Hebrews 10:1-25 John 18:1-19:37 |
| 12 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 30 | <u>Solemn Easter Vigil and Holy Communion, 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 |
| 13 | <i>Holy Communion, with healing service, 7:00 pm</i> | 31 | <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:14-29
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 |
| 14 | Evening Prayer, 6pm | | |
| 17 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3:8-14 Luke 20:9-19
Sunday School, 9:30 | | |