



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Even though we are still a few weeks from Holy Week and Easter I want to make you aware of what will take place in terms of our services and our preparation for these celebrations.

Last month I promised that there would be a Penance Service during Lent. This will take place on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm. Although our regular services make time for general confession and absolution, a penance service provides the reflection time to actually look at our sins in a deeper way and to seek the Lord's forgiveness for particular sins. There will be an examination of conscience as well as absolution. After the service there will time for individual confession should anyone desire to do that.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew. This day sets the stage for the drama of Holy Week with its contrasting joyous celebration leading to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. We will have our usual Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:00 am.

On Wednesday of Holy Week we will have our final Stations of the Cross and meditation on the last penitential psalm. That will be at 7:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Jesus' command to His disciples to continue to "do this in memory of me."

At the end of the communion service on Maundy Thursday we strip the altar, which is a symbol of Christ, as we remember that He was stripped of His garments prior to His crucifixion. 7:00 pm.

Our Good Friday service at 7:00 pm consists of prayers, Scripture readings including the Passion according to St. John, and the Veneration of the Cross. This is an ancient tradition in the church, the cross being the symbol of our salvation. This is the same respect we show the cross each time we bow but it takes on a special significance on Good Friday, the day we commemorate Jesus' actual death on the cross.

At 7:30 pm on Holy Saturday, we will commence the Solemn Easter Vigil. The blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Pascal candle, the singing of the Easter Proclamation precede the Liturgy of the Word that commemorates the history of salvation, all of which is followed by the first Mass of Easter. At this year's Easter Vigil it will be my privilege to baptize Morgan Tamez, a student at the

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University of Texas who has been attending St. Francis for several months. In the early days of the church, the Easter Vigil was the time when catechumens were baptized and received into the church. We have never had a baptism at an Easter Vigil before, so I am looking forward to this one.

On the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, we will have our regular Sunday Holy Communion services at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Usually, the 11:00 am service is preceded by the flowering of the cross, the same one we venerate on Good Friday evening.

All of these services are beautiful and moving and I encourage you to enter into the spirit of these remembrances of salvation history by attending them. Many of you attend some or all of them. I would like to see no fewer attendees at these gatherings than we do on Easter morning. Okay, I can dream, can't I?

Meeting for the Women of the Church.

Saturday, April 9, at 10am has been scheduled for the spring meeting of the Women of the Church. All women of St. Francis Anglican Church are cordially invited to attend and learn about the many important concerns and projects of our church life.

The annual dues of 10 dollars are usually expected during this Spring meeting.

A Devotional message, and coffee time fellowship add to this inspirational meeting.

Sermons Online

The sermons from the 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, invite to hear our Priests in person.

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. One of the St. Francis youth is assigned to stay in the nursery each Sunday during the 11:00 service along with an adult volunteer. The teenager is usually the one who gets down on the floor and plays with the children. Additional adult volunteers are needed during the 11:00 service. Please contact Susan Rambin at 258-8025 if you can help out.

EASTER LILIES

The Pre Lenten season started February 20, 2011 and as the celebration of Easter will soon be here we think of family members and friends that are no longer with us but are not forgotten. We will be decorating our church with beautiful Easter Lilies and you can make a remembrance or memorial to your loved ones. Place your donation with the names of the people or occasion you wish to honor in an envelope and give to Angie McCown or Nancy Critchfield-Jones. Envelopes for this purpose are located on the table in the back of the church and may also be put in the collection plate. If you have any questions call Shirley Ellis at 707-9848.

The Anglican Rosary

The Anglican Rosary is recited each Tuesday at noon in the church. This is a method of praying using beads that can be very meaningful. Beads are provided as is the order used to pray. Contact Becky Hunt for more information at 512-442-4404.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone
Senior Warden: Mark Rambin
Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthdays

1	Susan LaRoux
3	James Ogden LaRoux
4	Don Watkins
5	Paige Adkins
6	Elliott Wilkes
8	Micah Looke Jessica Brummett
9	Julie Rambin
10	Shannon Adkins
17	Jason Kranzusch Hannah Presley
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
29	Miller Hicks

Anniversary

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.

