

THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

FROM THE RECTOR (ONE LAST TIME)

Fr. Len Giacolone

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, April 10, is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We will have two Holy Communion services at the usual times, 9:30 and 11:00 am with the blessing and distribution of palm crosses. The crosses will be distributed prior to each service and blessed while you are wearing them. Each of these services will also feature St. Luke's Passion narrative revealing both the joy and tragedy of this week in a single service.

Maundy Thursday will feature a Holy Communion service followed by the Stripping of the Altar. This celebration commemorates the institution of the Lord's Supper on the night before Jesus died. The Blessed Sacrament is removed from the tabernacle after the Stripping of the Altar to prepare for Good Friday, when the sanctuary is void of any decoration. This service begins at 7:00 pm.

Our Good Friday service will also be held at 7:00 pm and features the reading of St. John's passion narrative and the Veneration of the Cross. We will also have the distribution of Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament as has been our custom since relocating to our present church facility.

The Solemn Easter Vigil will take place at 7:30 on April 16. Salvation history and the announcement of the Resurrection are the center piece of this liturgical celebration. It is the first Mass of Easter. In my opinion it is the most beautiful liturgy of the church year and the church should be overflowing for it. Alas, it is not. But it should be.

Easter Sunday morning, we will have our usual celebrations of the Lord's resurrection at 9:30 and

11:00 am. As I always do, I encourage you to participate in all of these services as a reminder of "what the Lord in his mercy has done for you."

I have informed Bishop Reed and the Vestry of the parish that my last Sunday at St. Francis will be May 1. It is necessary that there be a time table for my departure and the implementation of, first of all, finding coverage for Sunday services, and ultimately, finding a new Rector for St. Francis. Our Senior Warden, Doug Cooper, and Bishop Reed will be responsible for finding coverage for Sunday services during the interim from my departure to the installation of a new Rector. You are likely to see a number of different faces at the altar during that time. Each priest has his own gifts and talents and the Lord has called each of them into His service. Thank you for the many kind things many of you have said about my presence at the altar and my preaching over the years. It has meant a great deal to me. But remember, the Eucharist is neither about the celebrant nor the congregation, but the Lord. It is He who is the center of every liturgical celebration and we are there to honor Him.

This will also be my last newsletter article. The St. Francis Bulletin began in April of 1995 and since that time, I have managed to come up with something to say for ten months out of every year for twenty-seven years. That's a lot of articles. Until the new Rector is installed, it is my hope that going forward, our Senior Warden will use at least some of this space to keep you updated on what is happening with the search for a new Rector. Thank you for your support for the last twenty-nine years. May God bless you and keep you!

Fr. Len can be reached at Rector@stfrancisaustin.org

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Anglicans For Life is dedicated to protecting life at all stages. As God's adopted children, we know He wants us to adopt orphans and vulnerable children as our own in an effort to support and continue His loving outreach.

Recently, AFL announced the Anglican Adoption Fund grant focused on providing financial support for Anglican families interested in expanding their family through adoption. As we continue to grow our orphans and vulnerable children outreach and support, we have outlined three specific goals to help engage churches, leaders, and clergy about this important work.

These goals include:

1. Educating, equipping and mobilizing churches to fulfill the biblical mandate God set forth for orphans and vulnerable children.
2. Equipping churches to care for children and families in their local communities through efforts such as adoption education, foster care outreach, the word of the Lord, and donations for families with foster children in need of everyday items.
3. Connecting churches and ministries with each other in an effort to foster collaboration and teamwork to meet the needs of children and families – especially for those in the foster care system.

As part of our continued effort and dedication to this mission and these goals, AFL is pleased to announce the addition of Johnston Moore as an Orphan Care Specialist to our team. He will help AFL expand our adoption resources and support for churches and individuals alike. Recognizing the challenges inherent in this ministry, Johnston states, "There are 300,000 churches in America. There are 100,000 kids waiting for adoptive families in foster care – so there are three churches for every kid waiting."

As a father of seven children who were all adopted through the Los Angeles County foster care system, Johnston brings with him valuable perspectives. Outside of his personal experience with adoption, Johnston has worked as a writer for Hope for Orphans, an organization that partners with churches locally and internationally to train pastors and lay leaders to care for orphans and widows during their distress. Johnston also co-founded [Home Forever](#), an organization that promotes the well-being and adoption of foster children. He is empathetic and aware that children in foster care need the protection the system provides, he also argues, "But they also need families. The government can't be a family."

The Church, on the other hand, is a family. We can support and nurture a child through Christ.

Johnston's passion of caring for, providing for, and educating on behalf of orphans and vulnerable children goes beyond his personal and professional activities. He has testified before Congress, speaks at churches, and is an active advocate regarding the necessity for reformed foster care strategy. His own family has been featured on TV multiple times as they share the love, success, and trials of fostering.

Johnston's dedication to adoption has touched the lives of many, and his message is simple, "We, in the Church, have an opportunity to give the world a tangible picture of the Gospel by welcoming children without families into our homes, and by adopting them into our families, as God did for us."

If you are interested in donating to the Anglican Adoption fund click [here](#). If you would like to get involved with our Adoption outreach please contact Johnston at Adoption@AnglicansForLife.org

<https://anglicansforlife.org/2022/03/15/welcome-to-the-family/>

EASTER LILIES

The sanctuary will be adorned with flowers and lilies beginning with the Easter Vigil on April 16. If you would like to make a remembrance or thank offering

for the flowers, there are envelopes on the table in the entry hall for this purpose. Gifts will be collected through Palm Sunday, April 10.



Please join us for a

Retirement Celebration

HONORING

Fr. Len & Nancy Giacolone

Sunday | May 1, 2022 | 6:00 pm

Maggiano's Little Italy

10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78758

(south end of the Domain)

**Please RSVP by emailing Info@StFrancisAustin.org
or signing up on the list in the entry hall.**



RETIREMENT GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Vestry is accepting contributions to St. Francis to honor Fr. Len and Nancy Giacolone on their retirement from St. Francis. Checks with "retirement" on the memo line can be mailed to the church, left in the offering plate, or given to our treasurer, Grady Collins.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Francis has participated in almost all the prayer vigils since they were started in 2009. Thanks to the 6 St. Francis members who gave at least an hour of their time to pray in front of one of the Austin Abortion clinics during Lent. The Fall campaign begins at the end of September. Physical presence in prayer makes a difference in changing the minds of women, their partners, and their family members about how to handle an unwanted pregnancy.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2021 contribution statements are available electronically. If you want to receive a 2021 contribution statement, please email our Parish Administrator, Mark Rambin, at mrambin@msn.com to make a request.

HELP NEEDED WITH THE COFFEE HOUR

Thanks to those who bring food items for all to enjoy during the coffee hours. Keep it up!

Help is needed to purchase some staples. There is a shopping list on the refrigerator. Check it out to see what you can pick up.



Holy Week and Easter Services

- April 10, Palm Sunday - 9:30 and 11:00 am
- April 14, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm
- April 15, Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 pm.
- April 16, Solemn Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm with choral Eucharist.
- April 17, Easter Sunday, 9:30 am, said Eucharist and 11:00 am Choral Eucharist with the flowering of the cross.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Lydia DeBord
8	Robert Bernard
10	John Goodrich
11	Keira Kristo-Reinking
13	Don Brown
15	Mary Collins
16	Seth Griffin
17	Marlene Meredith
20	Ray Merrill
21	Jim Crandell
24	Donna Hunt Samantha Armstrong
30	Constance DeBord

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

5	Roy and Nancy Jones
17	Mack and Margery Lindsey Doug and Cesiah Cooper
22	Susan and Michael Jones

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Three weeks remain for the Lenten Food Drive! Bring to the table in the entry hall.

Protein

- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Canned Salmon
- Spam

Starch/Protein

- 1-2 lb. bag white rice
- 1-2 lb. bag pinto beans
- Oatmeal
- Mac & Cheese

Vegetables

- 14 oz. Canned Corn
- 14 oz. Canned Green Beans

Thanks to all who have contributed food items. Donations accepted through April 10 (Palm Sunday).

READINGS FOR APRIL

4/3 5 Lent (Link to readings)

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:8-14
- Luke 20:9-19

4/10 Palm Sunday (Link to readings)

- Isaiah 45:21-25
- Psalm 22:1-11
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:39-23:56

4/14 Maundy Thursday (Link to readings)

- Exodus 12:1-14a
- Psalm 78:14-25
- 1 Corinthians 23-32
- John 13:1-15

4/15 Good Friday (Link to readings)

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Psalm 22:1-11
- Hebrews 10:1-25
- John 18:1-19:37

4/16 Solemn Easter Vigil (Link to readings)

- 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

4/17 Easter Day (Link to readings)

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:14-29
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Luke 24:1-10

4/24 1 after Easter (Link to readings)

- Acts 5:12a,17-22,25-29
- Psalm 111
- Revelation 1:1-19
- John 20:19-31

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary](#) for the lessons. We are in Year C.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is based on the Cathedral Psalter and is available on our website.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sundays

9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery is provided.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed and recorded. Healing prayers at the altar rail following the service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for youth

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed with healing prayers after the service.

Holy Week

April 14, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

April 15, Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

April 16, Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Bible Study online via [Zoom](#).

Wednesdays

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Catechism class via Zoom

Thursdays (except 4/14)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom

1st Saturday, April 2

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Prayers for the Nation in person in the fellowship hall

2nd and 4th Fridays, April 8 and April 22

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home Group./Bible Study in person at the McCowns' house.

2nd & 4th Sundays, April 10 and April 24

~12:45 - 2 p.m. Luncheon and Bible study in person at the church.

2nd Monday, April 11

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

3rd Monday, April 18

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group online meeting. Contact Karl Stephan at kdstephan@txstate.edu to join the online meeting via Zoom or come in person to the fellowship hall.

4th Friday, April 22

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Make Ready Team in-person at St. Louis Catholic Church, Social Ministries Building

5:30 p.m. Food Truck Run, in-person, starts at St. Louis Catholic Church

To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancisaustin.org



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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.