



HOSANNA!

*Blessed is
he who comes
in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna
in the highest!*

Mt. 21:9

*¡Bendito el que viene
en el nombre del Señor!
¡Hosanna en las alturas!*

Mateo 21:9

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MASSES FOR MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2008

SAT 5:00pm Weekend Mass intentions: Parishioners of St. Paul
SUN 9:00am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm (Spanish)
MON 12 noon Eucharistic Service w/Deacon John Pickwell
TUE 12 noon healing: Aleyda Ecaeverria
WED 12 noon †David and Teresa Hinojosa, healing: Jose Guillen
Holy Thursday 7 pm Mass
Good Friday 7pm Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8pm Mass
(No 5:00pm Mass)
Floral Arrangements for weekend Masses are handled by
Debbie Trevino (282-1631). Please call her for details. *Thank you!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are recently deceased: †David and †Teresa Hinojosa
or healing and other needs: Norma Haberstroh, Mary Meshbane, John Stover, Veronica Balderas, Matthew Soto, Norma Vela, Luigi Falconieri, Aleyda Ecaeverria, Joey, Chris and Susan Williamson, Joanna Anderson, Celia Lopez, Julian Hernandez, Laura and Juan Mancilla, Menyon Higdorn, Danell Aulson, Anissa Kocian, Antonietta Lettere, Jazzy Lopez, Jim Magro, Antonia Fernandez, Dave Stritzinger, Louis Shronk, Greg Plese, Donna Schiffer, Veronica Balderas, Luis Puga, Julian Mendoza, Corrine Pardinek, Mary and Stephanie Nicholas, Jesse Ballin, Chris Kuhar, USMC Sgt. Major Payne, Justin Morris in Iraq
If you want to have a name on the prayer list, please call the office. Each month a new list is compiled.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16

Sun, Mar 16 Palm Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 27:11-54
Mon, Mar 17 Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12: 1-11
Tue, Mar 18 Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6; 15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed, Mar 19 Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thu, Mar 20 Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116:12-18; 1Cor:11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
Good Fri. Mar 21 Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-17,25; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Holy Sat. Mar 22 Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Mt 28:1-10

There is a small table with a basket near room 1 to submit any Prayer Requests. Please join the Prayer Group on Mondays from 9:00 to 10:30am to pray the rosary for your petitions.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

St. Paul will host its 17th Christian Experience Weekend from April 4-6 in Jarrell, Texas. The Weekend includes a series of talks, group discussions, celebrating the Sacraments, and prayer. The cost for the Weekend is \$50 and the deadline for registration is March 17, 2008. For more information, please contact Tony Elizondo at knightshade76@yahoo.com or 902-4796 or Maureen Touhy at texasgodmother@yahoo.com or 382-0715.

If you were not able to attend our reconciliation service last week, our neighboring parishes have their reconciliation services at these dates:

San Jose Parish-Monday, March 17 at 7pm
Santa Cruz Parish-Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm

2008 Tithing Envelopes for the year will be available in the foyer this weekend to be picked up. If you would like your envelopes during the week, please stop by the parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We need new members for our ministry. If you need more information, please call the church office.

St. Vincent dePaul's Poor box has been relocated to the foyer on the wall before you enter the main area of our church. Please consider the needy and give a donation.

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CHURCH SUPPORT for the Period 3/04/2008 to 3/10/2008

"Your Stewardship is the source of our growth"
Weekly tithing income budgeted \$ 8,500.00
Weekly tithing income \$ 7,401.94
Number of parishioners envelopes used: 187
Children's Envelopes \$ 58.25
Number of children's envelopes used: 18
SVdP \$ 2,481.57
Number of parishioners Envelopes used 150

Thank you for your continued generosity and support
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SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

+Youth Group Passion Mime: Sunday night, March 16 at 7pm
In the church

+Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper March 20 at 7pm
+Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Time: after the Holy Thursday Mass until 11:00pm

+Good Friday Stations of the Cross, March 21 at 3pm in church
+Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, March 21 at 7pm in church
+Youth Group Passion Mime, March 21 in church
Time: after the Good Friday Service

+Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 22 at 8pm in church
(No 5pm Mass)

+Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord Masses: March 23
Times: 9am, 11am and 12:30pm all in church
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Prayer to St. Joseph (Feastday: March 19)

O Blessed Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and protector of virgins, to whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary, I implore you by the love which you did bear them, to preserve me from every defilement of soul and body, that I may always serve them in holiness and purity of love. Amen

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lenten journey of repentance has led us to the gates of the holy city of Jerusalem. With the crowds who followed Jesus and acclaimed Him as their Messiah, we raise our palm branches and join in festive song. We then follow Jesus along the way of the cross as we share in His passion and death. With hearts open to the saving work God will accomplish we begin this holiest of weeks.

Easter Triduum

Our forty-day journey of conversion has come to an end. We begin the Paschal Triduum – the three day remembrance of the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord.

For centuries the Church has begun these sacred three days with these words:

"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through Him we are saved and made free."

Let us ask God to shower us with grace upon grace as we embark on these sacred three days.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ana Jackoskie, Director - 280-4460, x122, ajackoskie@s-p-c-c.org

There will be no Religious Education classes until March 24 due to Spring Break and Easter Week.

Attention Highschoolers: The Retreat Forms are due!

If you are planning to attend the Retreat on March 29/30, you need to turn in your forms as soon as possible.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Debbi Saunders Email: dsaunders2002@aol.com

It's that time of year again!!! **Mornings With Jesus has now opened enrollment for our 2008-2009 school year.** We have openings in our 2-day and 4-day programs for children ages 2-5. Don't wait too long; get your enrollment complete now. Forms are available in the church foyer. For tuition and availability information, please contact Lisa Phillips at 280-4460 x 124.

Preparing Parents for Kindergarten is a workshop that helps empower and familiarize families with formal schooling beyond the issues of shapes, letters and colors. Guest speaker Terri Moser who holds an MA in Counseling. **The workshop is Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00am.** Cost: by donation. Location: St. Paul's Upper Room. Call Lisa Phillips at 280-4460 to reserve a seat!

GIFT SHOP: Thank you for your purchases and support.

For those preparing for marriage: Couples planning to marry should contact a priest or deacon six months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Couples planning to attend the diocesan pre-marriage retreat, "Together in God's Image" in 2008 are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Retreats are scheduled at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton on the following weekends: May 16-18, June 20-22, Aug. 8-10 and Nov. 21-23. For registration information contact the diocesan Office of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life at (512) 873-7771 or joseph-white@austindiocese.org. For additional details and registration forms, visit www.austindiocese.org and click on "Ministries" then "Family counseling and Family Life."

Prayer For Our Military

"We beg You now to protect in a special way those who are defending us and the Country we love. Bless them and take care of them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. And if it be Your holy will that they should give up their lives for us, grant them a peaceful death and a home with You in Heaven. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when along with them and their families, we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more. Amen."

(Most Rev. Edwin E. O'Brien, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA)

Please save your hotel shampoo, soap, or other items that can be used for clients with our Social Ministry program. Please leave these items in the kitchen in a bag marked Bernice Machala.

FROM ASHES TO EASTER: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. We can help make things new with small sacrifices and generosity now. Put something in your Lent container each day. This will help special Mission Projects at home and abroad. Return your Lent box on Easter. And please pray for the Missions.

St. Paul parish offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Monday, March 24.

Thank you for your generous response in donating your non-perishable items for the Annual Food Pantry Drive. The call in scripture to "feed the poor" was answered. May God bless you abundantly.

Please consider a very special ministry in cleaning the small altar linens that are placed on the altar and used each time we celebrate Mass. A few women are needed for this important ministry. Please call Agnes at 243-1001 if interested. Thank you

KNIGHTS NEWS (Council 10209)

Carlos T. Mendoza, Grand Knight cmendoza31@sbcglobal.net, 293-7262

2008 Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Scholarship Award/Charities Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 12th at the Onion Creek Country Club golf course. The money raised will be used for higher education scholarships. Small merchant donations or gift certificates are needed to provide door prizes for participants. A hole-in-one on a selected par 3 wins \$10,000 and on another selected par 3 a new golf cart. We also need business sponsors who will be prominently recognized at the event. For more information please contact Lee Jan at 291-4809 or janclassof75@yahoo.com or contact Carlos Mendoza at 416-7555 or cmendoza31@sbcglobal.net. **Entry form registration for the tournament may be picked up from the Knights of Columbus box in the foyer of the church.**

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

The Vocation Discernment Retreat at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center is for men and women discerning a call to holiness and service as a priest, brother or sister. Registration required. Contact Diocese of Austin Vocation office at 512-679-2030/

Retrouvaille helps struggling couples: Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program helps hurting marriages and brings about reconciliation for couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information contact Pat or Terry Martin at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (512)233-0261.

Schedule for Holy Mass and Healing Service with Alan Ames:

April 4th at 7pm, **St. Anthony Marie deClaret in Kyle,**
April 5 at 5pm, **Our Lady's Maronite Church 51st in Austin**
April 6 at 7pm, **St. Ignatius Church on Oltorf in Austin.**

Alan has traveled world-wide for the past 13 years, sharing his inspiring conversion story and powerful healing ministry. Alan's conversion experiences have cause a dramatic change in his life from a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic, to a man of the Sacraments and prayer. There have been hundreds upon hundreds of documented spiritual and physical healings.

The Park at Beckett Meadows, 7709 Beckett Rd, Austin, has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to bring to you ALZ 101, An Introduction into Alzheimer's Disease. The workshop will begin at 6:30 to 8pm on March 18. This class is for anyone who is dealing with Alzheimer's Disease. It is FREE to the public. Please RSVP to txprograms@txalz.org or call 241-0420 for more information.