

Announcements

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Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

We begin this most sacred time of the year called the HOLY WEEK with the observance of the PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION and will end this week with the greatest feast of our faith called EASTER.

The opening scene for this week's liturgy is *the Commemoration of the Triumphal Entrance of our Lord Jesus into His Holy City of Jerusalem*, to be offered as the Sacrificial Lamb of the New Covenant, the Lamb that was slain for our sins but lives forever. By entering Jerusalem for this final act of the Paschal Mystery riding on a meek mule, Jesus chooses the path of humility that will manifest itself in the Washing of the Feet, in the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, in a meek submission to the humiliating suffering and crucifixion, and ultimately lead to the glory of His Resurrection. The lesson for us to be learnt is: **Humility and humble obedience leads to glory and life in God.**

But between His Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem and the Glorious Resurrection from the tomb lies embedded something so important, which is at the heart of the Paschal Mystery and at the center of our Faith. That is the Passion and Death of our Lord. **Whatever the circumstances of our entrance into this world might have been, none of us can enter into the glory of heaven and into eternal life, without participating in the passion and death of Jesus Christ.** That is what baptism is all about. We are called through baptism to die with the Lord that we may rise with the Lord. That is the way to be GROWING DISCIPLES!

The Passion narrative from the gospels that is read today (*Mt 26:14-27:66*), and again on Good Friday, calls our attention to this ultimate truth. Our CONVERSION that we seek during this Lent is not a cosmetic surgery for appearance, but a true desire to SEE Jesus and BE Jesus. The Passion narrative according to St. John read on Good Friday (*Jn 18:1-19:42*) has the Roman governor Pilate presenting the bruised, beaten, scourged and scorned Jesus to the crowd with what has become profoundly prophetic words: "ECCE HOMO" (Behold, the Man!). The shorter form of today's Passion narrative according to St. Matthew (*Mt 27:11-54*) ends with the centurion and the men with him under the cross looking up at Jesus and uttering the most profound truth about Jesus: "Truly this was the SON OF GOD!".

As we spend this Holy Week in prayer and in meditating the Passion narrative, **let us seek to SEE Jesus truly as He is: *The perfect Man in humble obedience to His Father and in loving service to His fellow men.*** As we see the many facets of sin in display, both as we read the passion narratives, and as we take a look at the world we live in, **let us also seek to BE Jesus truly as He is: *The Face of God's Divine Mercy through loving self-sacrifice.*** "Now is the time for us to reimagine what incredible things are possible if we walk with God" says Matthew Kelly in *Rediscover Catholicism* (pg 17)

Remember to make a good confession! Don't miss the Holy Triduum Liturgy on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil ! Make this Easter a true conversion from sin to grace, old to new, death to life! Be assured of my prayers for you every day of this week! I look forward to our 8 week Bible Study called "**A Quick Journey through the Bible**" by Jeff Cavins starting on Thursday after Easter at 6 pm in the Centennial Room in the Parish Hall. Sign up immediately if you haven't yet!

God bless and Mary protect you and yours!

Yours in Christ's service,

Fr. Edwin Kagoo

THY WILL, LORD!

BIBLE STUDY: We are starting the **8-week Bible Study, “A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE”** by Jeff Cavins, beginning **Thursday, April 20th at 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** If you plan to attend the study along with the 30 others who have already signed up, **please sign the registration form in the narthex of the Church immediately.** We also need volunteers to assist with facilitating the program. If you would like to assist with this great mission in our parish, please contact Fr. Edwin

You may place your envelopes in the collection plate.

Parish Lenten Penance Service: will be at 7:00pm on Sunday, April 9th.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY: 8 am: Palms will be blessed in front of the Church and procession to the Church for Mass will follow.

HOLY TUESDAY: No Mass here. The Chrism Mass with the Bishop and the Presbyterate and Laity of the diocese at 10 am at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin.

WEDNESDAY: No Holy Hour – please attend Thursday’s Adoration from 8:00pm to midnight.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 pm: Mass with the Washing of the Feet, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

All those whose first letter of last name begins with T-Z : 8pm -9 pm

A-G: 9pm -10 pm

H-L: 10pm - 11 pm

M-S: 11 pm-Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY: A Day of Fasting and Abstinence 11am: Stations of the Cross

3 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena (Day 1)

6 pm: The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion with the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

There will be a special collection for the Holy Land.

EASTER VIGIL: 8:30 pm: Liturgy of the Light will commence outside the Church in the dark. Then we will proceed into the Church for the Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S

RESURRECTION: MASS AT 9 am:

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Has this Lent been a meaningful one for you? It is never too late to make a start by using this Holy Week to be the best one ever. Go to confession! Read the Passion narrative!! Attend the liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil!!! Spend more time in prayer and meditation!!!! Come; be with the Lord in Adoration especially on Holy Thursday night!!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Divine Mercy devotion is the fastest growing devotion in the world today. It is a very appropriate and timely one for us and our world, where we see so much misery due to lack of mercy.

In the midst of the Great Depression in 1931, when the memories of the first world war was still fresh in the minds of the people of Europe, Jesus personally visited Faustina Kowalska, a young polish nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family. Her 600-page diary that records the apparitions of Jesus to her that she claimed lasted several years, focuses on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. According to her, it was Jesus’ own desire to establish the Feast of Mercy to be a refuge and shelter for all souls. “I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is the feast of My Mercy,” said Jesus to St. Faustina.

This year the feast will be on Sunday, April 23rd. The novena begins on Good Friday.

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Easter Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, the Westphalia Historical Society and Branch #3 Catholic Life will sponsor the Parish Social and host an Easter Egg Hunt for youngsters (infants thru 8 years of age). Bring your Easter baskets and enjoy the fun.

FREE BOOK FOR EASTER: Continuing our new tradition, a book entitled “RESISTING HAPPINESS” by Matthew Kelly will be distributed after Mass on Easter Sunday, one copy per family. Any donation towards this program will be greatly appreciated.

Second Banns of Marriage for Britnee Paige Ward of Hewitt, daughter of Ricky and Pam Ward of our parish, and James Michael Chane of Hewitt, son of Alvin and Jessica Chane of Waco. If you know of any impediment to this marriage please contact the pastor. **Easter Lilies** to adorn the altar will be provided by the Altar society. If you would like to donate \$10.00 per flower please use the envelopes marked “Flower Offering” dated March19th in your box of church envelopes. Orders will be taken through April 9, 2017.

<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>				<i>April 9, 2017</i>
	April 8th	April 9th	April 15th	April 16th
	<i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	<i>Saturday, 8:30pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 9:00am</i>
Intentions	+Connie Smiser +Ronnie Ranly +Leonard Ranly +Evelyn Lehman Zeig	Palm Sunday Parishioners	Holy Saturday +Mary Cox Florene Gudat +Marcus Wilde	Easter Sunday Parishioners
Altar Servers	Brenden Dorskocil & Helen Gausemeier	Graham Kahlig & Nolan Kahlig	Mikey Lewis, Brenden Dorskocil, Adam Herwald, Logan Kleypas	Graham Kahlig, Nolan Kahlig, Jason Hoff, Helen Gausemeier
Lector	Shawna Ranly	Ray Rabroker	Laurie Hoelscher	Tammie Frenzel
Gift Bearers	Walton Hering, Jr. Family	Gary Frei Family	Cacie Jackson, Dalton Kahlig & Charla Kahlig	David Williams Family
Ushers	Paul Dorskocil & Randy Lorenz	Louis Vrana & Hagen Hoelscher	Bradley Rudloff & Jonathan Frei	Todd Dorskocil & Jeff Hering
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Amanda Moeller	Janet Loden	Emily Hering	Geraldine Kahlig
Money Counters		Lonnie Ranly and Bill & Kitty Reid		Chris & Peggy Hrabal and Georgia Ketterman
Rosary Leaders	Georgia Ketterman	Kenneth & Geraldine Kahlig	Georgia Ketterman	Kenneth & Geraldine Kahlig
Vocations Cross Family		Curtis & Catherine Kahlig		Raymond & Margaret Moeller
Church Cleaners	4/8 & 4/15	Vonnie Green, Jet Kleypas, Tammy Ryan, Jill Williams		
	April 11th	April 12th	April 13th	April 14th
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday, 7:20am</i>	<i>Thursday, 7:00pm</i>	<i>Friday, 6:00pm</i>
Weekday Mass Intentions	No Mass Chrism Mass in Austin	+Doug Landry +Vince Tana +Charlotte Ann Thornton	+John Lingnau +Helen Lingnau +Larry R. Hoelscher	Stations of the Cross 11:00am Service 6:00pm

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Deacon Bill Smetana
Deacon Charlie Wright
Deacon Julian Tyboroski

Saturday Mass – 6:00pm
Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

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04-09-2017

Our Mission is:

TO SEE JESUS & **TO BE JESUS**
In life and liturgy & *In family and community*

Meetings:

High School Religious Education Class 4/9 after Mass
Outreach Class 4/9 after Mass
Confirmation Class 4/9 after Mass
No Adult Choir Practice 4/9

Offerings:

4/2 \$ 2,223.00
Children's Collection \$38.57
Building Fund \$1,128.00

Sanctuary Candle is burning during April
in memory of Reverend Reinhold Schmitt and Lucille Kennedy

Please pray for the sick & suffering:

Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Jack Longmore, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.