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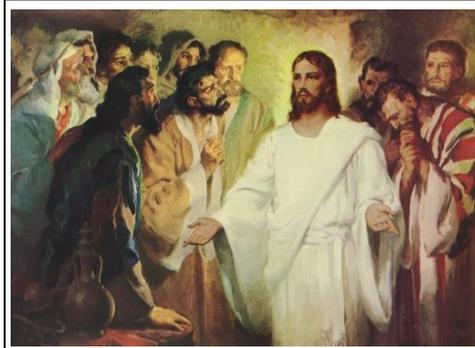
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THE SANCTUARY
LIGHT
IS OFFERED
IN HONOR OF
THE HANH BUI
FAMILY

SANDRA MACIAS

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 17

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 20 at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 20 at 10-11 AM

Wednesday, April 21 at 9:30 AM

Thursday, April 22 at 9:30 AM

Friday, April 23 at 9:30 AM

Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 25 at 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 25 at 6:30 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

+DOROTHY ZAJAC

MISSA PRO POPULO

+ Joseph Bui

Eucharistic Adoration

+ Joseph Bui

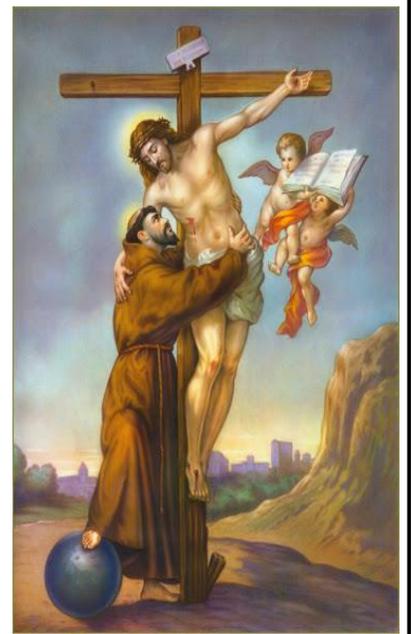
+ Joseph Bui

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+ Jimmy Fagan

Missa Pro Populo

(Vietnamese) + Joseph Bui



APRIL 2021 LECTOR SCHEDULE

APRIL 17 KATHY RUSSELL

APRIL 18 CLIFF EBEL

APRIL 24 RON ZAJAC

APRIL 25 BENITA EBEL

May 2021

MAY 1 JOE LABUDA

MAY 2 BRIGID BREAZEAL



“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

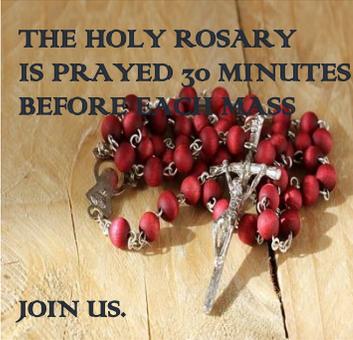
**YOUR GIFTS TO
GOD**

April 11 weekend:

Church: \$2,326.00

Building Fund: \$45.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Franklin, TX Food Pantry
A second collection for the Franklin Food Pantry will be taken up at each Mass this weekend April 17/18. Please be generous in helping those in need.



EASTER ISN'T OVER YET! WHY YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE ALL 50 DAYS...

Like Christmas, Easter is not simply a day but a season.

Lasting fifty days, the season of Easter, also known as Eastertide, is a time for celebrating new life. After journeying with discipline and devotion through our own desert-places during Lent and walking alongside Christ through the realms of darkness, uncertainty, and betrayal evoked during Holy Week and the *Triduum*, the light of Easter morning brings the assurance of resurrection and redemption.

As the earth bursts with new life around us and the day grows longer than the night, we are reminded of the significance of the process of metamorphosis to the spiritual journey. We must surrender what is old so that we might be made new. Without it, there would be no transformation. It is this truth that we savor and celebrate during the fifty days of Easter. While Easter is the oldest and most significant feast in the Christian church, however, it begins not with the sounds of celebration, but in the quiet corners between longing and liberation. Christ's resurrection isn't a triumphant event proclaimed with fanfare so that all might know of his return, but rather a mystical visitation to those who remained faithful and had eyes to see.

Because we, too, know of the redemption that awaits, we are not fully disheartened by the darkness faced during Holy Week because it is death that gives resurrection its meaning. Instead, we inhabit the hours leading up to Easter with patience, awareness, and anticipation, keeping vigil as we wait for the appearance of the risen Christ. In the final leg of our communal journey along the path of the passion of Christ that began during Holy week, we recount the stories that led to the coming of Christ and progress toward the moment in which we can finally declare, "He is Risen!"

This is the proclamation of Easter and the manifesto of the season to come. Just as we were invited during Holy Week to enter into darkness and contemplate how we have in our own ways crucified Christ, we now are invited to live in the resurrection as we celebrate the risen Christ and honor the things that bring us new life, both big and small.

For fifty days we are called to view all of life through the lens of a Sunday feast, dwelling in the abundance of the kingdom of God as we name and celebrate our places of resurrection. These places of life serve as guideposts for the journey, for they are where we continue to encounter Christ—the way, the truth, and the life, and the pathway to the Divine—on our journey of awakening.

The invitation of Eastertide, then, is to look for these guideposts in everyday life and lean into them as we seek to live out and celebrate the kingdom of God and the renewal that it brings.



Seminarians and Priests Education and Formation Special Collection - Good Shepherd Sunday, April 24 and 25

The Diocese of Austin, along with our Vocations Director Father Greg Gerhart, works tirelessly to ensure that we have sufficient priests to celebrate the sacraments, preach homilies that move hearts and guide our faithful on their journey to Christ. To ensure our priests are well-prepared, seminarians study philosophy, theology, scripture, and pastoral care, seminarian education and formation in the Diocese of Austin takes anywhere from seven to nine years, depending on the academic background of each man in formation. In addition to the academic formation, the Diocese cares for the whole seminarian with health insurance, ongoing formation in prayer and spirituality, and summer programs for the study of Spanish. The total cost of forming a seminarian is about \$55,000 per year. As financial reasons should never prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood, your contribution to this special collection, as well as the Catholic Services Appeal and our Seminarian Endowment in the Catholic Foundation, ensures that your future priests will have excellent formation in preparation to serve you.

Ways to Give: Drop gift off in the collection basket. Online Giving.

Mail: Checks may be mailed to your parish or to the Diocese of Austin (6225 E US HWY 290 SVRD EB, Austin, TX 78723). Please include the collection name on your check.

May God bless you for your generosity and please pray for our seminarians.