



**Preparing Ourselves for Holy Week**

We are coming to the end of the season of Lent and as every year we enter the climax of this Holy season during Holy Week, but more specifically during the Triduum. Every year, the church, in her wisdom, asks us to prepare ourselves for forty days through fasting, prayer and alms giving in order to be absorbed in the final moments of the life of Christ by which God the Father reveals his love for his children and his plan of salvation.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, Jesus begins to teach us something about God that no human being ever thought God would do. As he enters the city of Jerusalem and as he receives the words “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest,” Jesus begins to show himself as a true King...but a King that is totally different.

This King does not enter the city with troops around him or an elegant caravan of servants ready to exercise his power in an authoritarian and brutal way. Rather this king enters the city with the thought that his kingdom is not from this world and for that reason no complement or praise could affect him in any way. This king enters with a feeling that he would very soon have to face the most tragic experiences a human being can undergo like abandonment, betrayal, humiliation, suffering and death among others. This king, at the same time, enters the city with a profound desire in his heart. This desire is to bring salvation to all the world through his passion and death. “For this I was born,” Jesus would answer Pilate when he asked about his kingdom.

Jesus is an admirable human being. He is truly a king who gives his life for those who were entrusted to him. Jesus, the human being, would show us how the most divine act any human being can do is the one of giving one’s life for others. It is my prayer that this coming week we place our eyes on the King of kings and Lord of lords who manifests the presence of God in the most painful experiences that all men and women fear. He manifests the presence of God in the midst of abandonment, betrayal, humiliation, suffering and death. Let us ask the grace to contemplate Jesus from the most profound places of our hearts so that we can see through every movement of Jesus every word, every gaze, and every gesture how God the Father reveals to us who He is and how valuable we are for him.

Father Alex Caudillo

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**Holy Week / Semana Santa**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tue., Recep.Holy oils**

7:00 pm – Bilingual Mass.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday**

6:30 pm – English Mass.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm – Bilingual Mass.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Holy Friday (English)**

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

In the church

3:30 pm Good Friday Services

In the church

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

8:30 pm – Bilingual Mass.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**

8:00 am – English Mass

**Martes, Recep. de Aceites Santos**

7:00 pm Misa Bilingue

**Miércoles,**

6:30 pm Misa en Ingles

**Jueves Santo**

7:00 pm Misa Bilingue

**Viernes Santo Español**

5:00 pm Viacrucis en vivo

detras del PAC

6:30 pm –Servicio de Viernes Santo

detras del PAC

**Sábado Santo**

8:30 pm Misa Bilingue

**Domingo de Resurreccion**

9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm

& 5:00 pm Misas en Español

**Mass intention/ Intenciones de Misa**

**Monday/Lunes March 21<sup>st</sup>,**

6:30 pm – English Mass. For health to Camila Cruz Osorio by her parents.

**Tuesday/Martes March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Reception Holy oils**  
7:00 pm – Bilingual Mass.Por la salud de Elodia Bautista por familia, ☩ Moises Jaimes a un año de fallecido

**Wednesday/Miercoles, March 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

6:30 pm – English Mass. For health to Elodia Bautista by her family.

**Holy Thursday/Jueves Santo March 24<sup>th</sup>,**

7:00 pm – Bilingual Mass.

**Holy Friday/Viernes Santo March 25<sup>th</sup>,**

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

3:30 pm Good Friday Services (English)

5:00 pm Viacrucis en vivo detrás del PAC (Español)

6:30 pm –Servicio de Viernes Santo.(Español)

**Saturday/Sábado March 26<sup>th</sup>,**

8:30 pm – Bilingual Mass.

**Sunday/Domingo March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday of**

**the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 am – For the intentions of the envelopes.

9:30 am – Por las intenciones de los sobres.

11:30 am – Por las intenciones de los sobres.

1:30 pm – Por las intenciones de los sobres.

5:00 pm – Por las intenciones de los sobres.

**This Week in our parish**

**Sunday/Domingo March 20<sup>th</sup>,**

8:00 am RE classes

7:00 pm Rosary for the peace - Sanctuary

**Monday/Lunes March 21<sup>st</sup>,**

6:00 pm SINE– CHRR, PAC #3 y 6

6:40 pm Clase – PAC hall

7:00 pm Legion of Mary- St. Bosco

7:00 pm Grupo Oracion- Libreria

7:00 pm Taller de oracion y vida – St. Dominic

**Tuesday/Martes March 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

9:00 am Bible study - CHRR

6:00 pm Scouts – all facilities

7:00 pm Coro 7:00 pm – St. Cecilia

7:00 pm ESL – St. Bosco, St. Catherine

7:00 pm Cub Scouts – St. Dominic

**Wednesday/Miercoles March 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

6:00 pm CRSP – PAC hall, #1, y #2

6:00 pm Crecimiento – PAC # 6

7:00 pm Arcoiris – St. Cecilia

7:00 pm Obreros – St Bosco

7:00 pm Confirmation class – PAC # 3

7:00 pm RICA – Church reception room

7:00 pm RCIA – St. Catherine

**Thursday/Jueves March 24<sup>th</sup>,**

No meetings allowed in the facilities.

No habra juntas de grupos o ministerios en los salones.

**Friday/Viernes March 25<sup>th</sup>,**

No meetings allowed in the facilities.

No habra juntas de grupos o ministerios en los salones.

**Saturday/Sábado March 26<sup>th</sup>,**

No meetings allowed in the facilities.

No habra juntas de grupos o ministerios en los salones.

**Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016**

Sun. Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Phil 2:8-9; Lk 22:14—23:56or 23:1-49

Mon. Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tue. Is 9:1-6;Ps71:1-2,3-4a;5ab-6ab,15,and17;Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed. Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34;Mt 26:14-25 Thu. Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri. Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Phil 2:8-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat. Gn 1: 1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a;Ps 104:1-2,5-6, 10,12,13-14,24,35 or Ps 33:4-5,6-7,12-13,20-22;Gn 22:1-18or22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18;Ps16:5,8,9-10,11;Ex14:15-15:1;Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-18;Is 54:5-14;Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13;Is 55:1-11; Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4; Ps19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42: 3, 5; 43: 3, 4 or Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6: 3-11;Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24: 1-12,

Sun. Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

### Preparándonos para la Semana Santa

Ya se acerca el final de la Cuaresma y como cada año su cúspide se encuentra en la celebración de la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual en específico. Cada año, en su sabiduría, la Iglesia por medio de los cuarenta días de ayuno, oración y obras de caridad nos prepara para ser absorbidos en este evento en el cual Dios Padre revela su amor y su plan para todos nosotros.

Comenzando con el Domingo de Ramos, Jesús nos enseña algo de Dios que jamás ningún ser humano hubiera pensado. Al entrar en ese burrito y al recibir las palabras “Bendito el rey que viene en el nombre del Señor, Paz en el cielo y gloria en las alturas,” Jesús comenzaba a mostrarse como un rey de verdad...pero un rey diferente.

Este rey no entraba con tropas y con una marcha de gala como un rey dispuesto a ejercer su reino de una manera autoritaria y brutal. Este rey entraba, por lo contrario, ya con un pensamiento de saber que su reino no era de este mundo y por esa razón toda palabra de halago no lo pondría en un lugar de soberbia y orgullo. Este rey ya entraba cabalgando con un sentimiento de que muy pronto tendría que enfrentarse a las disoluciones más grandes en la vida del ser humano como es el abandono, la traición, la humillación, el sufrimiento y la muerte. Este rey, al mismo tiempo, ya entraba con un deseo en su corazón, un deseo de salvar a toda la humanidad por medio de su pasión y su muerte.

Jesús es en verdad un hombre de admiración. Jesús es un verdadero rey que da la vida por aquellos quienes le fueron confiados. Jesús, el ser humano, nos demostrara como el acto divino más grande en el ser humano es el darse por los demás.

Esta semana es mi oración que todos miremos al rey de reyes y señor de señores quien nos muestra como la divinidad de Dios se manifiesta en las cosas que causan más temor al ser humano como el abandono, la traición, la humillación, el sufrimiento y la muerte, entre muchas otras. Contemplemos a Jesús desde lo más profundo de nuestro ser pues cada movimiento, cada palabra, cada mirada, y cada gesto nos revelan de manera tan hermosa quien es Dios Padre y lo valioso que somos para El.

Padre Alex Caudillo

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**“You can count on me”** Update on pledge cards to date. If you have not filled your pledge card, you can take one from the church entrances or ask for one to the ushers. Fill it out and put in the collection basket or in the boxes marked at the church entrance.

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Pledge cards/Promesas	871	748	775
Pledge amounts/Prometido	\$14,343	\$11,079	\$12,775

**“Puedes contar conmigo”** Actualización sobre las promesas hechas hasta el día de hoy. Si usted no ha llenado su tarjeta de promesas, puede tomar una de las entradas de la iglesia o pídale a los acomodadores. Déjela en la canasta de la colecta o en las cajas que están en las entradas de la iglesia.

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>			
Responsible weekly budget		\$13,100.00	
Sacrificial giving / Diezmo		\$16,251.00	
SVDP/St. Vincent de Paul		\$ 4,891.40	
<b>Breakfast sale Estrellas de Cristo 4/13/16</b>			
Total	Gastos	Grupo	Iglesia
\$1,222.00	\$621.53	\$420.47	\$180.00
Thank you for your generosity! Gracias por su generosidad!			

### Masses for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

On April 4, many throughout the Austin Diocese will make or renew their “Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary” on the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. The rosary and Mass will be offered on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord April 4 at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin at 6 p.m., at St. Helen Parish in Georgetown at 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Parish in Killeen at 5 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Martindale at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Taylor at 6:30 p.m., and at St. Mary Parish in Temple at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org).  
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### DCCW convention is April 11-12 in Austin

The 67th annual Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Convention will be held April 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin. Catholic women from across the diocese are invited to come together for fellowship, keynote speakers and service. For more information, visit [www.AustinDiocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen.org](http://www.AustinDiocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen.org).  
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### Presentation on Pastoral Plan

Bishop Joe Vásquez will give a presentation on the Pastoral Plan: Encounter that Leads to Transformation April 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish in Austin. This talk will be in English. This presentation is one in a series by the bishops to share more about the plan, what it means for our diocese and how it can personally help you in your faith journey. The evening will include prayer, reflection and a reception. For more information about the Pastoral Plan, visit [www.austindiocese.org/welcome](http://www.austindiocese.org/welcome).