

The St. Francis Bulletin

LAST CALL FOR LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who have contributed so far to the food drive.

This food drive runs through March 24 - so you still have time to contribute. The St. Louis food pantry provides food assistance to the needy of our community and is one of the largest food pantries in Austin. Volunteers distribute food on Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. On a typical Saturday, up to 80 families who live in the central Austin area receive food assistance. There is a table set up in the St. Francis entry hall for donations.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Holy Week & Easter Services

- March 24, Palm Sunday - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm
- March 29, Good Friday Liturgy, Noon.
- March 30, Solemn Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm with choral Eucharist.
- March 31, Easter Sunday, 8:30 am, said Eucharist and 10:30 am choral Eucharist with the flowering of the cross.

Sunday, March 24, is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. On this day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but also read the passion narrative, to recall that Jesus' popularity was fleeting while on earth and that his suffering and death were the ultimate reason for his being here. At both services, a liturgy to bless the palm crosses will be included.

March 28 is Maundy Thursday and the Holy Communion service will be a celebration in remembrance of the supper Jesus had with His disciples on the night before he died. Maundy, as you may know, comes from the Latin word *mandatum* from which our word *mandate* comes. There are many things that the Lord commanded us to do, but this command speaks specifically of the command to love one another. We do this on Maundy Thursday by celebrating the Eucharist remembering the greatest act of love toward us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This will take place at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday, March 29 at noon - we will remember the Lord's passion and death with readings from Scripture, including the Passion story from St. John.

Saturday, March 30 at 8 pm - we will have the Easter Vigil service.

Our Sunday services for Easter will be at 8:30 and 10:30 am. The latter service will be preceded by the flowering of the cross by our children.

We hope that all can attend one of our Easter services, as well as those in Holy Week.

PRAYING AT HOME

An excellent resource for Morning and Evening Prayer is "Cradle of Prayer." Led by a priest and cantor using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, it's a wonderful way to refresh your mind, heart, and soul as we walk in the path of our Lord together- especially during these uncertain and trying times.

Go to cradleofprayer.org/this-weeks-prayers and click on the day of the week.

If you prefer to say the service yourself, Morning and Evening prayer in the written form are available at CommonPrayer.org.

In addition, all are welcome to come to St. Francis on Thursdays at 7 pm to say Evening Prayer with a small group of St. Francis members and friends.

EASTER LILIES

The sanctuary will be adorned with flowers and lilies beginning with the Easter Vigil on March 30. 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, March 24.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, March 9, Daylight Saving Time kicks in. Don't forget to move your clock one hour forward and mourn that one hour of sleep you will be missing until standard time returns on Nov. 3rd.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

21 Fr. Rogers and Marlene Meredith

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Hannah Hatley
5 Bill Palmer
12 Ganne McCullough
14 Marilynn Palmer
15 Melissa Nelson Bernard
19 Julia Gwin
24 Chuck Mazzeo
26 Grady Collins
28 Lavanna Martin

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion. Healing prayers at the altar rail follow the service
9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults & Youth)
10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Communion. Healing prayers after the service.
12:00 p.m. Choir Practice (after the 10:30 Communion Service)

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bible Study online via Zoom. New members are welcome.

Thursdays

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

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 2 - 10:00 a.m. Prayers for the Nation

Mar 8 - 2nd Friday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home group at the McCown's house. New members are welcome.

Mar 11 - 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

Mar 13 - 7:00 p.m. Home group at the Crandell's house.

Mar 18 - 3rd Monday - 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.

Mar 22 - 4th Friday

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Make Ready Team

5:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Truck Run

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home group at the McCown's house

Mar 27 - 7:00 p.m. Home group at the Crandell's house.

Mar 28 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

Mar 29 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service.

Note on the calendar:

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

READINGS FOR MARCH

3/3 3rd Sunday in Lent

(Link to Readings)

Ephesians 5:1-14

St. Luke 11: 14-28

3/10 4th Sunday in Lent

(Link to Readings)

Galatians 4:21-31

St. John 6:1-14

3/17 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

(Link to Readings)

Hebrews 9:11-15
St. John 8:46-59a

3/24 Palm Sunday

(Link to Readings)

Philippians 2:5-11
St. Matthew 27:1-54

3/28 Maundy Thursday

(Link to Readings)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
St. Luke 23:1-49
(St. John 13:1-15)

3/29 Good Friday

(Link to Readings)

Hebrews 10:1-25
St. John 19:1-37

3/31 Easter Sunday

(Link to Readings)

Colossians 3:1-4
St. John 20:1-10

Notes on the Readings:

- St. Francis follows the lectionary from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- The text read is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- On the fourth Sunday of the month, we will use the Psalm appointed for that day in the Morning Prayer portion of the service.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on <http://commonprayer>.

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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.