

Church of the Good Shepherd

April 2011 Newsletter

April 4, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are on the last weeks of Lent. I hope you will take this time to redouble your efforts in your Lenten sacrifices and increase in spiritual reading. We'll need all the strength we can muster to get us through to Easter. As you are well aware, the 17th is Palm Sunday. This begins the story of the betrayal of the Christ and ends with his death on the Cross. We will have a cross making session on the 16, which is also our parish clean-up day. Several people have been working on getting the property in its best possible shape so all may enjoy our worship area. Lend a hand this round by dedicating at least 2-3 hours for some project around the church. If you can't come on Saturday, then there are any number of days and projects that can fit your schedule. Many hands, light loads! It is our hope to have the property sparkling for the most important feast in the Church year. Christ's resurrection is the difference between the atheists' eternal void and the Christians' eternal life of love with God.

Be sure to put Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on your schedules so you don't miss these important days. The Watch list will be posted. Spend an hour with Jesus and allow yourselves some time to develop a "think place" where you can come closer to the Christ. This may be one of the most valuable hours you can spend in your worship.

Easter, as it is a holy day of obligation (that means no excuses other than grievous illness or death are acceptable), and what could be better than bringing a friend to church. After all, we will be at our best in appearance and will be able to share the joy of Christ risen, the Good News, with someone who needs to hear this greatest of all messages. Who knows, Good Shepherd may just be the spiritual home they've been seeking.

Ladies, be sure to make the meeting on the 12th so we can ensure all plans are in place.

Soup and Scriptures will take a break on the 25th. We will decide what direction we will go prior to that time. I will be going to the Mass of Collegiality on the 19th to get our new oils. If we need any supplies, that will be the last chance to insure we are stocked up.

Please also note that will clear the prayer list. If someone continues to need additional prayers, please put it in writing, and make sure Olene gets the information for the bulletin.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew +". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a small cross at the end.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – *Nave*
 11:15 a.m. Refreshments – *Parish Hall*
 Following Church School

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Service - *Nave*
 followed by Breakfast
 (All men and boys are invited)
 5:15 p.m. Simple Said Service – *Nave*

Nursery care available on Sunday mornings

Schedules for April

Chalice/Readers:

3	Harry Thomas
10	Michael Schultz
17	Kathy and Jeff Marugg
24	Ann and Bob Beadel
May 1	Kit and Jay Timmins

Acolytes & Candles:

3	Sara Byrd
10	Bettis Morelock
17	James Orr
24	Sara Byrd
May 1	Bettis Morelock

Altar Guild: Susan Bradley
 Betty Broome

Greeter: Clois Broome

WOC Hostesses: Margaret Clayton, Kit
 Timmins, Susan Bradley, Bonnie Dillard

Meals on Wheels Week: April 25
 Contact: Susan Timmins or Kit Timmins

Vigil

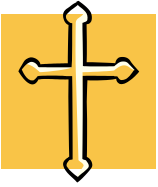


Maundy Thursday to Good Friday

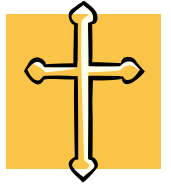
Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. – Friday, April 22, Noon, Nave

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall available for you to indicate which hour(s) you would like to spend in prayer with our Lord. Sign up early!

Holy Days in April

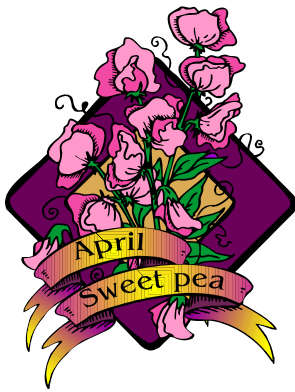


10	Passion Sunday	21	Maundy Thursday, 5:30 pm	23	Holy Saturday
17	Palm Sunday	22	Good Friday, 5:30 pm	24	Easter



Celebrating April Birthdays and Anniversaries

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not included in the parish roster.
Please contact Betty Broome at bbroome@hputx.edu to provide your family's information!*



4	Wesley Fletcher
5	Barbara Helbert
6	Mario Salazar
7	The Browders
8	Jane Weatherby
10	James Timmins
11	Donnetta Alexander
12	Travis Alexander
16	Sydney Helbert
27	The Beadels
28	Gabe Adamez
29	Hilton Painter

The Truth Project

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study helps Christians examine the Biblical truth claims of God. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this one project represents the possibility for exponential change within the body of Christ, as we expect that thousands will be transformed by this curriculum. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world.

We are all invited to be a part of this cultural change by participating in the small group sessions led by Kit and Jay. You are welcome to bring guests as we share in lively discussion following our Lenten suppers starting March 16. The sessions will continue beyond the Lenten season for an additional six weeks.

Vestry Members

2009-2012	2010-2013	2011-2014
Jose Brown	Clois Broome	Olene Hart-Brown
Bonnie Dillard	Robert McDaniel	Frank Niemiec
Cooper Morelock	Peggy Ross	Babbie Painter
Mario Salazar	Jay Timmins	Michael Schultz
Michael Heinrich		

Next Vestry Meeting is April 10. Give input to your vestry members concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish.

Recycle Greeting Card Covers

CGS participated in the St. Jude's Ranch recycled card program several years ago, and we would like to reinstitute the tradition. Please leave your card fronts at the church office. Here's a little history on the program from their website:

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show our donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. Operated by Kids, Corp., and a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green".

Card Donating Tips:

- *All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are used.*
- *Only the card front can be used*
- *We cannot accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.*
- *5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.*

Lenten Suppers

Immediately following the Eucharist on Wednesdays at 5:30, Lenten suppers will be served at approximately 6:10, followed by The Truth Project. If you would like to assist with the suppers, please feel free to contact the hostesses.

April 6 Kit Timmins, Margaret Clayton
April 13 Jane Ellen Jamar, Bonnie Dillard

Church Directory Updates

Jane Weatherby – Patient – Room 301
Cornerstone Hospital
4207 Burnet Road
Austin, TX 78756

Beautification Days

Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. April 16 is the day set to give the grounds much needed TLC. There is something for everybody to do. Refreshments are always available to wet your “whistle while you work.” No list to sign, just show up and be ready to enjoy the company of friends!

Food Pantry Items Needed

Collection of non-perishables food items is ongoing for the needy families of our community. The items are taken to the food pantry monthly after the Women of the Church meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

Making Palm Crosses

On Saturday, April 16, a group will gather in the Parish Hall to make palm crosses to be distributed the next morning, Palm Sunday. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn this ancient technique. Don't be concerned about not knowing how – we have some “old hands” who are willing to pass on this talent.

Prayer Web

A group of women have committed to pray on a daily basis for the needs of parishioners and friends. Requests are delivered to e-mail addresses or by phone. *Please call any of the following to request prayer for a special need:*

Stephanie Adamez
Susan Bradley
Betty Broome
Sue Byrd

Deborah Childs
Margaret Clayton
Bonnie Dillard
Lynda Thomas

Kit Timmins
Susan Timmins
Mary Jo Turner



Soup and Scriptures



Every Monday a group has been meeting for weekly study sessions. "Soup and Scriptures" times have been set from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. to allow those who work the opportunity to attend. Father Bradley leads the study in the Parish Hall.



*Take advantage of a homemade light lunch
and stuff yourself with the Word of the Lord.*

This poem was given out at the last "Soup and Scriptures" session when we studied about Lazarus.

The Convert

By G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

After one moment when I bowed my head
And the whole world turned over and came upright,
And I came out where the old road shone white,
I walked the ways and heard what all men said,
Forests of tongues, like autumn leaves unshed,
Being not unlovable but strange and light;
Old riddles and new creeds, not in despite
But softly, as men smile about the dead.

The sages have a hundred maps to give
That trace their crawling cosmos like a tree,
The rattle reason out through many a sieve
That stores the sand and lets the gold go free:
And all these things are less than dust to me
Because my name is Lazarus and I live.

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