



Holy Cross Province News

April 2019

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LOOKING FORWARD...

- April 14**
Palm Sunday
- April 19**
Good Friday
- April 21**
Easter Sunday
- April 28**
Divine Mercy Sunday

Updates...

- Please keep Craig Franklin and his family in your prayers. Craig, one of our Passionist Alumni, died on March 15 at the age of 67 after battling cancer. He was an original member of our Passionist Alumni Council. Rest in peace, dear brother.
- Provincial Council meetings will be held April 11-12, via Zoom video conferencing.
- Our retreat centers are hosting a variety of programs for Holy Week. Check out their [websites](#) for more information on upcoming programs.
- Catholic Theological Union (CTU) will hold its annual ***Blessed are the Peacemakers Trustee Dinner*** on April 24. This year's honorees are Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, advocate for the abolition of the death penalty, and Father Jack Wall, president of Catholic Extension.
- Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School's 7th annual *Rey of Hope* Gala will be held May 2 at The Club in Birmingham.
- Provincial Visitation will take place at the following communities:
 - April 11-16 - Mater Dolorosa, Sierra Madre
 - April 23-30 - St. Vincent Strambi, Chicago
 - April 30-May 4 - Holy Family, Birmingham



“Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”

-Mark 16:6 (NABRE)

Lenten Parish Missions...

Our Passionist preachers have been on the move during this Lenten season. From Florida to California, Massachusetts to Louisiana and Texas, they are crisscrossing the country to preach the Good News!



Blaise Czaja preaches a mission in Galveston, Texas.



Cedric Pisegna preaching at his mission in Metairie, Louisiana.
Photo credit: Brooks Seguine.

Blessed are they...

In San Antonio, Texas, Community of Passionist Partners (CPPs) Ricardo and Bea Riojas and Dr. Tom and Gloria Uribe help immigrants who have been released from the detention center near San Antonio. They help the immigrants connect with sponsors as they await further proceedings.

Getting to their sponsors' homes, the immigrants - men, women and children - often have to travel separate from their families. The CPPs instruct the travelers in Spanish about what to expect when they arrive in their destination city.

The CPPs of San Antonio also have an ongoing commitment with *Posada Guadalupe*, a group home in San Antonio that houses immigrants.



Bea Riojas at the airport with a group of immigrants.

Holy Family Catholic Academy...

The Passionist Family of Birmingham came out to support a Silent Auction benefiting Holy Family Catholic Academy in Birmingham, Alabama. The event sponsored by School Board Members and former Alumni was held March 30, 2019. Photos: John McCray.

Holy Family Catholic Academy, the only parochial, accredited middle school in Birmingham, Alabama, believes that preparation for college begins at the middle school level, where academics and Christian values are the foundation aspects for success.



(l-r): Justin Nelson, Ora Jones, Pam Jones and Joe Moons.



A great crowd turned out to help support the school.



Some of the items up for auction.



Placing a few bids.

Happy Birthday...

Parishioners at Korean Martyrs Catholic Church in Chicago gathered to celebrate Tu-Jin Kim's birthday. The birthday cake was beautifully decorated with Happy Birthday in Korean.



Breve Retiro...

On Monday, March 18, Clemente Barrón and Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center held a Spanish language Lenten Evening of Recollection. About 45 people attended the program.



Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

Pro-Bono Mindfulness in Louisville

The Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, an interfaith ministry of the Passionists in Louisville, Kentucky, provides free mindfulness instruction to underserved members of the Louisville community. For the past three years, they have provided such instruction to over 1,000 participants, through partnerships with more than a dozen social service organizations. *Mindfulness is moment-to-moment awareness of your experience, without attaching positive or negative judgments to it.* Recently, the Earth and Spirit Center partnered with the Louisville Vipassana Community (Vipassana is an ancient Indian meditation technique) to begin providing pro-bono mindfulness to inmates in Louisville's Metro Jail. The Earth and Spirit Center is also exploring a deeper partnership with the Louisville Urban League, which provides a variety of services to people of color, primarily in Louisville's West End neighborhood.

Sacred Heart Property Stewardship

One of the Earth & Spirit Center's mission commitments is to provide good ecological stewardship for the Passionist property on which they reside. They recently completed a massive clean-up of the old grotto and swimming pool area, laying the groundwork to remake that area into a place of prayer and meditation. Through grants from the Louisville Audubon Society and Beckham Bird Club, they are creating a more bird-friendly habitat through nesting boxes and a variety of native plants that support birds and pollinators. Finally, with the help of many volunteers, they are over halfway through a large-scale effort to remove an invasive Asian bush honeysuckle from the surrounding woods.

