

MAY 13, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time*

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

**Do something useful**

Be honest: Do you think prayer is useful? While we might describe the act of praying positively, we may not be convinced it actually “works”—at least not as we intend. Here’s the shocker: Many theologians agree it’s a trap to consider prayer in terms of utility. Prayer is not an effective activity; that is, it’s not a penny in, gumball out procedure. Prayer’s not an activity at all. Rather it’s a form of relationship, an unveiling of the self before the God of love. Loving relationships, however, are very effective. Just ask the Pentecost gang what love can do.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (63). “And [they] began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

**Thank you, Mother**

Pope Francis recently added a memorial to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year on the Monday after Pentecost as a way to foster Marian piety and the “maternal sense of the church.” The Marian title of “Mother of the Church,” was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. With its addition to the General Roman Calendar, it will now be celebrated by the whole Roman Catholic Church. Ponder how your own faith has been nurtured within the church community, and take a moment to thank Mary for serving as mother of us all.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Gen. 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). “Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.”

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**

**Support gentle, loving relationships**

If you knew you would be canonized a saint and could choose your patronage now, for what cause would you cheerfully accept intercessions? Be careful in your selection: Saints become the patrons of causes they know all too well. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of bad marriages, victims of spousal abuse, and loneliness, among other

conditions she endured personally. There are still many who seek her help today. Support local programs that assist families in trouble.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (342). “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**The Lord loves those who love wisdom**

At times biblical poetry sets theological distinctions aside. In some places in Hebrew scripture, for example, divine wisdom is feminine and spoken of in a way almost indistinguishable from God. While the church often uses the masculine term “Father” for God, that is not to say God is male but that God acts toward us as a loving father does. Scripture and tradition have other names for God as well. Of course the Supreme Being is ultimately beyond gender—and all description really—but human beings need human terms to express their experience of God, including that of “wise woman.”

**TODAY’S READINGS:** James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343). “For whoever is not against us is for us.”

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

**Pass the salt, please**

What might humble table salt have to teach us about God? Surprisingly, a lot! The *Catholic Encyclopedia* has an entire entry devoted to salt, noting that historically it almost always has had a sacred and religious character. As a seasoning, salt gives a kick of flavor and taste to what might otherwise be a bland meal. It’s also a preservative to keep food from going bad. The gospels use the symbol of salt to refer to Christ’s new life within us, an ingredient that indeed transforms our whole lives. How can you add some more seasoning to God’s activity in your life?

**TODAY’S READINGS:** James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344). “Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another.”

**Friday, May 25, 2018**

**FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE DE’ PAZZI, VIRGIN**

**Suffering can be service**

Jacqueline de Decker had gone to India to serve the poor and wanted to join Mother Teresa’s newly founded Missionaries of Charity, but a spinal injury ended her dream. Or so she thought. In 1952 Mother Teresa sent Decker a letter with a proposal: “I need souls like yours to pray and suffer for the work” who could “do much more

while on your bed of pain than I running on my feet.” Decker’s vocation sounds a lot like that of the 16th-century Carmelite sister Saint Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi, who withstood years of physical and spiritual suffering yet had a mystical prayer life and later even rose from her “bed of pain” to become a wisdom-figure in her community. Jesus calls us all to serve. Consider your strengths not your weaknesses when answering that call.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 “Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.”

**Saturday, May 26, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST**

**Stepping out for Jesus**

Saint Philip Neri (1515-95) must have had a good cobbler, because he sure put a lot of miles on his shoes. He sauntered through Rome, striking up conversations with whomever he met, beggars or bankers, warming hearts as he talked about God. Often, he’d bid them walk and talk with him en route to a church or hospital. Later, after becoming a priest, he organized pilgrimages to churches in the city, inviting people to walk and pray together. As the one who brought the Forty Hours Devotion to Rome, Philip would like today’s practice of walking in procession as a prelude to adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes we need to wear out our soles to touch the souls of others.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346). “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Blessed are the single-hearted**

**TODAY’S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (165). “Know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God . . . and that there is no other.”

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**May 19-20 – Pentecost Sunday**

The Easter flame opens up this day to Pentecostal fire as we celebrate the sending of the Spirit who makes us God’s new creation. There is no return to business as usual, through the action of the Holy Spirit we stand now, as Jesus did, proclaiming in word and deed the saving love of God and the coming of God’s reign. Today is not the end of a season, but a celebration of the mission for which we were baptized. Let our

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alleluias continue to ring as we continue this great mission given us by God!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, May 19, 5:30PM**

**Special Intention** for Mrs. Fidelia Aguzie, requested by Fr. Basil

**Special Intention** for Carol Staha, requested by her husband John

**SUNDAY, May 20, 8:00AM**

In Loving Memory of Lorne Moran, Rosa Moran and Dr. Marion Duncan-Hall, requested by Don Moran and Tyra Duncan-Hall

**SUNDAY, May 20, 10:00AM**

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Arthur Bruce, mother of Debbie Bruce Juhlke

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, NOON MASS**

In Loving Memory of Lucille Adams, requested by Jennifer Brooks

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the soul of Vercias Mae Cay, requested by Bernadette and Williams Cay

**THURSDAY, May 24, Noon Mass**

For the repose of the soul of Ruby Laura Houston, requested by Felicia McClain

**FRIDAY, MAY 25, NOON MASS**

In loving memory of Delphine Parker, requested by Barbara Scott

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday May 20 2018**

Mass 8:00AM  
Rosary 9:30AM  
Mass 10:00AM

**Tuesday May 22, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Wednesday May 23, 2018**

Noon Mass  
Bible Study

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

Noon Mass  
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

**Friday May 25 2018**

Noon Mass

**Weekend May 12/13, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**  
VIGIL MASS 14  
SUNDAY  
8:00 am 62  
10:00 am 262

**Weekend May 12/13, 2018**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$3060.00</b>
Children	23.00
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>2042.75</b>
<b>SVDP (E-GIVING)</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Church Donation</b>	<b>635.00</b>
<b>Ashes to Easter</b>	<b>191.00</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	<b>525.00</b>
<b>Gift Store</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**Next IGBO MASS May 27, 2018**

Please help spread the news. Holy Cross will have a monthly IGBO Mass, every last Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. All IGBO Catholics are welcome.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS  
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**August 15** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**November 1** – All Saints

**CONGRATULATIONS**



Jonathan Buhendwa  
Danielle Emagueu  
Joel Emagueu  
Amor`ee Houston  
Daniel Lemon  
Blessing Ukanda

**On their First Communion**

**BACCALAUREATE MASS**

The Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00AM Mass. Your Holy Cross family would like to celebrate this fantastic accomplishment with you! If you are graduating, and would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Felicia McClain or the church office no later than Sunday, May 20, 2018.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

is expanding and continues to accept applications for Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-olds), Kindergarten and 1st grade for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have questions or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Ellen Vento in the Admissions Office at [evento@holyfamilycs.org](mailto:evento@holyfamilycs.org) or (512) 244-4825.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Mother-Daughter Tea  
Sunday, August 19, 2018, 2:00-4:30  
(Vendors onsite: 1:30-5:00 p.m.)  
Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center  
**MORE TO COME**

**FLC GROUNDBREAKING VIDEO**

Please call the office if you want a copy of the video for our FLC groundbreaking ceremony. Each CD is \$5.00

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR SR  
PAULA'S MOTHER**

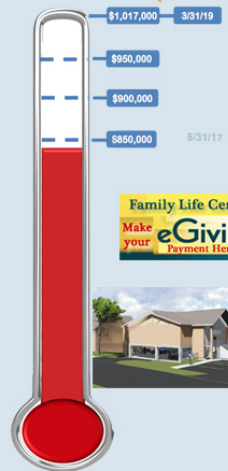
Sr Paul Ude invites Holy Cross Family to join her in praying for her Mrs Mabel Udeokorie who died just recently. Sunday June 20th 10 am Mass will be said in memory of Sr Paula's Mother

**HOUSE KEEPING**

Please call the office first for information regarding Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals, Marriage, Masses etc whenever necessary. Do not pre-arrange any of these before calling the office. Only the office has the right

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