

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday, Apr 22, 2018

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER;
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Your turn to serve

Wise. Brave. Humble. Seekers of the common good above personal ambition. The world can't get enough good leaders, and the best way to acquire the leaders we need in every aspect of modern life is for all of us to strive to be leaders right where we are. On this 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the church particularly seeks leaders in ordained ministry, religious life, societies of apostolic life, secular institutes of service, and for the missions. Take a chance. Ask the question. How can you best put your gifts at the disposal of God's purposes?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (50). "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Monday, Apr 23, 2018

**MEMORIAL OF GEORGE, MARTYR
Ready to don your armor?**

Old maps would indicate the end of the known world with the phrase, "There be dragons here." It was a way of saying, "It's probably not a good idea to go there." In a legend of Saint George, he did not shy away from doing battle with a dragon. In the only story of a canonized saint fighting such a creature, he not only killed this menacing animal that an army could not slay but also saved a princess, preached to the grateful people, distributed his reward money to the poor, and went on his way. Not a bad day's work. What dragons of the unknown—of ignorance and the fear that accompanies it—can you slay? What good word or gift can you pass along as you go your way?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279). "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

Tuesday, Apr 24, 2018

**MEMORIAL OF FIDELIS OF
SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST, MARTYR
Born again to the same job**

Lawyers are traditionally the butt of jokes for their ability to take any side of an argument. But many put their skills to use in the cause of justice. Saint Fidelis (d. 1622), nicknamed the Poor Man's Lawyer, decided to speak out only for the sake of the gospel. He joined the Capuchins and persuaded many through his preaching, his kindness as a confessor, and his devotion to the sick.

Consider how your words and actions today have the power to testify for or against the gospel you believe.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Wednesday, Apr 25, 2018

**FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST
Worth another read**

Written about 40 years after Christ's Resurrection, the Gospel of Mark is our closest and freshest gospel on the events of Jesus' life. Like any great reporter, the evangelist does not insinuate himself into the story, which leaves us uncertain as to who he was. He could be the John Mark who was a cousin of Barnabas and associate of Paul, the Mark who is a later assistant to Peter, or both. One thing we do know is that he heeded Jesus' commission to proclaim the Good News to all the world. Generations of believers have heard or read Mark's story. Even if you've read it a hundred times, Mark's gospel is worth another read.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News!"

Thursday, Apr 26, 2018

**EASTER WEEKDAY
Wash up for supper**

In the ancient world, when sandals were common footwear, footwashing was an act of hospitality offered by a host when guests arrived at a house. Typically guests washed their own feet or a servant washed them, but a host wishing to show great respect for guests might do the washing him or herself.

Jesus sends us a clear signal by washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper. If we are willing to serve others with the same spirit of humility and hospitality, there will be a place at the eternal banquet for us as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them: 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master.'"

Friday, Apr 27, 2018

**EASTER WEEKDAY
Find your own path**

Modern gurus abound on talk shows and blogs, full of advice about how you should live your life. Some of their suggestions may be helpful; the best ones are borrowed from folk wisdom, good psychology, or even scripture, once or twice removed. Jesus has already issued the invitation to illuminate your path by following his way. Saint Anthony Claret (1807-70) underscored

this invitation with a telling directive: "Choose now what you would wish to have chosen at life's end." At every fork in the road, keep this suggestion in mind.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

Saturday, Apr 28, 2018

**MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL,
PRIEST, MARTYR**

Let God work in God's ways

Saint Peter Chanel was martyred in 1841 at the age of 38 on the island of Futuna in Oceania. He anticipated such an end to his life, hoping that it would bring about the conversion of the island's inhabitants to Christianity. It did. And while some may have initially converted due to fear of reprisal by the French for killing their missionary, this also shows how God works in mysterious ways, ways most of us cannot expect. Peter expected God to work his wonders. How often do you let go and let God take control? Indulge in some great expectations today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). "Whatever you ask, in my name, I will do."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Apr 29, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

People change

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53). "But they were all afraid of [Paul], not believing that he was a disciple."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 21-22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Whom do we follow and to whose voice do we listen? This Sunday as we continue to unpack the meaning of our Baptism, we hear Jesus call himself the Good Shepherd whose sheep hear his voice and follow his lead. That way of Jesus is the way of love and unity. We are truly blessed to be loved so much and because we have been given so much, we must in turn live lives of generous love toward all. Are there some in our world we believe are undeserving of love or respect or generosity? Jesus gave his life for them, how shall we respond?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 21, 5:30PM

For all the sick and shut in Parishioners of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, April 22, 8:00AM

APRIL 22, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For the repose of the souls of Dora & Rico Villanueva and Lily & Felipe Escarrilla, requested by the Escarrilla Family

Happy Birthday to Gabrael Osaze-Ediae

SUNDAY, April 22, 10:00AM

In Loving memory of Eva Marie Mosby, requested by the Mosby Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday April 22, 2018

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

Tuesday April 24, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday April 25, 2018

Noon Mass
Ground Breaking 6:30PM

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Noon Mass
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Friday April 27, 2018

Noon Mass

Weekend April 14/15, 2018

ATTENDANCE	
VIGIL MASS	19
SUNDAY	
8:00 am	36
10:00 am	188

Weekend April 14/15, 2018

OFFERTORY	\$2988.00
Children	17.00
E-GIVING	2259.15
SVDP (E-GIVING)	75.00
SVDP	45.00
Fish Fry	75.00
Seminarians & Priest ED	60.00
BINGO-ACTS	1041.00
Gift Store	20.00

IGBO MASS BEGINS APRIL 29, 2018

Please help spread the news. Holy Cross will begin a monthly IGBO Mass, every last Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. All IGBO Catholics are welcome from everywhere.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 22 – Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

May 13 – Ascension of Our Lord

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1 – All Saints

**UNITY EXPLOSION REGION X
2018 CONFERENCE**

Unity Explosion is an evangelization conference to be held June 6-10 in San Antonio. The conference provides an experience that addresses the expressed leadership, ministerial, catechetical, liturgical and evangelization needs of families of African descent. Those involved in evangelization, catechesis and pastoral music are encouraged to participate to bring back to their parishes the education and formation received at the conference. Musicians are encouraged to attend the Roderick J. Bell Institute for African American Sacred Music. For more information about the conference, visit <https://www.archsa.org/unity-explosion-2018>. There is a limited amount of registration scholarships to be administered by the diocesan Office of Black Ministry for those who work in evangelization, catechetical, liturgical ministry among Catholics of African descent in the Diocese of Austin. For more information about the scholarship application, visit www.austindiocese.org/2018-unity-explosion-conference.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Holy Cross Steppers, our Relay for Life Team, needs your participation and donations in this year's Relay for Life campaign, benefitting the American Cancer Society. **Our fundraising goal this year is \$2,000.00. To date we have raised \$555.00. On the event date, Friday, April 27th 7pm, we need as many of you as possible to attend. We need walkers for each hour beginning at 7pm, then continuing for each subsequent hour, i.e., 8pm, 9pm, 10pm etc. at Huston-Tillotson University. Contact Darro Blankenship, Relay Team Captain 512 656-3809**

ASHES TO EASTER LENTEN BOXES

It is not too late to turn in your boxes. Thank you for your support of Ashes to Easter and our Diocesan mission groups. Your commitment to serving those in need throughout the world, as part of your Lenten journey, is inspiring. I hope that this process has left you feeling fulfilled as we continue our celebration of the Easter season.

EIM WORKSHOP

An Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop will be held April 29, 2018, 12:30pm, at Holy Cross in the classrooms downstairs – please arrive promptly as **late arrivals will not be permitted entrance into the workshop.** All clergy and paid staff, all volunteers working with youth and

vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. It is our responsible to ensure our youth and vulnerable adults are safe. **Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop.** If you have any concerns regarding your attendance at workshop, contact : Vera Houston-Black at verahouston@yahoo.com or Stanton Collins at stantheman752@yahoo.com. If you need to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training contact: Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

"Women Embracing the Joy of the Gospel" is the theme of the 69th Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention at the Marriott Austin North 2600 La Frontera Blvd., Round Rock, April 23-24, 2018. Keynote speaker is Father Richard Gielow, C.M., "When the Catholic sun shines there is music, laughter and good red wine" Bishops Joe and Danny will celebrate Mass in advance of Monday evening's awards banquet where **Father Basil** will be a recipient.

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