

**MAY 6, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Sunday, May 06, 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The age of idols**

Celebrity rules. Or so it seems. Every headline, photo shoot, and news crawl seeks to remind us that no matter what we're doing at the moment, someone's living a reality that is *so much cooler*. We may secretly desire to be one of the beautiful people, to taste the sweetness of that success. Consider that folks who do command a high public profile like Pope Francis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the Dalai Lama have all repeated that they are mere mortals, doing nothing more than we all should be doing. Want fame? Pursue sainthood.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56). *"Peter, however, raise him up, saying, 'Get up. I myself am also a human being.'"*

**Monday, May 07, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Come stay at my house**

God has bestowed so many gifts on creation. In fact, the world is here in the first place because God's love overflowed—God wanted to share the divine love. God even sent Jesus and became human so as to invite people more deeply into life in God. So shouldn't the response to all this generosity be a generous one in which we welcome God into our lives, are open and inviting with God in prayer, and honor and care for our world and its creatures? Start opening doors today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a. *"If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home."*

**Tuesday, May 08, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Make way for the Spirit**

Much has been written about the importance of a "ministry of presence"—of being with people in times of need. Important as presence is, there is also a "ministry of absence," said noted spirituality author Henri Nouwen. We should never forget that it is the Holy Spirit ultimately who brings healing and comfort to people and that we need to trust God to do the work that only God can do in human hearts. There came a time when the risen Christ had to depart, but with assurances the Holy Spirit would be with us always. Sometimes your absence serves in a way your presence can't.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *"But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go."*

**Wednesday, May 09, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**When Christians are in the margins**

Often in stories of the church, both ancient and modern, you hear in the headlines about the scoffers. The anonymous faithful are relegated to the margins and the footnotes. "Is God dead?" the cover of *Time* magazine inquired funereally in bold red letters on a stark black background in 1966. It would hardly make the back page to reply: Not in the hearts and lives of believers. The pages of the New Testament are sprinkled liberally with folks who encountered Jesus or the apostles and came to faith. Good news travels quietly. Make a little noise with yours.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *"Some began to scoff [at Paul]. But some did join him, and became believers."*

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF**

**THE LORD; HOLY DAY OF**

**OBLIGATION (IN SOME AREAS)**

**Reading the signs**

Signs are not destinations. They may assist us in getting where we're going, tell how far we've come or what to do next, but they're not intended to be goals in themselves. Early Christians viewed certain signs as indicators of spiritual authority: the ability to heal, inspired speech, command of dark forces, or facing dangers without harm. Saint Paul warned us not to become enchanted with power for its own sake. Instead, we should consider the needs of the community and how best to serve. Name some modern signs that someone is demonstrating with genuine spiritual authority. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20 (58). *"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"*

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Then, now, and later**

Faith can seem like a time-travel video game. We look to the past, but the past is also present, and the present always looks to the future (for an example, think of the Mass). We learn the kingdom of God is within and among us—but not yet fulfilled. We worship and follow a Lord who appeared in human flesh, left in body but remained in Spirit, and will come again to usher us into the eternal. No wonder we get a little lost

sometimes! Here's your compass: The world is broken but God still thinks it's good. Through Jesus, God calls us to help restore that goodness in ways large and small. And, finally, one day that work will be done.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). *"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."*

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND**

**ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS**

**Strike a blow for peace**

In the early years of the church it was a matter of debate whether Christians should belong to the Roman army, although many did. Two of the martyrs remembered today, Nereus and Achilleus, were members of the elite Praetorian Guard, but after they became Christians they refused to serve and were eventually exiled and executed. At the end of the fourth century Pope Damasus had an inscription made in their honor, which read in part: O miracle of faith! they become converted they throw away their shields their armor, and their blood-stained javelins. Confessing the faith of Christ, they rejoice to bear testimony to its triumph." What bold and perhaps risky paths can you take to live out what you believe? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *"Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."*

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Fake news and peace**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). *"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth."*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**May 5-6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love. The very life and essence of God is love; and God, who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond – pours out his love on us with profound generosity. Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us? We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Birthday Blessing for Mark Escarrilla requested by the Escarrilla family

**SUNDAY, May 6, 8:00AM**

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

**SUNDAY, May 6, 10:00AM**

In loving memory of Ronald Martin Collins II, requested by Ron and Carolyn Collins.

In loving memory of Mrs. Arthur Bruce, requested by Debbie Bruce Juhlke.

Birthday Blessings to Christian Trotman, requested by her family

**WEDNESDAY May 9, Noon Mass**

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

**THURSDAY, May 10, Noon Mass**

For the repose of the soul of Oslene Nichols, requested by Barbara Scott

**FRIDAY, May 11, Noon Mass**

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

<b>SVDP</b>	<b>312.00</b>
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	<b>170.00</b>
<b>Vocations</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>ACTS</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Gift Store</b>	<b>60.00</b>

**IGBO MASS BEGINS MAY 27, 2018**

Our next IGBO Mass at Holy Cross will be Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

<b>UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION</b>	
<b>May 13</b>	– Ascension of Our Lord
<b>August 15</b>	– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>November 1</b>	– 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>.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Thelma Hunter would like to thank their Holy Cross family for all their love, support, and prayers during their time of grief.

**MOTHERS DAY**



If you would like a special Mass said for your Mother on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, envelopes are available in the church office, bulletin and on the back table. Please return before May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 75.00**

Please note that the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on the next Sunday May 13. There will be normal noon Mass on Thursday May 10th.

**RECEPTION FOR TIM JULKHE**

Join us to say a big "Thank You" to Tim Juhlke for many years of service to Holy Cross as our bookkeeper.

Date: May 20<sup>th</sup> after the 10:am Mass

**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.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Sunday May 6, 2018</b>	
Mass 8:00AM	
Rosary 9:30AM	
Mass 10:00AM	
<b>Tuesday May 8, 2018</b>	
Noon Mass	
<b>Wednesday May 9, 2018</b>	
Noon Mass	
<b>Thursday, May 10, 2018</b>	
Noon Mass	
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM	
<b>Friday May 11, 2018</b>	
Noon Mass	
<b>Weekend April 28/29, 2018</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS	23
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8:00 am	51
10:00 am	188
12:30pm (IGBO)	107
<b>Weekend April 28/29, 2018</b>	
OFFERTORY	\$3086.00
Children	24.00
E-GIVING	1062.75



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