

**JUNE 3, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Sunday, Jun 03, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

I give myself to you

It's pleasant to enjoy the affection of neighbors, friends, and assorted relatives. But some forms of love go beyond congenial, all the way to profound. Take the love between two people that compels them to vow a lifelong bond. How about the devotion of parents for their children that makes no sacrifice seem too great, no burden too much to bear? Men and women alike pledge their lives to the church, and many others dedicate themselves to serving the common good by means of their professions. To whom or to what do you say: "Take it, this is my life"? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (168). "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it, this is my body.'"

Monday, Jun 04, 2018

Is that you?

"That's me," one 10-year-old insists to another as they watch an action movie, choosing to be the character who is the most powerful, the most beautiful, or even the goofiest. A good storyteller knows that listeners need to identify with the characters, but it can be a shock if your character turns out to be the villain, as when the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders realize that Jesus' upside-down parables are calling them out. Jesus faced opposition—even violence—when his critics realized they were being challenged. That's what Jesus does—he challenges your assumptions about yourself. When by your own lack of compassion, your injustice, you are confronted by the hard truth of the gospel, you still have to say, "That's me." **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12 (353). "They were seeking to arrest him . . . for they realized that he had addressed the parable to them."

Tuesday, Jun 05, 2018

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

A gospel for hungry hearts and minds

As Christians we've not always done evangelization well. Saint Boniface (c. 680-754), a Benedictine monk and bishop, had a mixed history in this regard. There are stories about him

literally trampling the religious traditions of other cultures but also about him embracing the customs of people and inviting them to see their own lives in light of the gospel. What's your take on evangelization? Hammer or gospel in hand? Consider the words of the U.S. bishops in their statement *Go and Make Disciples*: "Evangelization happens when the word of Jesus speaks to people's hearts and minds. Needing no trickery or manipulation, evangelization can happen only when people accept the gospel freely, as the 'good news' it is meant to be, because of the power of the gospel message and the accompanying grace of God."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17 (354). "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord . . ."

Wednesday, Jun 06, 2018

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP
Encounters of the third kind

Did you know there are members of Catholic religious orders who are laypeople? Some of them belong to what are called third, or tertiary, orders, and most major religious orders include them. Members are men and women who do not necessarily live in community but nonetheless participate in the good works of the larger order to which they belong. Saint Norbert was one of the first church figures to initiate a third order. He prepared a set of religious practices that those in secular life could follow. If you feel yourself drawn to a religious lifestyle despite being firmly anchored in a secular life, explore the possibilities third orders offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27 (355). "He is not God of the dead but of the living."

Thursday, Jun 07, 2018

Work on your sainthood

Lots of saints walked the earth who haven't yet claimed a date on the church calendar. Even if they never do, that doesn't take away from their brilliant witness. Consider Anna Dengal, who graduated from medical school in England in 1919. Convinced that her skills could be better used in India, she became the only doctor serving 10,000 sick and dying women and children. Realizing she could "love her neighbor" better with a little help, she established the Medical Mission Sisters. Their goal remains "to be a healing presence at the heart of a wounded world." Share the mission: Visit the sick. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34 (356). "To love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Friday, Jun 08, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The heart of the matter

If you were raised in a Catholic home, you probably have a memory of a statue or picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You may have looked at it a thousand times without really "seeing" it. Take a moment today to recollect the image as vividly as possible. Recall that the heart is the symbol for, among other things, love, charity, understanding, compassion, and courage. Remember that it is a key organ in the human body, connecting the spiritual with the material, the mind with the body, the intellect with emotions. Then reflect on the ways that the love of Jesus has sustained you every day of your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 (171). "One soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out."

Saturday, Jun 09, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Love with no strings attached

What would it be like to have an "immaculate heart"? Might it be to have a heart that loved unconditionally? When we are honest about it, much of what we call "love" is actually a sort of *quid pro quo*, this-for-that exchange of affection. We love those who love us in return, who treat us well, who respect us. There's nothing wrong with that, but can we open our hearts a bit more to embrace those who do not return our love in equal measure? Can we go so far as to love our enemies? A tall order but one worth striving for—an immaculate heart that loves unconditionally, as a mother loves her child, as Mary loved her son. Practice loving without conditions. When you pray today, ask for an immaculate heart. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Timothy 4:1-8 (358); Luke 2:41-51. "His mother kept all these things in her heart."

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, Jun 10, 2018

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Why we hide

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 (89). "I heard you in the garden, but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

June 2-3 -- Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

At the heart of this great celebration is the reality of Christ's total gift of himself to us! Christ not only gave his life on the cross for our salvation, but continues to give himself completely in the Eucharist. This feast is also a reminder that through Christ we are intimately connected to one another as

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members of his Body. If Christ is willing to give himself to all of us, saints and sinners, what sacrifice for others are we willing to make? Are we willing to give of ourselves for those in need: the poor, the imprisoned, the unborn, the undocumented immigrant, the refugee, the homeless stranger?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 2, 5:30PM

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

Special Intention, for a successful delivery for Ogechi Onyeoziri

Special Intention: for Albert and Gina Escarrilla, requested by the Escarrilla Family

SUNDAY, June 3, 8:00AM

Special Intention: for a successful delivery for Ogechi Onyeoziri

In loving memory of Linda Pearson, requested by Ed & Elina Mullen

SUNDAY, June 3, 10:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Johnnie Dorsey, Jr. on his birthday in Heaven, requested by his parents Johnnie and Dean Dorsey

In Loving Memory of Angie and Frank Laratta, parents of Kaye Crawford, requested by the Crawford.

Thanksgiving Mass for all God's
Blessing for Gilbert & Martha Onuoha

Tuesday, June 5, Noon Mass

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Wednesday, June 6, Noon Mass

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Thursday, June 7 Noon Mass

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Friday, June 8, Noon Mass

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Calendar of Events

Sunday June 3 2018

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

Tuesday June 5, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday June 6, 2018

Noon Mass
Bible Study

Thursday, June 7, 2018
Noon Mass
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Friday June 8, 2018
Noon Mass

Weekend May 26/27, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 34
SUNDAY
8:00 am 64
10:00 am 193
IGBO 79
Weekend May 26/27, 2018

OFFERTORY \$3514.00
Children 21.00
E-GIVING 1092.75
SVDP (E-GIVING) 25.00
SVDP 681.00
Holy Father Mission 40.00

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

The Social Justice Ministry is hosting the next Courageous Conversation on institutional racism at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 18th here at Holy Cross. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

IGBO MASS JUNE 24, 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**

Peter Pence June 30th -July 1st
August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1 – All Saints

FATHERS DAY

Sunday, June 17, 2018, is father's day, if you would like to have a "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" said for your father, please pick up an envelope on the back table or in the church office.

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

Sister Paula Ude invites her Holy Cross Family to join her in praying for her mother, Mrs. Mabel Udeokorie who died just recently. On Sunday, June 10th the 10:00AM Mass will be said in memory of Sister Paula's Mother.

**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR
WILL**

Call the Church Office
512 472 3741

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.

**5TH YEAR CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**

Please return your 5th year Capital Campaign Pledge envelopes. If you have not done so. If you did not receive a letter and want to contribute, put a note in an envelope and bring to the office. If you have not yet finished your 4th Year Campaign payment, I encourage you to do so as we need every cent we can get as the construction is moving very fast. Those have never made any contribution towards the project, please consider making a donation. Thank you so much for making our dream come true.
Fr Basil

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

Family Life Center Capital Campaign

Five Year Payment Goal
\$1,017,000

