

**JUNE 10, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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**Why we hide**

A psychologist explained something fascinating about shame: No one can put it inside us without our consent. Shame doesn't enter from the outside but responds from the inside. Those seeking to embarrass us are frustrated if we refuse their attempt to impart shame with the slap of a hand or a word. If we accept shame, it's because deep down we're already carrying it. So Adam, guilty of disloyalty to God, is shamed by his newfound nakedness. Yet Jesus, insulted, beaten, stripped, and humiliated, remains clothed in honor at the cross. Got shame? We've got a sacrament for that.

**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."

**Monday, Jun 11, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE**

**A stand-up guy**

Do you have trouble standing up to peer pressure? Learn from Saint Barnabas. Though he wasn't one of the original apostles, he stood up to Peter and James and others in defense of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians but then wanted to be one. And when even Peter was reluctant to fraternize with converted gentiles, Barnabas held that Jesus' message was meant for everyone. He was a man whose word was good, not only to be relied on but—because he was a great preacher—to be inspired by. Next time you're feeling peer pressure, pray for the help of Barnabas.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12; Gospel.* "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

**Tuesday, Jun 12, 2018**

**You are the salt of the earth**

Salt is such an ordinary, inexpensive, and easily found substance in most cases nowadays that you can fail to fully grasp the profound meaning of Jesus' famous metaphor. Consider these facts. Once known as "white gold," salt is necessary for human life. It preserves, purifies, and enhances the flavor of food. It made civilization possible. Wars have been waged over supplies of salt; it has been taxed, hoarded, traded, and used as currency; and it helped galvanize Mohandas Gandhi's nonviolent movement for India's independence from Britain. When Jesus

compares his disciples to salt of the earth, he is really saying: "Your life and presence matter. In fact, you are more than valuable—you are essential." Be alert for opportunities to be salt for the world today.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16* "If salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?"

**Wednesday, Jun 13, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Give what you receive**

Saint Francis of Assisi had a healthy skepticism about academic pursuits. In the Middle Ages the accolades a noted scholar might enjoy could leave gospel poverty in the dust. When Anthony of Padua asked to join Francis' new "Order of Penance," however, Francis saw that Anthony was able to combine brilliance and oratorical power with fidelity to the gospel and simplicity. Francis even welcomed Anthony to bring his precious books with him—they were the tools of his trade—and entrusted to his care the training of brothers seeking to become priests. You may find yourself juggling values that seem at odds with each other, like being a bread-earner *and* a caring mom or dad. Saint Anthony knew that the gifts of God—even those most esteemed like intelligence, power, and wealth—are still gifts as long as they're balanced with humility.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361).* "Let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant."

**Thursday, Jun 14, 2018**

**Carry on the flag**

The American flag was adopted on this day in 1777, and ever since it has been a cherished symbol of everything this country holds dear. As President Calvin Coolidge observed, "It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home." But, he noted, it is equally a symbol of responsibility. As a nation the United States has its share of problems, disagreements, and failures. Today is a good day to reflect on the sacrifices your ancestors made and consider how you might carry on their work so that your grandchildren may live in the freedom the Stars and Stripes proclaim.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 (362).* "Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

**Friday, Jun 15, 2018**

**Hearing a who**

The prophet Elijah had a lot on his plate. Defending the one true God, battling kings and even other prophets, and going through quite a bit of hardship in the process. And when he went to talk with God on God's own mountain, conditions were not calm. The wind blew strong enough to split rocks. Then an earthquake rolled the ground. Oh, and there was fire, too—did we mention that? But God was not "in" the wind, the quake, or the fire. Rather God was in a "tiny whispering sound." *That* was what awed Elijah and led him to cover his face. Sometimes the voice of God isn't found in spectacular special effects but in the smallest, quietest way. Can you hear it?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363).* "After the fire was a sound of sheer silence."

**Saturday, Jun 16, 2018**

**Truth or consequences**

The taking of an oath has a long history and some curious customs, such as an ancient Jewish practice of placing one's hand under the thigh of the person to whom one swears the oath. Today you raise your hand or place it on a sacred book. But as Jesus pointed out, no oaths should be necessary. All your words should be trustworthy. Be a person who keeps your word; the confidence, trust, and respect of others will follow. And as Mark Twain pointed out: "Tell the truth and you don't have to remember anything."

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37 (364).* "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**God gambles the farm**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34.* "It is as if a man were to scatter seed and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**June 9-10, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, we hear how kingdoms and houses divided cannot stand. May we unite as one in the name of God to reach out and help others and to fight for the dignity of all human life.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, June 9, 5:30PM**

**Special Intention:** for a successful delivery for Ogechi Onyeoziri

**Special Intention:** for Mrs. Mercedes LaCour Comacho, requested by Mary Nweke & Deidra Raney

For the repose of the soul of Yawa Patoubadabe Batehassi, requested by her son, Felix Batchassi

**SUNDAY, June 10, 8:00AM**

**Special Intention:** for a successful delivery for Ogechi Onyeoziri

For the repose of the souls of **Mary Lena Richard-Brown**, requested by Lena Brown-Owens. And Daisy Tillman Linton and Mary Cobbs Javey, requested by The Javey and Linton family.

**SUNDAY, June 10, 10:00AM**

For the repose of the souls of **Mariah Jackson and Marian Brown Charles** requested by, Frances and Brent Brown. And for **Georgia Esquivel**, requested by Debbie Ruiz

**Tuesday, June 12, Noon Mass**

**Special Intention:** for a successful delivery for Ogechi Onyeoziri

**Wednesday, June 13, Noon Mass**

Amelia Hilaire, Harriet Adams, Geraldine Brooks and Betty Linton, requested by Jennifer Brooks

**Thursday, June 14 Noon Mass**

In Loving Memory of Frances Smith Request by Barbara Scott

**Friday, June 15, Noon Mass**

In loving memory of Ruby Laura Houston, requested by Felicia McClain

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday June 10 2018**

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

**Tuesday June 12, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Wednesday June 13, 2018**

**Noon Mass**  
**Bible Study**

**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

**Noon Mass**  
**Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM**

**Friday June 15, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Weekend May 26/27, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>240</b>

**Weekend May 26/27, 2018**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$4319.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>47.00</b>
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>1330.00</b>
<b>SVDP (E-GIVING)</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>119.00</b>
<b>IGBO MASS</b>	<b>396.00</b>

**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.

**5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Please return your 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

**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. Wednesday, June 27, 2018 will be

**Registration is now open for Catholic Women's Conference**

The third annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held Sept. 8 at the Performing Arts Center at Westlake High School in Austin. This year's theme is "Generation to Generation." The conference will kick off at St. Theresa Parish in Austin on the evening of

Friday, Sept. 7 with praise and worship led by the musical trio His Own, as well as adoration and confession. Saturday's events will feature a keynote presentation by Judy Landrieu Klein, author of "Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Children to God." Other activities will include breakout sessions, a variety of vendors and exhibits as well as Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez. The cost to register is \$45 before June 15 (\$55 after). To register, visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference).

**Fr Basil's 20<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**

Father Basil would like to celebrate the noon Mass with all his parishioners. If you are working and coming on your lunch hour, lunch will be provided for you. At 6:30PM, on Wednesday evening, we will celebrate Father's anniversary with a "three course dinner" at the new 183 Pappadeaux's. The meal is \$50.00 per person, includes tea, soda and coffee, there will be a cash bar. Pappadeaux's will need a head count no later than, June 17, 2018, so please get your ticket in the church office, for this celebration by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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