

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

Sunday, Jul 29, 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Waste not, want not

The earth is in danger of becoming our garbage can. It's estimated that U.S. citizens throw out 90 percent of what we buy within the year. A lot of that is packaging, including the double packaging of cardboard and plastic around many products. Let's clean up our act! Avoid buying over-packaged items, as well as things you don't really need. Embrace recycling as an act of love for the planet and its people. Find new homes for books, clothing, furniture, kitchen items, and technology. Shrink your footprint, expand your heart. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

Monday, Jul 30, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Silence is golden

Chrysologus (380-451), whose name in Greek means "golden worded," kept his homilies short and practical. And he sometimes preached with such great emotion that he became speechless with the implications of what he was saying. In one way, the Christian message revealed in scripture and tradition is a complex product of centuries. Yet it is also simple. Preachers like Peter Chrysologus recognized the simplicity of the gospel and knew when to stop talking about it, and live it. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."

Tuesday, Jul 31, 2018

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Make a retreat

Ever make a retreat after a busy time in your life? Did you find it hard to slow down and reflect? Picture Ignatius laid up for more than nine months recovering from a broken leg. He had been a soldier, a brawler, a womanizer, and a gambler. Suddenly he was immobile, reading, then praying, and then having mystical experiences. Out of this experience came his Spiritual Exercises, still used on retreats and by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) today. Schedule a retreat, or at least a day of

prayer, and see what changes God has in store for you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house."

Wednesday, Aug 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Walk with me

Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists, favored being clear and direct; his meditations on the Way of the Cross are a good example. Though his self-deprecating style may not appeal to everyone's tastes today, love for the suffering Christ underlies his words—a love that anyone who has made it through hard times can share with others. If you can say, "I have an idea what you're going through" with the simple honesty that comes from experience, you may be a source of amazing strength to a suffering friend, taking the hard road with him or her, and with Christ. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Thursday, Aug 02, 2018

MEMORIAL OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP

A fishy lot

Much like the kingdom of heaven as described in today's gospel, the communion of saints consists of "fish" of every kind—weak and strong, scholarly and pious. Saint Eusebius (d. 370) was a fighter above all else, but his strength was in his words, not his fists. He argued mightily against the Arian heresy (which denied the true divinity of Christ) and suffered exile, persecution, and extreme deprivation in the process. Not all of us are called to be saintly debaters and wordsmiths, but we are called to defend the faith in our own holy ways. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind."

Friday, Aug 03, 2018

Profitable advice

It's hard to find a good prophet nowadays. No one wants the job; neither did Isaiah nor Jeremiah. It usually ends with both message and messenger rejected, sometimes violently. As Jesus reminded his opponents: "You killed the prophets!" Jesus, by contrast, embraced his role as prophet, though some of his family and neighbors wondered, "Who does he think he is?" We might not consider

ourselves prophets, but the Second Vatican Council makes it clear that the People of God share in Christ's prophetic office, "especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58 "Speak to the people; whatever I command you, tell them, and omit nothing."

Saturday, Aug 04, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

God grows up and shows up

To the people of the Lord's hometown, Jesus was just a kid who grew up in the neighborhood. Some of them were even offended by his preaching, and their lack of faith prevented them from experiencing his miracles. John Vianney (1786-1859), on the other hand, was from out of town. The people of Ars in France, where he served as a priest for 40 years, accepted him as a holy man, and he was able to perform many miracles there. A lesson might be that God is present in both the familiar and the unfamiliar. We only need to look a little more closely, with eyes of faith. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 "Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Aug 05, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Free food

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113). "But Moses told them: 'This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'"

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 28-29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear the great story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This story was so important that every Gospel tells it and both Matthew and Mark tell two multiplication stories. Clearly Jesus wants us to learn something! One important lesson is that God provides what we need, not necessarily what we want, but what we need. Another is that Scripture scholars suggest that the multiplication happened because people who were hoarding food began to share what they had when they saw that Jesus was breaking and sharing the little he had been given by a child. The miracle of God's action was in changing hearts not just stretching limited resources. What generosity might God be asking of us?

JULY 29, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 5:30PM

For all the sick and shut in parishioners

SUNDAY, July 29, 8:00AM

Successful surgery and speed recovery for Garvin Young, brother of Jackie King, may God Grant him grace and mercy

SUNDAY, July 29, 10:00AM

In loving memory of J. Harry Brown and George Addison, Sr. requested by Deloris and Thomas Addison

For the repose of the soul of, John Hardeman Sr., Requested by John Hardman Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, NOON MASS

In loving memory of James and Eva Marie Mosby on their anniversary in heaven

Calendar of Events

Sunday July 29 2018

Mass 8:00AM

Rosary 9:30AM

Mass 10:00AM

Tuesday July 31 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday August 1, 2018

NO Noon Mass

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Noon Mass

Friday August 3, 2018

Noon Mass

Weekend July 21/22, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 35

SUNDAY

8:00 am 73

10:00 am 200

Weekend July 21/22, 2018

OFFERTORY \$3361.00

Children	23.00
E-GIVING	1920.00
SVDP (E-GIVING)	00.00
SVDP	929.00
Gift Store	15.00

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
Please see insert for additional information

IGBO MASS JULY 29, 2018

Please join us at our IGBO Mass on Sunday, at 1:30 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.

MISSION APPEAL

The diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria was assigned to do a Mission Appeal at Holy Cross this year. The weekend of August 25th has been selected for this purpose. Please begin to plan to support this diocese with your donation. A priest of the diocese will be here for the Weekend Masses.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CCCTX

Looking to volunteer your time and talent over the summer or throughout the year? Catholic Charities has numerous volunteer opportunities ranging from direct client service to behind-the-scenes or administrative support work across our social services programs. For a full list of opportunities in Austin and Bryan, please visit www.ccctx.org/volunteer or contact Claire Bordelon at (512) 651-6159 or

claire-bordelon@ccctx.org.

MERCY & MARY RETREAT TO BE HELD AT ST. THERESA PARISH

4311 Small Drive, Austin, TX 78731

Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring Mercy & Mary Retreat, featuring bestselling author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* and acclaimed speaker Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. For more information and to register, go to <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-austin-tx/>

RELEVANT RADIO, 970 AM, IN AUSTIN AREA

Grow in your faith and change your life with Relevant Radio 970 AM - Austin's "Talk Radio for Catholic Life." This nonprofit, listener-supported Catholic radio station bridges the gap between faith and everyday life - covering topics of the day from a uniquely Catholic perspective. Relevant Radio 970 can be heard on the radio, on the Internet at www.relevantradio.com or on the mobile app, available for Apple or Android devices. Take your faith with you wherever you go - tune in today!

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY MASS

August 15th is the Assumption of Mary. Mass will be at 6:30 pm. It is a day of obligation to attend Mass. Please plan to attend.

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

Family Life Center Capital Campaign

Five Year Payment Goal
\$1,017,000



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