

**AUGUST 5, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Aug 05, 2018**

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**Free food**

Most of us learn early that there's no free lunch. Even when manna falls from the sky, an expectation is attached to this heavenly hoarfrost. It's the expectation that sharing this meal makes you a member of the community; that this community worships the one God; that such an identity involves a life shaped around common values. We eat this bread and drink this cup in perfect freedom. And yes, it's free—for those who take divine life from heaven seriously. Ask yourself: Am I prepared to bring Christ-life into the world? **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.'"

**Monday, Aug 06, 2018**

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Glimpses of glory**

Jesus takes the disciples Peter, James, and John up the mountain. There they see their Lord glorified before their amazed eyes. He speaks with Elijah and Moses, to show his connection with the prophets and the law. It's almost as if Jesus is offering his followers some positive reinforcement—"See, your belief in me is true." Not surprisingly, Peter wants to "capture the moment" and remain in this place of assurance, but after they hear a voice from heaven, things return to "normal" and "they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." As Christians we crave times when we feel what we believe is true. But we can't live in these moments forever. Most of our journey won't be on the mountain but on much more uncertain ground. But still we have Jesus, and we have one another. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 (614).* "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

**Tuesday, Aug 07, 2018**

**MEMORIALS OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**Enter into agreement**

When Sixtus II became pope in 257, he inherited a controversy so severe it threatened the unity of the church. During the pontificate of his predecessor, Saint Stephen, the churches of Africa and Asia Minor opposed Rome on the issue of whether those who formerly renounced the Christian faith during persecution needed a new Baptism before being accepted back into the church. Rome said they did not. Rather, as Sixtus insisted, the grace of the original sacrament remained even with those who renounced Christ under threat of death. And while he could not persuade the Eastern churches that rebaptism was unnecessary, he was noted

for restoring amicable relations. Consider how you can repair communications with those with whom you have disagreements.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (408).* "As many as touched it were healed."

**Wednesday, Aug 08, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST**

**Better living through books**

The sheer glut of information in which we live tempts us to be satisfied with sound bites, news highlights, even "spirituality lite." However, Dominic reminds us to go deeper. The study of the word of God is "itself an act of worship which sanctifies us," and "today we need a knowledge of many things if we are to understand the Holy Scriptures properly and apply them to the concerns of our age" (Benedict Ashley, O.P.). A subscription to one of the many high-quality Catholic periodicals or joining a book discussion group might be just the right way to take up Dominic's challenge. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409).* "She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.'"

**Thursday, Aug 09, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

**Great faith doesn't happen overnight**

Many of us may be able to pinpoint clarifying moments when our faith comes to life and we are keenly aware of God's presence, but underlying those moments are many hours of reading, discussing, pondering, and questioning. This is the process that Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) went through on her way to becoming a Catholic, a Carmelite, and a martyr among Jews and Christians in 1942. She credits her conversion with reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, but it was her lifelong pursuit of knowledge—challenging her own and others' beliefs—that primed her to read the book that would lead her to Christ. In honor of Saint Teresa, read a book that stretches your mind and heart today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23.* "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

**Friday, Aug 10, 2018**

**FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR**

**Laugh it up**

We don't picture saints as having senses of humor. That is what makes the story of Lawrence being roasted over hot coals and telling his tormentors: "Turn me over. I am done on this side!" one of the most retold accounts of martyrdom. Who cares if it is just a legend? It remains a wonderful reminder that many saints laughed amid great hardship and that helped them reach sanctity. What has made you laugh a holy laugh lately? **TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).* "God loves a cheerful giver."

**Saturday, Aug 11, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN**

**The spirit of poverty**

Saint Clare (1193-1253) was only 18 when she first heard Saint Francis of Assisi preach. His words set her on fire, and she soon ran away from home to bind herself to the Franciscan spirit of poverty and charity. Her family was outraged—even more so when Clare's 15-year-old sister Agnes followed her to the convent several weeks later. In time, all was forgiven, and Clare's mother, another sister, and an aunt eventually became Poor Clares, as the second order of St. Francis became known. Clare's tireless work to preserve the privilege of absolute poverty helped the Franciscan movement survive intact after the death of Francis. Pray for Clare's youthful zeal in committing yourself to Christ. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20.* "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Aug 12, 2018**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Food for the road**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51.* "The angel ordered, 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!'"

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Aug. 4-5 -- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Israelites grumbled in the desert and the people of Jesus' time demanded a sign. Like them we want some assurance of God's life-giving presence among us. The sign that Jesus has given us is broken bread. Through his death and resurrection Christ entered into and healed our brokenness. In Christ, the Bread of Life, we are invited to embrace human vulnerability and brokenness not as a sign of death, but of life. We are invited to become one in sharing our need with one another and to reach out toward all whose lives are broken. How are you being called to be like Christ who shared himself fully with those in greatest need?

**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, August 4, 5:30PM**

Healing grace for Erin Cunningham and travel grace for Rosalind and Erin Cunningham as they travel to Houston for surgery on Monday.

For the repose of the soul of Matt Nestor Serushago, who died in the Congo, requested by his son Peter Serushago.

**SUNDAY, August 5, 8:00AM**

Please pray for the sick and shut in, and deceased member of Holy Cross.

**SUNDAY, Austin 5, 10:00AM**

Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Ronald and Carolyn Collin

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Alex and Adrien King

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday Aug 05 2018**

**Mass 8:00AM**

**Rosary 9:30AM**

**Mass 10:00AM**

**Tuesday August 7, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Wednesday August 08, 2018**

**NO Noon Mass**

**Thursday, August 09, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Friday August 10, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Weekend July 28\29, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**VIGIL MASS 19**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 am 36**

**10:00 am 160**

**Weekend July 28/29, 2018**

**OFFERTORY \$4738.00**

**Children 37.00**

**E-GIVING 920.00**

**SVDP (E-GIVING) 25.00**

**IBGO 416.00**

**SVDP 40.00**

**Courageous Conversation**

The Social Justice Ministry cordially invites you to attend the next Courageous Conversation on racism, 6:30 pm, [August 16](#) in Weber Hall. Please remember to bring at least one other person with you as we continue our discussion on ways to become better informed and more involved in undoing racism in our community.

**IGBO MASS August 26, 2018**

Please join us at our next IGBO Mass on Sunday, August 26, at 1:30pm. 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.

**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

**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](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens)

**MISSION APPEAL- IJEBU ODE**

The diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria was assigned to do a Mission Appeal at Holy Cross this year. The weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.ccctx.org/volunteer) or contact Claire Bordelon at (512) 651-6159 or [claire-bordelon@ccctx.org](mailto:claire-bordelon@ccctx.org).

**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.

**Men's ACT'S Retreat**

Come join the ACTS Men's retreat for a personal encounter with God while forming the bonds of brotherhood. ACTS Team members will be available after the 8am & 10am Masses in Weber Hall to answer and assist with any questions. A registration table will be set up for interested participants.

For more information please contact Men's Retreat Director – Craig Williams (512) 626-1934 or Co-Directors Alex King (512) 468-0366, John James (409) 466-1569

**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](http://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!

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