

**AUGUST 12, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Aug 12, 2018  
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**Food for the road**

We cherish those moments when nourishment comes as if heaven-sent. Trapped at our desks for the evening, someone thoughtfully orders take-out. When we're in mourning, caring neighbors drop off casseroles. We're tempted to graze self pityingly on the cupboard's junk food, when a friend calls with an invitation to a real meal. Sometimes the sustenance isn't food at all, but warmth, comfort, understanding, or forgiveness. Angels are everywhere on duty, supplying what's needed in the world's dark corners. Is it your turn to be that angel? Who might be hungry today **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). *"The angel ordered, 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!'"*

**Monday, Aug 13, 2018  
MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS  
Mom, what's an antipope?**

When differences arise, popes, like family members, choose sides. In the third century, a Roman priest, Hippolytus, took exception to the teachings of the pope and gathered followers to his side. He was the first of what became known as the antipopes, those leaders who gained a significant following over and against legitimate popes. He lasted 10 years until, with new Pope Pontian in place, the Roman emperor had both Pontian and Hippolytus executed, just to make sure he got the right one. Tradition holds that the two were reconciled before they died and thus became today's martyr saints together. Conflict and betrayal are part of every human life, but reconciliation is the way of true faith. With whom can you reconcile today? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised."*

**Tuesday, Aug 14, 2018  
MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR  
A witness to the end**

Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe is best known for the way he died: He offered his life in the Auschwitz Nazi death camp in exchange for another prisoner, a husband and father. But he led an incredibly active life before then. He founded a society for people

consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (still in existence), a Franciscan community near Warsaw that in 12 years grew from 18 to 650 friars, and a publishing house that produced religious booklets and a newspaper and monthly magazine with circulations of 230,000 and more than 1 million respectively. He even established a missionary center in Nagasaki, Japan in 1930. His hard work reached its fulfillment in his martyrdom. Let the dedication of this saint serve as an example in your life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

**Wednesday, Aug 15, 2018  
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
God is great!**

Some Polish Americans still bring garden flowers to church today, what's left of a customary blessing of the harvest. It is the time of killer tomatoes leaping off the vines and entirely too many zucchini, and such abundance can remind us that being just what you are, to the fullest, gives glory to God. Mary's Magnificat can be translated "My being magnifies the Lord," and as Rabbi Abraham Heschel said, "Just to be is a blessing." Your simple existence, let alone your bearing fruit that lasts, gives glory to the God of the harvest.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56. *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."*

**Thursday, Aug 16, 2018  
MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**

**Advice for the Christian leader**  
Saint Stephen of Hungary (969-1038), king of the Magyars, gave the following advice to his son: "Be merciful to all who are suffering. . . . Be patient with everyone. . . . Be strong lest prosperity lift you up too much or adversity cast you down. . . . Be gentle so that you may never oppose justice. Be honorable so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone. All these virtues make up the royal crown, and without them no one is fit to rule here on earth or attain the heavenly kingdom." In your leadership roles at home and work, commit to helping others feel the presence of Christ by living the virtues Stephen outlines.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?"*

**Friday, Aug 17, 2018  
Traveling mercies**

If you have flown recently you probably have a gripe or two to add to the large pile of complaints of missing luggage, brusque employees, and long lines. But put it all in perspective: On this day in 1807 people were celebrating the first-ever commercial steamboat service, which carried passengers 150 miles—in 32 hours! Step back even further, when the first Christian disciples trekked for days, weeks, and months to bring the Good News to lands unknown. While we'd all appreciate a little less time in line and a little more leg room, make sure you're attentive to opportunities to be kind, generous, and gentle with your fellow passengers along the way. As the poet John Milton put it, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I will remember the covenant I made with you."*

**Saturday, Aug 18, 2018  
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Stay mindful all week**

According to the church's *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, the traditional Saturday memorial of Mary is a "remembrance of the maternal example and discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary," a "prelude and introduction to the celebration of Sunday," and a "sign that the Virgin Mary is continuously present and operative in the life of the church." It's tempting to compartmentalize religion to one day a week. The steadfastness of Mary is a reminder that religion belongs in your life every day.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

**Next Sunday  
Sunday, Aug 19, 2018  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Smart eating  
TODAY'S READINGS:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58 (119). *"[Wisdom] has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table."*

**"Catholic Social Teaching Corner  
Aug. 11-12 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
At times in our life's journey, we may experience periods of deep emptiness and pain, as Elijah did. Yet God feeds us not just with ordinary food, but with himself. Like Elijah, we must have the courage to trust in God, to receive the life-giving food God provides and to continue God's work in hope

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and faith. What is that work? To witness to God's presence in every human life; to respond to human need and to change systems that perpetuate suffering; to be a witness to human solidarity and to work for the common good.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, August 11, 5:30PM**

For all sick and shut in parishioners.

**SUNDAY, August 12, 8:00AM**

Thanksgiving to God, for a successful surgery for Erin Cunningham. Who is now recuperating.

**SUNDAY, Austin 12, 10:00AM**

Mass of thanksgiving for the Agwuncha Family and Journey Mercy for all students going back to school, requested by the Agwuncha family.

Blessings and Travel Grace for Gracie Onyia as she leaves for college, requested by her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Onyia.

Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Brent and Frances Brown.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday Aug 12 2018**

**Mass 8:00AM**

**Rosary 9:30AM**

**Mass 10:00AM**

**Tuesday August 14, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Wednesday August 15, 2018**

**Mass 6:30PM, Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Friday August 17, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Weekend July 28\29, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**VIGIL MASS 54**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 am 48**

**10:00 am 156**

**Weekend August 4/5, 2018**

**OFFERTORY \$4093.00**

**Children 21.00**

**E-GIVING 920.00**

**SVDP (E-GIVING) 25.00**

**IGBO 416.00**

**SVDP 5.00**

**GIFT STORE 278.28**

**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.

**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 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.

**Mental Health Seminar, St. Elizabeth in Pflugerville**

St. Elizabeth Parish in Pflugerville will host a Mental Health Seminar on Aug. 25. This free seminar is developed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness and is designed to inform and support people who have loved ones with a mental health condition. Participants will learn about diagnoses, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI resources. For more information, visit [www.namiaustin.org/education/family-friends/](http://www.namiaustin.org/education/family-friends/).

**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.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY MASS**

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

**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).

**MEN'S ACTS 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

**ANNUAL ST AUGUSTINE MASS**

Date: Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10am Mass. Please invite your friends from across the diocese. Contact Maureen Agwuncha.



**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL**

Call the Church Office 512 472 3741