

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

Sunday, Aug 19, 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Smart eating

It doesn't take our annual physical to remind us that we live in a culture of unhealthy eating. What used to be a matter of consuming enough calories for survival has become a national epidemic of obesity. It is tempting to eat when happy or sad, in gatherings or alone, to fight boredom, lift moods, or assuage anxiety. A lot of what appears in our diets isn't even useful for nutrition, and some of it's downright harmful. One thing's for sure: Eucharist is the one meal we can't do without. Better than smart food, it's the table where wisdom is served.

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."*

Monday, Aug 20, 2018

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A consummate teacher

Some people just have a way with words. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was one such man. Through his writing and his teachings, he stands out as one of the major spiritual leaders of the Catholic faith. Here's a quote from Bernard that you might meditate on today: "If you should see a starving man standing with mouth open to the wind, inhaling draughts of air as if in hope of gratifying his hunger, you would think him a lunatic. But it is no less foolish to imagine that the soul can be satisfied with worldly things which only inflate it without feeding it."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). *"Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"*

Tuesday, Aug 21, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

Commune more often

Because he was the first pope to live in the modern age of technology, we know more about Pope Saint Pius X than many others. His life and ministry make a fascinating story, but today remember him as a leader who stressed simplicity and poverty. "I was born poor, I lived poor, and I shall die poor." He is likewise remembered as the pope who encouraged frequent Communion rather than once or twice a year as was common. His change in

practice also encouraged frequent celebration of the sacrament of Penance in preparation for receiving the Eucharist. Participate in these sacraments together soon.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior."*

Wednesday, Aug 22, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our most gracious advocate

The mother that bore the child Jesus and reared him into adulthood was, in turn, borne up into heaven by the power of the child. There she was deemed Queen, so that she might share the inheritance of Christ with her people. We cry out to her in the antiphon, "Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope." In doing so, we name her by her unique kingdoms, not of land but of virtues. For our share in these virtues we may ask her, who has always concerned herself in our salvation, to intercede on our behalf.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16. *"I will give you what is just."*

Thursday, Aug 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Flower power

Given her beauty, Rose of Lima (1586-1617) could have had her pick of marriage partners, but she preferred to live a simple life of prayer and live in a small hut set in her family's garden. To help her parents financially, she sold the beautiful flowers she cultivated. Aware of the many poor people in Lima, she opened a room in her family's home to anyone who needed her care, asking nothing in return. Great crowds gathered at her death, and her coffin was carried through the city. Rose was the first saint from the Western Hemisphere, and her feast day is widely celebrated in South America with processions filled with flowers. What beautiful creation can you cultivate in the garden of your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 *"Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."*

Friday, Aug 24, 2018

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Just one of the gang

In every crowd there are leaders and there are followers. There are characters who stick out and those who simply blend in. Bartholomew was one of those invisible ones. He was so transparent in

the gospel accounts that he is also identified as Nathanael. All that we know about his ministry and martyrdom is legend, some of it even based on non-Christian stories. We do know for sure that he was one of the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus. And that is enough. We don't have to be famous to get into heaven, just faithful like Bartholomew.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 *"Nathanael said, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip replied, 'Come and see.'"*

Saturday, Aug 25, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

Just doing his Job

The work of a teacher can be hard. Take the example of Saint Joseph Calasanz (1556-1648), whose great mission in life was educating the urban poor for free, with special attention to the abandoned and homeless children of Rome. He even founded a religious order devoted to this task. By 1611 his school had 1,200 students. But then one of the members of his own community led a revolt against him that resulted in his false arrest and being forced from office. Joseph went through this experience without complaint. Picking up on this fact, Cardinal Prospero Lambertini, who would become Pope Benedict XIV, said Calasanz was a "perpetual miracle of fortitude and another Job." Next time you find yourself in a position to teach someone, remember the great dedication and patience of Joseph Calasanz.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12. *"The greatest among you will be your servant."*

Next Sunday

Sunday, Aug 26, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

By invitation only

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69 (122). *"Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?'"*

"Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 18-19 -- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a privilege it is that we have been invited to the banquet of eternal life and endless grace. Filled with the very life of God we can live as Paul recommends: people filled with the Spirit, with gratitude and joy. We can be people filled with wisdom rather than foolishness. But will people notice a

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difference during the week? Will others be touched by a deep sense of God's life in us? What can we do this week to be living bread for the poor and those in greatest need since we have feasted at this heavenly banquet?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 18, 5:30PM

Happy Birthday to Jessica Brooks, requested by her brother and parents

SUNDAY, August 19, 8:00AM

This mass is being requested by Roz Cunningham and family to thank all her Holy Cross family who prayed for Erin during her illness and recuperation.

SUNDAY, August 19, 10:00AM

Happy 50th Birthday to Gloria Nwachukwu and thanksgiving, requested by her husband Anthony and children

WEDNESDAY, August 22, Noon

Repose of the soul of Delphine Parker, requested by Barbara Scott

Calendar of Events

Sunday Aug 19 2018

Mass 8:00AM

Rosary 9:30AM

Mass 10:00AM

Tuesday August 21, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday August 22, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Noon Mass

Friday August 24, 2018

Noon Mass

Weekend Aug 11/12, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 20

SUNDAY

8:00 am 58

10:00 am 285

Weekend August 11/12, 2018

OFFERTORY \$3918.00

Children 43.00

E-GIVING 1547.43

SVDP (E-GIVING) 70.00

CANDLES 143.00

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.

ANNUAL ST AUGUSTINE MASS Date:

Sunday August 26th @ 10am Mass. Please invite your friends from across the diocese. Contact Maureen Agwuncha.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Registration for Religious Education Classes will begin Aug25/26 after all Masses and will continue until Sunday, September 16. Please register your child/children if they are going to participate in Holy Cross CCD/ Sacramental/RCIA classes or the High School Youth Ministry. Classes begin on Sunday, September 16 at 12noon. The Religious Education Ministry is in need of Catechists and volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents with the youth of our church. If you can share your time, talent, treasure and commitment to the Religious Education Ministry in any way, please contact Jennifer Brooks, DRE.

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

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

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 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.

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

MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

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. Participants will learn about diagnoses, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI resources. For more information, visit www.namiaustin.org/education/familyfriends/.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary's Annual Fiesta Dinner and Bingo

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, located at 1520 N. Railroad Ave in Pflugerville will host its Annual Fiesta Dinner and Bingo on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The \$10 BBQ dinner will consist of sliced brisket, sausage, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, green beans, and iced tea or lemonade. Bingo will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Bingo cards will cost \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Fifteen games will be played and cards are good for all 15 games. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you have just moved to East Austin and new to our Parish we are glad to welcome you to Holy Cross. Let us know how we can help serve your spiritual needs. Call the office to speak to Fr Basil Aguzie, MSP

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