

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

Sunday, Aug 26, 2018
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

By invitation only

Too often we speak of faith as an obligation, when it's an invitation. Churches have some of the biggest doors around, and they open both ways. We can come and go—and plenty of people do both, at one time or another. When teachings are challenging, folks may find discipleship unacceptable—just like in the time of Jesus. We don't arrive here by mandate, and we're not prisoners of our Baptism. Come if you will, leave if you choose. But if you stay, be clear on where the path of Jesus is going, and what it will cost.

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?'"*

Monday, Aug 27, 2018
MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Tears shed through the years

For years Saint Monica wept during her tireless prayers for her husband Patricius and her son Augustine to become Christians. Her dedication and devotion to God and her Christian values have earned her the title of patroness of married women, alcoholics, difficult marriages, disappointing children, and victims of unfaithfulness and verbal abuse. Despite her sorrow and grief for the path her son chose early in his life, her wholeheartedness and persistence proved true when her son became Christian. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). "Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred?"*

Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018
MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A saint for sore eyes

The practice of adopting patron saints goes back to the early days of Christianity when churches were built over the graves of martyrs who then were adopted as patrons. As one of the most prominent Christians in history, Saint Augustine has been named patron saint by countless churches, cities, and dioceses as well as by theologians, printers, brewers, and, of all things, those who suffer from soreness of the eyes! Whatever condition your eyesight is in, reading

some of Augustine's *Confessions* will help clear your vision. You may just adopt him as *your* patron!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!"*

Wednesday, Aug 29, 2018
MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Get closer to God

John the Baptist is a unique figure in the Bible. For one thing he forms a bridge between the Testaments: He looks, acts, and talks a lot like an Old Testament prophet but points beyond himself to a new faith, in Jesus. For another he gets something that's reserved only for Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary: The church celebrates his birth and death as a "nativity" and a "passion" respectively. These words underscore John's close relationship to Christ and his important role in the story of salvation. But while no other saint receives such observances, John nonetheless does what all saints do: points out God to people and points people to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 (427); Mark 6:17-29 (634). "Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man."*

Thursday, Aug 30, 2018

Walk on

It's that time of year again—kids are heading back to school, the days are getting shorter, the carefree summer is winding down; some evening soon there will be a hint of autumn in the air. As the calendar continues its relentless turn, the change of season may bring mixed emotions. Endings always do—whether to a relationship, a job, a dream, or the ultimate end we all will face to this mortal life. These are the moments when our faith is put to the test. Fortunately, we do not have to face final things alone. God is at our side, the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. As you say farewell to summer in the days ahead, rest assured that you never walk alone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "He will keep you firm to the end."*

Friday, Aug 31, 2018

The future is now

On this day in 1803 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their famous expedition to the West Coast. In 1887 Thomas Edison patented his Kinetoscope, ushering in the age of motion pictures. In 1935 Franklin Roosevelt signed the Neutrality Act,

"to avoid any action that might involve the United States in war." In 1999 Princess Diana died in a car crash. Perhaps someone you know was born, or died, or was married on this day. We assume there's plenty of time to tell loved ones what they mean to us or to reconcile with a friend. On this ordinary August day, remember the words of Mother Teresa: "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

Saturday, Sep 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Last seen praying

Your final glimpse of a friend or loved one can impress itself powerfully on the mind. While you know the aged aunt isn't still knitting in that favorite chair or the college pal might not be kicking that football around forever, in the land of memory these folks seem frozen in place. Sometimes, of course, there's perfect unity between memory and reality. Mary of Nazareth is last seen in the New Testament praying with the church on Pentecost morning. And if you seek her intercession, you'll find she's still there.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). "For to everyone who has, more will be given."*

Next Sunday

Sunday, Sep 02, 2018
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Law is good, love is better

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). "What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law?"*

"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 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?

AUGUST 26, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

TWENTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 25, 5:30PM

For all sick and shut-in parishioners of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, August 26, 8:00AM

This Mass is being said for Ron and Alice Scharfe.

SUNDAY, August 26, 10:00AM

For all Holy Cross Bulletin Sponsors, may God Bless them for providing this service to our Parishioners.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Aug 26 2018

Mass 8:00AM
Rosary 9:30AM
St Augustine Mass 10:00AM
IGBO Mass 1:30PM

Tuesday August 28, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday August 29, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, August 30, 2018

Noon Mass

Friday August 31, 2018

Noon Mass

Weekend Aug 18/19, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 28
SUNDAY
8:00 am 59
10:00 am 189

Weekend August 18/19, 2018

OFFERTORY \$4440.00
Children 27.00
E-GIVING 1547.43
SVDP (E-GIVING) 670.00
Assumption of Mary 275.00
Flowers 50.00

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 fifth year pledge, call Johnnie Dorsey or speak to me after Mass. Thank you so much for making our dream come true.
 Fr Basil

IGBO MASS August 26, 2018

Please join us for our IGBO Mass today 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.

ONLINE GIVING

Donations to the Holy Cross Church Offertory, Family Life Center and St. Vincent DePaul can be made by setting up your donation to come from your checking account, debit card or credit card. Simply go to the holycrossaustin.org website, click on **ONLINE GIVING**, which is next to the Church's Mission Statement and follow the instructions. You can make a recurring or one-time donation online. If you need any assistance, please contact Derek Phillips or Johnnie Dorsey.

BISHOP JOHN MCCARTHY BURIAL

Visitation will take place at St. Mary Cathedral, 203 E. 10th St., Austin, Texas on Thursday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Vigil Service will take place at St. William Catholic Church, 620 Round Rock West Drive., Round Rock, TX on Thursday, August 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. William Catholic Church, 620 Round Rock West Drive., Round Rock, TX on Friday, August 24 @ 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow immediately in the parish hall.

MISSION APPEAL-IJEBU ODE

The diocese of IJEBU-ODE, Nigeria was assigned to do a Mission Appeal at Holy Cross today. Please welcome our visiting priest, Rev Michael Banjo Ositimehin of Ijebu-Ode Diocese, Nigeria. Ijebu- Ode Diocese is a rural but growing Diocese. Her population is 50% Muslim, 25% Christians of other denomination, 15% Catholics, and 10% of Traditional African Religion. The Diocese has 37 parishes with over 150 churches, 7 houses of formation, 12 religious houses for male and female groups. The Catholic population does not have material and financial resources to sustain her many development programs of evangelization; sustenance of priests and religious, training of seminarians, and to sustain primary health care projects for the villagers. Please let us warmly welcome Rev. Michael and let us be as generous as possible to Mission Diocese.

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.

FLOWERS

Flowers this week-end are donated by Ron and Alice Scharfe.

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

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

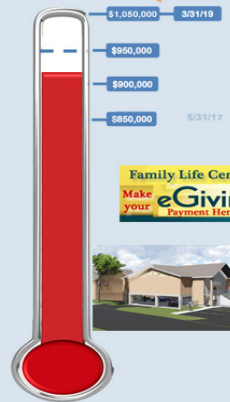
If you have just moved to East Austin and new to our Parish we are glad to welcome you to Holy Cross. Let us know how we can help serve your spiritual needs. Call the office 512-472-3741 to speak to Fr Basil Aguzie, MSP.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry is in need of parishioners who want to share their gifts, talents, and love for others. This ministry helps the poor and needy with rent, utilities and sometimes with food. It only requires 4 hours a month, on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please consider joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM. Contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949 or church office for additional information."

Family Life Center Capital Campaign

Five Year Payment Goal **\$1,050,000**



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