

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Sunday, Sep 09, 2018**  
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**Put on your kingdom glasses**

It's hard to see past appearances. Some creatures are just better looking, whether it's a specimen of tree or flower, fish or bird, or human being. And the lovelier the view, the more it attracts us. The trouble with such distinctions is not in the eye of the beholder, of course, but rather in the heart. Do we value children according to a scale of cuteness or cleverness? Do we choose friends based on zip codes or celebrity? Do we give our attention to the person wearing trendier labels? Put on your kingdom glasses and reverse your instinctive attraction today.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128).* "Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"

**Monday, Sep 10, 2018**

**Your name here**

For Jews, the days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. On Rosh Hashanah, meaning the "Head of the Year" or "First of the Year," it is said God writes down who will live and who will die, and who will have a good or bad year. But what people do during the Days of Awe can change God's decision, which God seals in a book on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Jesus says that to inherit eternal life, to have your name written in the Book of Life, you must love God with all your being and your neighbor as yourself. Take a page from this Jewish holy season and look back on the past year, especially what you need to change.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437).* "I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

**Tuesday, Sep 11, 2018**

**Decisions, decisions**

If you examine the key choices Jesus made in his life, you'll note that before he made them he spent time alone in prayer—often for a good deal of time. Decision-making is never easy, especially when the stakes are high. If Jesus turned to quiet time in prayer at such moments, should we settle for anything less in our own lives? Make sure you take the time you need—and pray for God's guidance—when faced with a big decision. Then you will be

able to move forward with trust and confidence once you have made your choice.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438).* "Jesus departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

**Wednesday, Sep 12, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**

**A litany of reasons to praise Mary**

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin, in use since 1981, contains traditional elements from May crownings of yesteryear: familiar responses, triple entreaties. But at its heart, it seeks not only to claim but also to define Mary's queenship. She is queen of virtues: charity, mercy, and peace. She is queen over groups: angels, prophets, and martyrs. She is queen of territories: heaven and earth. Pray her litany today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26* "Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

**Thursday, Sep 13, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Golden words**

A highly educated monk and priest, John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) reluctantly became bishop of Constantinople in 398. He was twice exiled for his criticism of the nobility and other bishops. He earned his name *Chrysostom*, Greek for "golden-mouthed," because of his eloquence as a preacher. He spoke powerfully about worship when he once said, "What is the use of loading Christ's table with gold cups while he himself is starving? Feed the hungry, and then if we have any money left over, spend it on the altar table. . . . What use is it to adorn the altar with cloth of gold hangings and deny Christ a coat for his back!"

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38.* "From the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic."

**Friday, Sep 14, 2018**

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**How the cross became holy**

Christians are an odd lot. We take what was used as an object of torture and murder—the cross of Christ—and elevate it to a holy state. Just as Christ redeemed us through his death, the cross itself is redeemed through Jesus' saving act. We now place crosses and crucifixes around our necks, pin them to our lapels,

and hang them in our homes and churches. We welcome the constant reminder of Jesus' painful death, because it gives us comfort in our own suffering and reminds us of the promise of the Resurrection. The cross is the most universal and powerful symbol of Christianity. Draw on it regularly to give you the strength to find God in all things. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638).* "God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved."

**Saturday, Sep 15, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**Her station keeping**

On this special feast, the church recommends chanting the words we know more familiarly as the "Stabat Mater": "At the cross her station keeping / Stood the mourning mother weeping / Close to Jesus to the last." Well known by the 14th century, the "Stabat Mater" was probably written by Pope Innocent III in the 12th century and popularized by the Franciscans. Its pathos has made it beloved by Catholics and Protestants alike. It is a powerful reminder that in the realm of sorrow, we have an advocate who knows our grief very well. Our Mother stands ready to share our losses.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Corinthians 10:14-22 (442); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639).* "Without dying you won the Martyr's crown beneath the Cross of the Lord."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Sep 16, 2018**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**The answer this time**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131).* "And Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Sept. 8-9 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ephphatha! As we open our eyes to see, and open our ears to hear, we will notice people around us suffering from homelessness, poverty, inadequate health care and joblessness. The Gospel story reminds us not only to remember those on the peripheries, but also to open our hearts — reaching out to them in humble service.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, September 8, 5:30PM**

For couples in crisis pregnancy-that they choose life.

Happy Birthday to **Daniel Van Dongen**, requested, by his wife Marianne

**SUNDAY, September 9, 8:00AM**

This Mass is for Lt. Andy Michel as he serves our country overseas; please pray for God's protection and safe return. And all military personnel

**SUNDAY, September 9, 10:00AM**

In Loving Memory of Henry, Theresa and Brandon Fontenette, requested by Michelle Fontenette

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday Sept 9, 2018**

**Mass 8:00AM**  
**Rosary 9:30AM**  
**Mass 10.00AM**

**Tuesday Sept 11, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Wednesday Sept 12, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Thursday, Sept 13, 2018**

**Noon Mass**  
**Choir 6:30**  
**Pastoral Council 6:30**

**Friday Sept 14, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Weekend Sept 1/2, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**  
**VIGIL MASS 28**  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 am 44**  
**10:00 am 198**

**Weekend September 1/2, 2018**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$5009.00</b>
Children	12.00
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>1066.60</b>
SVDP (E-GIVING)	80.00
MSP	100.00
Women's ACTS	630.00
Religious Ed.	70.00
<b>GIFT STORE</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**HOLY CROSS SISTERS IN NOTRE DAME**

Please continue to bring your **cancelled** stamps for the Holy Cross Sisters in Notre Dame, Indiana to benefit their Ministry With the Poor fund.

**IGBO MASS SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Please join us for our next IGBO Mass, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. Help spread the news. Holy Cross will have a monthly **IGBO** Mass, every last Sunday of the month. All **IGBO**. Catholics are welcome

**ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY**

DATE: Sunday October  
7th TIME: After 10 Am Mass  
VENUE: Blackshear Elementary School pavilion

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Register for Religious Education after all Masses on Sunday Please register your child/children if they are 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.

**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. 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

**BLUE AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP DANCE**

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue and White Scholarship Dance at the Millennium Entertainment Center on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 8:00pm. Tickets are on sale in Weber Hall after Mass and the cost \$25.00 presale and \$30.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for the Knights of Peter Claver Junior Divisions.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

If you have just moved to 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, and get a New Member Package.

**REGISTER & VOTE!!**

To Vote in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, you must be register in Travis & Williamson County by, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Early Voting begins October 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please stop by the Voting table in Weber Hall and complete a voter registration form if you are not already registered.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry is in need of volunteers, contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949 or church office for additional information."

**FUNDRAISER**



**Holy Cross ACTS Retreatant** will host a Brisket Sale, Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 and 10AM Masses Brisket Sandwich, Chips, Drink and trimmings, only \$7.00

**Red Mass is Sept. 18**

The annual diocesan Red Mass will be held Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. This is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the opening of the judicial year. All are welcome. This 13th century European custom marked the opening of the parliament and received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. This year's homilist will be Father Greg Gerhart, associate pastor of St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station. A reception will follow in Bishop's Hall.

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

Five Year Payment Goal  
**\$1,017,000**

Family Life Center  
Make your eGiving Payment Here

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Call the Church Office 512 472 3741