

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Sep 16, 2018
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The answer this time

We evolve. This is one of the most grateful things about existence, that we're not required to remain stuck in our stuff. We grow, learn, and adapt through the years. Our relationship with the Holy One evolves too. So, when Jesus asks us once more—Who do you say that I am?—our reply may well be different this time. Is Jesus still the God someone gave us long ago? Has Jesus become more real and necessary: as a friend, brother, healer, teacher, fellow sufferer, or champion? Is Jesus Lord of our lives, judge, irritant, role model, or inspiration?

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

Monday, Sep 17, 2018
MEMORIAL OF ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Make care for the poor a cardinal virtue

The Italian Jesuit Robert Bellarmine (d. 1621) is rightly remembered for his brilliance—he was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that "he had not his equal for learning." But while Bellarmine wore the red hat and had an apartment in the Vatican, he refused to live the high life. He maintained his austere disciplines, spending the bare minimum on his own needs and eating only the food available to the poor. It is said that he even used the tapestries he found in his Vatican apartment to clothe poor people, remarking, "The walls won't catch cold." Pray that all the leaders of the church share Bellarmine's vision of what it means to be a servant of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10 (443)*. "I did not consider myself worthy to come to you, but say the word and let my servant be healed."

Tuesday, Sep 18, 2018
What you do for the least helps the most One of Jesus' greatest gifts was his ability to comfort people who were suffering. He did that by performing miracles, of course, but also by simply accepting each person he encountered. Jesus' method was simple, but 2,000 years later it is apparent that we still have much to learn about how to treat the most fragile and vulnerable among us. The French geophysicist Xavier Le Pichon, in a profoundly

personal and moving essay titled "Ecce Homo" ("Behold Humanity"), writes that when people turn toward the suffering ones in their midst, the entire community is transformed. Take some time today to read Le Pichon's essay and hear his extraordinary life story at onbeing.org. You won't be sorry.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 (444)*. "When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'"

Wednesday, Sep 19, 2018
MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

They're there when you need them

The bishop Saint Januarius, who died near the beginning of the fourth century, is known primarily for the San Gennaro festival named after him and for a famous phenomenon: the liquefying of a vial said to be his blood that has been going on several times a year in Naples, Italy for centuries. Apparently, he was an inspiring presence even before that. When Saint Paulinus of Nola was dying in 431, he called out to Saints Januarius and Martin of Tours, "who a little while ago were speaking to me and promising me that soon I would join them," a biography says. Saints are always available. Pray to them for help and let them serve as examples of love and service in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 7:31-35 (445)*. "Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

Thursday, Sep 20, 2018
MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

What they did for love

"Love makes the whole difference between an execution and martyrdom," Evelyn Underhill once said. As one of Christianity's renowned commentators on mysticism, she should know. The saints we call mystics are hailed for their utmost trust in God's love, their sheer abandonment to its power. But martyrs take it one step further—abandonment to even the point of death. Such devotion is "not an affair of red cassocks and authorized hymnbooks," Underhill wrote, "but a burning and consuming fire." As we remember today nearly 10,000 Korean martyrs, most of them laypeople, who were tortured and killed for their love of Christ, whose blood built the church in Korea, reflect on what real love looks like and what helps it grow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50 (446)*. "You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment."

Friday, Sep 21, 2018
FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
I'm the tax man

Before Matthew was an apostle, he was a tax collector. Tax collectors as a rule are not the most popular people on the block, but they were despised in Roman-occupied Jewish lands, where they did the dirty work of collecting the Empire's taxes. Jesus' desire to mingle with such people scandalized the religious authorities, but Jesus was more interested in being with "tax collectors and sinners" than with the righteous, who felt they had nothing to learn from Jesus and no need to reform their lives. If we want Jesus to feel comfortable in our homes and hearts, it is good for us to guard against righteousness, the temptation to elevate ourselves by judging others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643)*. "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Saturday, Sep 22, 2018
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Run like a girl

The spiritual life is often described in sporting terms: Fight the good fight, run the race, win the crown. These come from an ancient Greek culture immersed in the excitement of athletic games and competition. But there are other ways to triumph, spiritually speaking. Mary of Nazareth employed the gospel paradox of the weak surpassing the strong through utter reliance on God's promises. Her "race" involved domestic life, birth and death, security and danger and challenge. Competition isn't the only way to win.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15*. "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you."

Next Sunday
Sunday, Sep 23, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Race you to the bottom

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134)*. "They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Sept. 15-16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The family of faith can never turn a blind eye to the socioeconomic inequalities of those who are suffering among us. If we belong to Christ, we must always express a special concern for the

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marginalized. Expressing concern places our faith into practice as the epistle of James reminds us, "Faith without works is dead."

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 15, 5:30PM

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

SUNDAY, September 16, 8:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Karl Adams, Sr., requested by Jennifer Brooks

For the repose of the soul of Rico Villanuva, requested by the Escarrilla Family.

SUNDAY, September 16, 10:00AM

Happy 9th Birthday for Sydni Phillips, requested by Gene, Marlexa and Trey

For the repose of the soul of Gladys Julian on the 7th anniversary of her being with the Lord, requested by Brenda Jones

Calendar of Events

Sunday Sept 16, 2018

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

Tuesday Sept 18, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday Sept 19, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, Sept 22, 2018

Noon Mass
Choir 6:30
Pastoral Council 6:30

Friday Sept 14, 2018

Noon Mass

Weekend Sept 8/9, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 19
SUNDAY
8:00 am 36
10:00 am 262

Weekend September 8/9, 2018

OFFERTORY	\$2143.00
Children	29.00
E-GIVING	3885.07
SVDP (E-GIVING)	95.00
Mission Appeal	525.00
Women's ACTS	357.00
Religious Ed.	175.00
GIFT STORE	20.00

IGBO MASS SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018

Please join us for our next IGBO Mass, September 30th, 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 continues after all Masses, please register your child/children. Classes begin at 12noon. The Religious Education Ministry is in need of Catechists and volunteers 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 2nd 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 6th election, you must be register in Travis & Williamson County by, October 9th. Early Voting begins October 22nd and ends November 2nd. 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."

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.

FUNDRAISER

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

Cathedral hosts Fullness of Truth Conference

Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries will present "Angels & Demons: Discerning the Glorious from the Fallen" Sept. 28 at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Learn more about the incredible trial of the angels and the battle over the human family. Discover the mission and role of the angels in our lives. Details are available at www.fullnessoftruth.org/copy-of-austin-angels-and-demons-us.

Young adults invited to day of reflection

Young adults, both single and married, between the ages of 18-39, are invited to a day of reflection Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seton Administrative Offices in Austin. Join the diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry for conversation, prayer and activities exploring the joys and challenges of being a young adult. Details are available at www.austindiocese.org/youngadult.

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