

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

**Sunday, Oct 28, 2018**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**I can see clearly now**

Certain events leave us with the sensation of scales falling from our eyes. Maybe it's a directed retreat or parish mission that shatters our complacency and brings us to tears. Or maybe it's just life happening to us in all of its raw power—in birth, loss, love, or pain—that promotes a clearer value of what's really important. All in a moment, we sense what we need to do, or stop doing, to be true to what's real. When those hours arrive, pay attention! Jesus is calling, a way is opening, and all that's required is to say "yes."

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 "Immediately [Bartimaeus] received his sight and followed him on the way."*

**Monday, Oct 29, 2018**

**Let go and let God**

The novelist Henry James wrote: "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind." It is not always simple or even possible, though, to know how to be kind to others. In the tricky and complex situations you occasionally find yourself, the "high road" is not always clear: "Would this person appreciate an explanation, or would that just make them angrier?" "Should I back off or continue to engage?" Asking yourself what you would like in a similar situation isn't always helpful either; that question only helps you to know yourself better! Sometimes the best you can do is to have the intention and let God do the rest.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."*

**Tuesday, Oct 30, 2018**

**Start small**

When Mother Teresa first went into the slums of Calcutta, she had little more than a patch of dirt in which to scrape the letters of the alphabet as a way of teaching children to read. Today, thousands of Missionaries of Charity, the community she founded, work around the world with the poorest of the poor. Dorothy Day started the Catholic Worker movement with only one house of hospitality. Many worthy efforts started with very little, sometimes only an idea, before growing into something

great. So don't run down your own humble ideas or projects, especially if they will make people's lives better. You never know when that little seed will grow into a tree.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21. "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree."*

**Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018**

**Saints don't need scary costumes**

At a Catholic elementary school in Chicago in the 1950s, students were expected to come to school on Halloween in costume. Cool! The catch: You had to be dressed as a saint! Definitely uncool. Who wants to walk to school past "the publics" looking like a dork? Still, the sisters had it right, even if their pedagogy was unappreciated. Today is All Hallows Eve, the day before the day when we remember all the saints who have gone before us, canonized and no. We remember that they lived, searched for God, failed, and succeeded just as we do today, and maybe they had to do dorky things in school, too.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."*

**Thursday, Nov 01, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**Let your sainthood shine!**

Genesis says people are made in the image and likeness of God. The gospels say to see Jesus in one another. In other words, we are more like God than we might think. We can see God, not completely, but a lot, in human beings. That's what saints, whom the church celebrates today, do: They show us how to be close to God, how to be holy. They help us to see how God is like us and we are like God—and call us to be more like God, as they were. Answer that call. Imitate the saints. You can be one, too!  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "What we do know is this: When God is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is."*

**Friday, Nov 02, 2018**

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

**Grace will bring you home**

When we pray the Hail Mary, we ask for the help of Mary our Mother at two crucial moments of our lives: "now, and at the hour of our death." Now is an important occasion because it is the time of decision. *The hour of our death* is critical because it's the last moment

over which we exercise our will. When we pray for the dead, today and every day, we come to the spiritual assistance of those who can no longer help themselves. We can rest assured that one day the church will be supplying us with the same grace.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them."*

**Saturday, Nov 03, 2018**

**MEMORIALS OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Sanctify the smallest deeds**

As the young Martin de Porres (1579-1639) began his vocation in Peru, he longed to bring his mission to foreign peoples so that he could receive the honor of martyrdom. When he realized that God was not going to make this possible, however, he turned his focus from exotic lands to the commonplace tasks he saw right in front of him. This "Brother of the Broom" worked to bring forth the kingdom of God within his abbey by becoming a master of homemaking. He looked after the cooking, cleaning, and laundry. A fellow brother recounted how Martin showed him how to sow chamomile in the "well-manured hoof-prints of cattle." No task was too small that Martin couldn't see God's plan in it. Throughout the day, look at mundane tasks as saintly deeds.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Nov 04, 2018**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Silly love songs?**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "To love [God] with all your heart . . . is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Oct. 27-28 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Bartimaeus, reaching out to the Lord, offers a helpful reminder that what God has for us is indeed for us. Even in the midst of people attempting to silence Bartimaeus, he persisted by continuing to call on the Lord, the only person who could help him. May all who suffer in body or spirit be encouraged to call on the Lord.

**OCTOBER 28, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, October 27, 5:30PM**

This Mass is for Lt. Andy Michel as he serves our country overseas; please pray for Sharon his wife and God's protection and safe return.

**SUNDAY, October 28, 8:00AM**

Traveling Graces for Selwyn and Jackie King and all who are traveling. May God protect us and bring us back safely.

**SUNDAY, October 28, 10:00AM**

In Loving Memory of Lilia Escarrilla, requested by the Escarrilla family.

**WEDNESDAY, Noon Mass October 31**

For the repose of the souls, of Lucille Adams & Earl Linton, requested by Jennifer Brooks

**FRIDAY, NOV. 2, MASS 6:30PM**

For all the deceased of our parish family, requested by the Mullens

**Calendar of Events**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10.00AM
IGBO	1:30PM

**Tuesday OCT 30, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Wednesday OCT 31, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Thursday, NOV 1, 2018**

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS 6:30PM

**Friday NOV 2, 2018**

ALL SOULS DAY MASS 6:30PM

**SATURDAY NOV 3, 2018**

Vigil Mass 5:30PM

**Weekend October 20/21, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

VIGIL MASS	26
SUNDAY	
8:00 am	49
10:00 am	201

**Weekend October 20/21, 2018**

OFFERTORY	\$3026.00
Children	32.00
E-GIVING	965.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	00.00
SVDP	260.00
Mission	500.00
Gift Store	40.00
ACTS	775.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

There will be CCD Classes Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

If you have just moved to Austin and new to our Parish, we 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 pick up a new member package to register with the parish.

**HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

November 1- 4, 2018, Open to all Ladies 18 year old and older, Come join us and experience the Love of God.

**SAVE THE DATE: GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

A diocesan celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Dec. 1 in downtown Austin. The event will begin with a procession. Attendees will gather at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin for announcements and depart in procession at 8 a.m. The procession will end at San José Parish in Austin, where Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow. For more information visit [www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration](http://www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration)

**IGBO MASS OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Our next IGBO Mass, is today Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry is in need of volunteers. This ministry helps the poor and needy with rent, utilities and food. Please consider joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry, contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949 or church office for additional information."

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS MASS:**

Thursday November 1 @ 6:30pm. There will be no noon Mass.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS**

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm. To book Masses for your deceased loved ones, envelopes are in the pews, on back table and in the

office. Masses will be said for all deceased members throughout the year and all names call on All Souls Day.

**HOLY HOUR**

A Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 10:00am. Please plan to attend and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, for these vocations.

**ANNUAL ADVENT REVIVAL**

Our Revival This year begins on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> with Advent Penance on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Revivalist this is

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

Celebrate the Blessed Mother at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin with a candlelight rosary every Friday in October at 7:30 p.m. Groups are welcome to join us in leading this special liturgy of the rosary. The shrine is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit [www.schoenstatt.us](http://www.schoenstatt.us) for more information.



**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL**

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