

**JANUARY 13, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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

**Sunday, Jan 13, 2019**

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**Stories that could be true**

Our place in the cosmic scheme of things is always a large question mark at the back of our minds. As poet William Stafford suggests in "A Story That Could Be True," we journey through the world like homeless souls, wondering if maybe there's a greater home where we might truly belong and be at peace. "Who are you really, wanderer?" Stafford asks. This question has many answers. John the Baptist accepts that he's not the Christ; he's just the messenger. Jesus embraces his identity as the beloved Son. Consider what could be true—of you.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21).* "All were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

**Monday, Jan 14, 2019**

**An unsigned letter from an inspired author**

This month the liturgy uses extensively the Letter to the Hebrews, which has been called the "most elegant and sophisticated, and perhaps the most enigmatic, text of first-century Christianity." In early centuries it was usually attributed to Saint Paul, but the language and theology are very unlike Paul's letters. The truth is, no one knows for certain who authored it. After discussing the possibilities, Origen (185-254), the first great biblical scholar, remarked: "But who wrote the epistle, in truth, God knows." Regardless of authorship, Hebrews is famous for its image of the "high priesthood" of Christ. That "priesthood of all believers" belongs to all of us as followers of Christ—are you in for the journey?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305).* "Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'"

**Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019**

**Ask an authority on the subject**

Jesus astounded the people who met him along the way not only by the great deeds and signs that he performed and by what he taught—to love one's enemies or forgive countless times. The amazement of the crowds was also due to the authority with which he spoke, not citing other rabbis or scholars but teaching from his own soul. In the church we often identify "authority" only with the teaching office, the Catechism, the decrees of popes, or the

sense of the faithful. But the authority with which each baptized person testifies to Christ is also the authority, the authenticity, of his or her own life of faith, justice, and mercy.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28* "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

**Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019**

**Just showing up is not enough**

Woody Allen is quoted as saying, "90 percent of life is showing up." What, though, do we do with the other 10 percent? The story of God calling the prophet Samuel attests that just showing up won't take you the whole way. The first two times Samuel heard a voice calling him in the night, he responded only, "Here I am!" The priest Eli, knowing something of God's ways, informs the young man that merely presenting himself in the holy place is insufficient. Samuel must also declare himself the servant of the Lord. Likewise, we should not rely on just showing up for the Lord. The final 10 percent is the part that makes the difference.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307).* "As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground."

**Thursday, Jan 17, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT  
The hermit next door**

When people think of a hermit, someone like Saint Anthony the Great usually comes to mind. He was one of the first in the Christian tradition to give away his worldly wealth and go off to live alone in the desert. But consider this: There might be Catholic hermits in your very neighborhood! It's not common, but this vocation involves living a life of prayer and contemplation in solitude—in any diocese where a person might be, with the acceptance and under the direction of their bishop. Pray for those holy hermits who could be in your midst.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308).* "He remained outside in deserted places."

**Friday, Jan 18, 2019**

**One in Jesus**

Today begins the Octave ("eight days") of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week of special prayer for the unity of all Christians with Jesus the Lord—who prayed at the Last Supper for his followers "that they all may be one." Many things keep Christians in their separate churches and communities. But in the end they share a common faith in Jesus who shows us who God is

and calls us to love one another as God loves us. Pray today—and this week, and beyond this week—that Christians will find more to unite them than divide them.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12.* "So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them and Jesus was speaking the word to them."

**Saturday, Jan 19, 2019**

**Get into the ecumenical spirit**

Not sure what you can do to promote Christian unity besides avoiding calling other Christians non-Catholics? Here is some simple advice found in Vatican II's *Decree on Ecumenism*: "All the faithful should remember that the more effort they make to live holier lives according to the gospel, the better will they further Christian unity and put it into practice. For the closer their union with the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, the more deeply and easily will they be able to grow in mutual brotherly love. This change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name 'spiritual ecumenism.'"

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310).* "Many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus—for there were many who followed him."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jan 20, 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Service with a smile**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66).* "His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

Jan. 12-13, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Christ was sent into the world to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed (Lk 4:18). Christ came to effect a great reconciliation, bringing about the salvation all. In Christ, through baptism, we are born again and made a royal priesthood, a holy people set apart. As a result, we, the common priesthood of the faithful, have a part in the mission of the whole body — bringing glad tidings, proclaiming liberty, giving sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 5:30PM**

For the repose of the soul of  
Reverend Jerome LeDoux, S.V.D.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 8:00AM**

Repose of the souls of Marion and  
Edward Duncan Hall, Lorne Moran,  
Jackie & C.B. Mollay, Terrell Delphin,  
Ladell & Cheiko High and Vera Slattery,  
requested by Tyra Duncan-Hall

**JANUARY 13, 10:00AM**

Birthday Blessings for Marion Welch.  
Requested by her sister, Donna  
Sistrunk-Irving

For the repose of the soul of  
Reverend Jerome LeDoux, S.V.D.

Repose of the souls of Elva Montague,  
Lenora Hooper Williams, Alvin Sr. and  
Alvin, Jr. Hooper, Verna and Carroll  
Vaughn, Requested by Dean Dorsey

**Calendar of Events**

<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM

<b>Weekend JANUARY 6, 2019</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS 5:30	31
SUNDAY 8:00 am	43
10:00 am	152
<b>Weekend JANUARY 6, 2019</b>	

OFFERTORY	\$3965.00
Children	20.00
E-GIVING	1732.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	10.00
SVDP	105.00
DCYC	200.00
Mission Society of SP	85.00
CC Human Development	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Gift store	40.00

**CHRISTMAS WISHLIST**

Everyone is called upon to give a  
befitting Christmas donation towards the  
completion of the Family Life Center  
Building. Please make FLC your priority  
this Christmas.

**ANNUAL BASKET BINGO**

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver  
are sponsoring their Annual Basket  
Bingo on Sunday, January 20 in Weber  
Hall after the 10:00 am Mass. Proceeds  
will benefit both the Holy Cross and  
KPC Scholarship Funds. Bingo games  
are \$1.00 each per card. Food  
sponsored by the Jr. Knights and Jr.

Daughters will be available for  
purchase. Early bird ticket sales 6  
tickets for \$5 available this weekend  
only. Please plan to attend and have  
some great fun.

**DCYC**

The Holy Cross Youth Group will be  
attending the 2019 Diocesan  
Catholic Youth Conference in Waco  
Texas on February 1-3. The price  
per child is \$100.00; this includes,  
DCYC registration, T-shirt, goodie  
bag, hotel, transportation, and food.  
If you would like to make a donation  
or sponsor a youth, it is not to late,  
please see Felicia McClain, Jennifer  
Brooks or church office. Thank you  
in advance for your support.

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

Thank you to these families who  
have received the Traveling Chalice  
into their homes and prayed for  
vocations for one week: The Michel  
Ukanda Family, Alice and Ron  
Scharfe, Tina and Tony Frank,  
Debbie Ruiz, and The Patrick  
Onyenaka Family, The Agwuncha  
Family, Marie Thompson, Ed and  
Elina Mullen, Johnnie and Dean  
Dorsey, and Tammie Javey. This  
Sunday, the Traveling Chalice will  
be returned by Craig Williams and  
received by Thomas and Deloris  
Addison.

On the first Sunday of each month  
Father blesses all birthdays for that  
month. If you want a special blessing  
for your birthday, anniversary, child's  
birthday or any other blessing, please  
get the request **in to the office**, like  
bulletin and pulpit announcements by,  
noon Tuesday before the requested  
blessing.

**IGBO MASS JANUARY 27, 2019**

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, January  
27, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the  
news. All Catholics are welcome.

**PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS, A  
WOMAN'S LENTEN GUIDE**

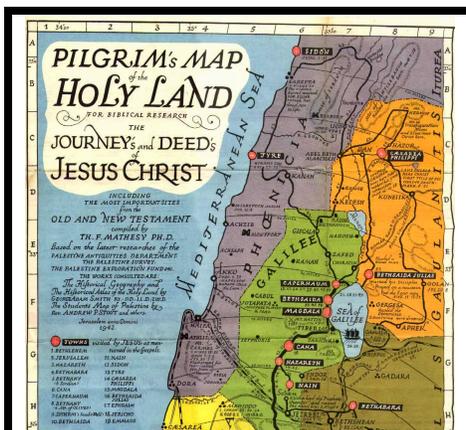
This is the program theme for the Austin  
Deaneries Council of Catholic Women  
winter meeting, **January 19, 2019**.  
Join us first for Mass at 9:00 AM at St.  
Thomas More Church, 10205 RR 620  
North, Austin. Program, business  
meeting and complementary brunch  
continue in Brennan Auditorium, ending  
around 12:30 PM. No pre-registration is  
required. Bring a friend and come meet  
other ladies from parishes in the Austin  
area. Questions, Contact President  
Janet Fontenette at 512-417-7862 or  
[jfonta35@yahoo.com](mailto:jfonta35@yahoo.com)

**EIM WORKSHOP**

Holy Cross Catholic Church will sponsor  
an EIM workshop, Sunday, January 13,  
2019, 11:45am, in the downstairs  
classrooms.

**New Applicant:** Submit an EIM  
Applicant, (one-time only), On-line  
(faster & most secure) - eAppsDB is our  
online database

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**  
10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage  
Nov. 3-13, 2019  
\$3490

Interested persons should contact  
Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542, for  
more information

**HOUSE CLEANING**

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

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

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