

JUNE 30, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Sunday, Jun 30, 2019**

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**How free do you dare to be?**

You're only as free as your nearest master. That might be a person who exerts authority over you. It could also be an addiction that governs your decisions or a personal "Prime Directive" that shapes your choices. Not all forces that hold sway over us are negative. We may choose to be governed by moral principles, or to follow the recommendations of our doctors or the commandments of the Bible. The higher our governing authority, the more freedom we'll experience. If the only power we answer to is ourselves, we may be in for a rough ride.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). "For freedom Christ set us free . . . do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."

**Monday, Jul 01, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST**

**Faithful to the journey**

The Franciscan friar Junipero Serra did not become a missionary until he was 56, after years of teaching philosophy in Spain. In 18th-century colonial California, Serra set up missions a day's journey apart, or however far he could walk on his bad leg, in which an insect bite had caused a chronic infection. Eventually he established nine missions, among them San Luis Obispo and San Juan Capistrano. At one point he made his way to Mexico City and back to plead the Native Americans' case with the Spanish authorities. Pope Francis canonized him on September 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It's never too late to renew your path in life as a Christian. Look at each day as a daily pilgrimage, one you can get through even if you have to limp. How far can you get today?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

**Tuesday, Jul 02, 2019**

**A calm port in a storm**

The world has seen its share of disasters, both natural and of human origin: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, oil to name a few. People also experience their own personal

catastrophes: illnesses, deaths, losses of jobs and homes, the crumbling of families and relationships. Such events can give us some perspective on biblical stories like the one about the sleeping Jesus and his scared-to-death disciples on a storm-tossed boat. It can be hard to trust God—or anyone for that matter—when events threaten to overcome us. It is at those times, though, that trust is most needed. Take some biblical advice. Jesus "rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm." In the face of calamity, the voice of God is not in the sound and fury but in the stillness of your heart.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"

**Wednesday, Jul 03, 2019**

**FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE**

**Have your doubts**

How we need Saint Thomas now. He, more than anyone, could understand our swishy tango between doubt and faith. When so many institutions—governmental, religious, financial—behave abysmally, doubt seems the only appropriate response. How can intelligent people trust those who only seem to act out of greed and hypocrisy? For Thomas, as for us, doubt is the portal to truth. The ultimate pragmatist boldly demands, "my hands in his side"—and gets what he asks for. Jesus doesn't criticize; instead he responds vulnerably, tenderly. So forget the rigid certainties; try doubt.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29. "You are citizens with the saints and . . . members of God's household."

**Thursday, Jul 04, 2019**

**MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Freely believe**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church devotes several pages to the topic of freedom, a concept Americans hold dear and celebrate today. Catholics embrace freedom as essential to the dignity of each human being, but not the idea of a "free for all"—rather, the common good holds weight. The best use of freedom is when, through our close connection to God, we freely choose goodness and righteousness. However you celebrate Independence Day, take a moment to consider your own freedom and how you exercise it.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.' "

**Friday, Jul 05, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST**

**Go about doing good**

Much of Jesus' ministry was made up of teaching, proclaiming the kingdom of God, and healing. He sent the disciples out to do the same. Anthony Zaccaria (1502-39), a doctor, followed this call. He founded a religious order and served the poor and sick. As disciples of Jesus today, we take up similar work: showing others our faith in the gospel, the Good News of Christ, by looking for opportunities to be a healing presence in the world around us.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

**Saturday, Jul 06, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

**With God's grace, reconciliation is always possible**

One of the marks of sanctity is that it inspires radical change in the lives of those who encounter it. Such was the case with Maria Goretti, murdered in 1902 by a would-be rapist when she was only 11 years old. She forgave her killer, Alessandro Serenelli, on her deathbed. Serenelli, however, was unrepentant until he had a dream in which Maria gave him lilies that immediately burned his hands. After his release from prison decades later, Serenelli visited Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. They attended Mass together the next day, receiving Communion side by side. On June 24, 1950 the repentant Serenelli was present for Goretti's canonization. Change someone's life today through forgiveness.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). "Jesus answered them, 'Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?'"

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jul 07, 2019**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Peace to all who enter**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' "

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**June 29-30, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
This Sunday we begin with Jesus on the great journey to Jerusalem. Having told the disciples that commitment to him would mean the cross, Jesus does not waver from his path. As Elijah clothed Elisha with his prophetic mantle, Jesus has clothed us in the mantle of discipleship. We are invited to

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follow and to avoid excuses and distractions. In the second reading, St. Paul points to the heart of our discipleship – to love one another in the freedom given to us by Christ. What might distract us from loving fully?

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

4. If you or your ministry is having a meeting in the **FLC**, please make sure when you leave, it is clean and ready for the next meeting.

5. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have check with the church office.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY JUNE 29, VIGIL MASS**

Special Blessings for Erie, Ken and Phillip Adams, requested by Jennifer Brooks

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 8:00AM**

In loving memory to Lorne D. Moran on her birthday in Heaven, requested by her husband Don and sister Tyra Duncan-Hall

For the repose of the souls of, Ray Owens, Sr. and Jimmie Lee Brown, Sr., requested by Lena Brown Owens

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 10:00AM**

Happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to Carin Baltrop-Reyes, requested by Karin, Ajante, James and Nana

For the repose of the souls of Alvin Hooper, Morris, Sr., and Johnnie Dorsey, Jr., requested by Johnnie and Dean Dorsey

*ANNUAL MOTHER  
DAUGHTER TEA  
A Teacup  
Overflowing with  
Blessings!*



*Sunday, August 18, 2019  
3:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.*

*Donation: \$20/\$25 at the door*

*Hosted By:*

*The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies  
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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Calling all women in the Diocese of Austin to the Fourth Annual Catholic Women's Conference! Saturday, Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Program includes guest speakers (in English and Spanish), Mass, Vendors, Reconciliation and more. Bring your friends and register today while space is still available! Early bird registration until Jun. 15 is only \$45! For more information visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference).**

**HOUSE KEEPING**

1. On the first Sunday of each month Father blesses all birthdays. If you want a special blessing for your birthday, anniversary, child's birthday or any other blessing, please get the request **into the office**, by noon, the Tuesday before the requested blessing.

2. In order to respect the privacy of all Parishioners, please call or have a **family member** call the church office, if you or a family member are hospitalized, and in need of a priest.

**CCCTX OFFERS FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**CLASSES**

Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers free classes through its Financial Stability program to help individuals and families better their financial future. Classes take place at the CCCTX Austin Campus at 1625 Rutherford Lane. For more information on specific topics and class times, visit

[www.ccctx.org/financialstability](http://www.ccctx.org/financialstability).

To inquire about hosting financial classes for a parish or group, contact John Paci, CCCTX Director of Financial Stability, at (512) 651-6134 or [john-paci@ccctx.org](mailto:john-paci@ccctx.org).

**THANK YOU**

As your secretary, there are no words I can say to thank all the parishioners of Holy Cross for the love, you showed me on Sunday. We are all called to serve one another through love, and I know I am here to serve you because of the command of our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
IGBO	1:30pm
Byzantine	5:00PM

<b>Weekend JUNE 22/23, 2019</b>		
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	17
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	43
	10:00 AM	241
<b>Weekend JUNE 22/23, 2019</b>		

OFFERTORY	\$3001.00
Children	27.00
E-GIVING	1095.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	15.00
SVDP	736.00
DR	50.00
Peter's Pence	82.00
Gift Store	40.00

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

Thank you to those families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes. If you are interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.

**IGBO MASS JUNE 30, 2019**

**Family Life Center Now Available for Renting**

For all your events like:

- Wedding Party
- Birthday Party
- Graduation Party
- Wakes
- Coporate Events
- Ministry Events
- Meetings
- ETC

Contact the Church Office for details  
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