

OCTOBER 20, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Oct 20, 2019
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We're stronger together

Most things are easier when shared. We stick to the diet if our spouse commits to it. We exercise with more discipline if a friend meets us at the gym. Working late is less lonely if others in the office agree to put in the extra hours. Is it any wonder Moses can raise his hands in prayer longer if he has company in his exhausting vigil? As the church observes World Mission Sunday, we recall the great commission we share to bring good news to all the earth. Together, we can bring light to all the dark places.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (147). "Aaron and Her supported [Moses'] hands, one on one side and one on the other."

Monday, Oct 21, 2019

Let's care about those who care for

This is Pastoral Care Week, first held in 1985 by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains to honor all spiritual caregivers. The celebration is an opportunity for everyone to recognize the ministry caregivers provide—in hospitals, prisons, businesses, military settings, healthcare settings, schools, and more throughout the world. This week is also a chance for chaplains and pastoral care counselors, educators, and providers to share their stories. Express your appreciation to the spiritual caregivers in your life, and visit spiritualcareweek.org for more resources on how to participate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019

People, get ready

If the Lord came today, would you be ready to meet him? Or would you want more time to align your life with his? Take these questions seriously because you never know what the day holds. If you feel out of whack with the Lord and too focused on things of this world, consider this prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola as a way to get ready: "Take Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will . . . whatever I have you have given me; I restore it all to you and

surrender it wholly . . . give me only your love and your grace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38. "Be ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

To heal the past we acknowledge it

John of Capistrano (1386-1456), preacher, theologian, and Franciscan reformer, was also a leading proponent of the antisemitism that sadly has infected much of church history. During his era, Jews faced restrictions on where they could live and what they could own, were required to dress in a way that signaled they were Jews, and at times faced violent pogroms incited by fiery preachers such as John. As we acknowledge past shortcomings, let us remain vigilant to contemporary resurgences of intolerance in any form. The reform we need begins here and now, in our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Thursday, Oct 24, 2019

Light your fire

In scripture, fire often signals God's presence, notably the burning bush Moses encounters and the tongues of fire that appear above the disciples at Pentecost. Fire also signifies a disciple's zeal for the faith. "An apostolic missionary must have both a heart and tongue ablaze with charity," said Saint Anthony Claret, founder of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, better known as the Claretians. For the past 170 years, Claretian missionaries have spread the gospel message around the world, primarily through preaching and parish work, social justice advocacy, education, and publishing. The Claretian logo carries a flame to remind all Christians of their call to unceasingly expend themselves "to light the fire of divine love in the world." Take steps to flame the passion of your faith today.
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53. "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Friday, Oct 25, 2019

Paul gets it

Who has not felt the anguish of Paul in today's first reading, unable to overcome his own vices? He's so

disgusted with himself, he wonders, "Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" Although Paul hints that he'd like to be pure spirit, over and over our faith ties body and soul closely together, resting on the foundation that Christ became flesh. Our bodies may fail us, but they "are temples of the Holy Spirit." If your body has let you down through illness or sin, know that you keep company with Paul, and perhaps ask Paul's intercession. He understands.
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59. "I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self."

Saturday, Oct 26, 2019

Think about it

Catholics proclaim the Nicene Creed on most Sundays when we gather to celebrate the Mass. Spoken in one voice as individuals within a community, it is how we claim the core beliefs of our faith. With the final words, we profess belief in the holy, catholic, apostolic Church, and in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin. The final sentence is: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Here is the question: Do I really look forward to the life of the world to come?
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). "Lord, this is the people who longs to see your face."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Oct 27, 2019

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Judgment is a boomerang

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 26-27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's Gospel is the famous parable of the Pharisee and Publican. What the Pharisee could not see and the Publican could was that all goodness and all grace come from God! The Publican in humility called out for God's mercy while the Pharisee thought that his good actions justified him before God. The good we do is God's grace working in us and we do it with humility and gratitude for God's love. What good works can you do this week that will give witness to God's grace and love and mercy in your life?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCT 19. VIGIL MASS

For all people who have no one to pray for them.

SUNDAY, OCT 20, 8:00AM

For all the sick and shut in of the parishioners.

SUNDAY, OCT 20, 10:00AM

In loving memory of Collins O.C. Chima on, requested by his family

Wedding Blessings for, Juliette and Joe.

Happy Birthday Breda Jones, requested by her family.

**DEBT RETIREMENT
COLLECTION 2ND SUNDAYS**

Please support our Debt Retirement Collection every 2nd Sunday of the Month to pay down our Diocesan Loan for the FLC. Our monthly target is \$4000.00

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
2ND COLLECTION**

This collection is to support our offertory for the needs of the Church including repairs and replacement of HVAC, facility maintenance, supplies, St Vincent de Paul, Religious Education and other essential items that are necessary for the smooth running of Parish. Please support this collection. You can give on-line at holycrossaustin.org. Thanks

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST
CAMPAGIN**

This is our Diocesan Capital Campagin. Holy Cross goal is \$365,000.00. Holy Cross will benefit from this Campaign by getting 30% of the goal back to the Parish for our projects. If we raise more than the goal, we get 70% of that back. Please be encouraged to participate in the Diocesan Campaign. We are on Wave 3 of the Campaign. If you have received a pledge card from the diocese please fill it and bring it back to Holy Cross.

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 contact the church Secretary, and get a special intention envelope.** Please do not ask the Celebrant or Craig for a Blessing as they are entering church for Mass.

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.

3. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have checked with the church office. Please make sure the FLC is clean and ready for the next meeting.

4. In the case of a Parishioner's death, please do not call the family and advise them of the services provided by the Church, or what a ministry provides. Please ask them call the church. The church will notify all ministries, and will instruct the family on Holy Cross's policy and procedures.

5. The church office is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday thru Friday. If you are requesting a meeting, appointment or any special event in the church, please contact the office between these times

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The Church celebrates your presence at Mass and is greatly enriched by families who give glory to God. **As we continue to cultivate an awareness of care and protection of children in the Church, please accompany them when they step out of Mass to use the restroom or get a drink of water.** Your important ministry as parents helps our priests and parishioners in their ministry of supporting the families of our parishes. Together, we help form our littlest ones in wisdom and holiness in the safety of God's Church.

IGBO MASS OCT 27th, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, Sunday, October 27, 2019, 1:30pm.

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 5124723741



CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL
Call the Church Office 512 472 3741

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2019 is all Souls Day. Mass will be at 10:00AM, Please come to the office and book Masses in remembrance of your loved ones. All Soul's Day envelopes will also be on ushers table, in back of church. For your convenience you may also email your remembrances' list to the church.

SUNDAY OCT 20, 2019

Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend Oct 12/13, 2019

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	16
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	54
	10:00 AM	272

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OFFERTORY	\$3980.00
Children	24.00
E-GIVING	1821.47
SVDP(E-GIVING)	10.00
DR(E-GIVING)	115.00
Debt Rt.	3042.00
World Mission	30.00
MSP	25.00
CCD	140.00
FLC Rental	1000.00
Gift Store	50.00

2019 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 20: World Mission Sunday – Propagation of Faith

November 3: Catholic Services Appeal

November 24: Catholic Campaign for Human Development