

**JANUARY 26, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

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

**Sunday, Jan 26, 2020**

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**Get your fishing license here**

A student can only be as good as the teacher offering the lesson. When Jesus walked the shores of Galilee, local fishermen had the chance to learn the gospel by living it. As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we honor all the fine teachers and administrators who sacrifice much to live the gospel with their students. We also salute parents who invest in their children's religious education. Character can be shaped along with every lesson a child is taught. Make sure children you love are fishing in the richest waters.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

**Monday, Jan 27, 2020**

**Stop evil in its tracks**

It's hard to imagine 6 million people. It's the populations of Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, and San Diego combined. It was two-thirds of the entire population of Jews living in Europe between 1941 and 1945. It was the Holocaust. Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, when we call to mind the evil that is possible for human hearts to generate. We remember to tell the next generation. And we commit ourselves never again to tolerate the flourishing of racism, nationalism, or antisemitism in our society. Today is a good day to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to bind the evil "strong man" of prejudice and intolerance in our society.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man."*

**Tuesday, Jan 28, 2020**

**MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Order your life wisely**

Saint Thomas Aquinas, perhaps the greatest mind ever to probe the theological underpinnings of Christianity, wasn't always so highly regarded. When he first spoke of his desire to become a Dominican friar, his disapproving family kidnapped him and held him in their castle for a year. Then, as a seminary student who was reluctant to talk, he was nicknamed "The Dumb Ox" by classmates. Yet, it's fitting that Aquinas

belonged to the Order of Preachers—the Dominicans—because he authored beautiful prayers. Take to heart his concluding words from "For Ordering a Life Wisely," which he prayed daily: "Give to me, O Lord my God, understanding of You, diligence in seeking You, wisdom in finding You, discourse ever pleasing to You, perseverance in waiting for You, and confidence in finally embracing You." **TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35 (318). "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

**Wednesday, Jan 29, 2020**

**Every heart needs a home**

"The Catholic bishops believe decent, safe, and affordable housing is a human right," according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As social reformers and commentators draw more attention to the growing problem of homelessness in America, it is important for all of us to do what we can to support the bishops' position, as they remind "communities and government of their obligation to ensure that the housing needs of all are met, especially poor and vulnerable people and their families." Take time today to look up or pray with the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 (319). "Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought you out of Egypt . . . but have been going about in a tent under a cloth."*

**Thursday, Jan 30, 2020**

**The hidden power of ordinary days**

We're well into what the church's liturgical calendar calls "Ordinary Time," the period between sacred seasons. For many in the north, the cold and snow of winter have become a drag.

The anticipation of Advent and the excitement of Christmas and Epiphany are long over. Yet this too can be a period of conversion, a time when our faith can quietly grow. "Ordinary Time," declares the Catechism, "is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ." If you experience mid-winter blahs, rest assured that God is quite capable of using ordinary, mundane days to foster true discipleship.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25. "For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light."*

**Friday, Jan 31, 2020**

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**

**Patience is an inside job**

Saint John Bosco was a wonderworker—and not just because he ministered so effectively to troubled youth, transforming the most rambunctious of street kids into young men of virtue, honesty, and skill. He's become the patron saint of youth ministry, and not just for his method of mixing fun with faith. From a very young age, Don Bosco had visions of the work he would do, leading to his merciful way of dealing with the young lives that society scorned. "It is more fitting to be persistent in punishing our own impatience and pride than to correct the boys," he wrote to a colleague. "This was the method Jesus used with the apostles." Ask Don Bosco to help you be positive and patient today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34. "He spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."*

**Saturday, Feb 01, 2020**

**The miracle worker**

Do you believe in miracles? As a Catholic, you must believe in some: the very life of Jesus, for starters, from Annunciation to Ascension, and all the things he did in between. But what about apparitions of Mary, eucharistic miracles, and unexplainable healings attributed to the intercession of saints? While belief in those is not required, the church says miracles do happen and rigorously verifies many. They are works of God, proof that God's here among us, interacting with us, out of love. Go ahead and ask for one.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"*

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Feb 02, 2020**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Family histories**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Jan. 25-26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter and Andrew to follow him. How can we lay down our own nets and other worldly possessions and follow Christ? What do we need to set aside in order to focus on extending the love and mercy of Christ to others?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY January 25, VIGIL MASS**

For the repose of the souls of Martha and Benjamin Duff, Nancy, William and Patrick Lasplace, Elina, Ernest and Albert Talma, requested by Ed and Elina Mullen

**SUNDAY, January 26, 8:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Mary Lena Brown-Healey on her birthday in Heaven, requested by Lena Brown-Owens

**SUNDAY, January 26, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Glady S. Julian on her birthday in Heaven, requested by Brenda Jones

**SUNDAY, IBGO MASS JAN 26, 1:30PM**

Thanking God for another Birthday for Aloysius and Appolonia Okereke and God's blessing on their children.

**TUESDAY, JAN 28, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the souls of Elise Roberts Franklin, Kevin Phillips Roberts, Georgia Roberts Scott, requested by Leon Roberts

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 29, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the souls of Corrie Mae and James Sibert, Leon E. Sr., and Leon E. Jr. James, requested by Leon Roberts

**THURSDAY, JAN 30, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the souls of Frank and Angie Laratta and Kaylin Nabors, requested by Chris and Kaye Crawford

**FRIDAY, JAN 31, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the souls Theresa Fontenette, Gerri Stewart and Janet Patterson

<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
IGBO MASS	1:30PM
Byzantine	5:00PM

<b>Weekend JAN 18/19, 2020</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS	18 5:30 pm
SUNDAY	39 8:00 am
	280 10:00 am
<b>Weekend JAN 18/19, 2020</b>	

OFFERTORY	\$3276.00
Children	54.00
SVDP	400.00
E-GIVING	1511.33
SVDP(E-GIVING)	135.00
DR (E-GIVING)	278.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	25.00

MSP	20.00
Donation	660.00
FLC Rental	600.00
DCYC	500.00
GIFT STORE	50.00

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

Today is our annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal. The Catholic Services Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family: caring for our active and retired priest, helping those in need, promoting a culture of life, encouraging religious vocation, and educating our youth. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Catholic Services Appeal. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation. Please give in accordance with your means.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ella Adams	Evelyn Battle
Mary Anthony	Mildred Carter
DeKarlos Blackmon	Josephine Dukes
B.J. Dukes	Monica Godsey
Vanessa Downey-Little	Vonnye Rice-Gardner
Lester Johnson	Mathias Manning
Doris King	Bernadette Phifer
Marie Mason	Dr. Joseph Quander
Ella Pease	Mary Sobers
Betty Ridley	
Mary Waters	

**DCYC (IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSOR A YOUTH)**

The Holy Cross Youth Group will be attending the 2020 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco Texas on January 31- February 2. The price for the entire weekend is \$100.00; this includes, DCYC registration, hotel & food, transportation, a conference T-shirt, and goodie bag

If you are able to make a donation or sponsor a youth, God will reward you.

**EIM WORKSHOP**

EIM workshop Sunday, February 9, 2020, 12pm, downstairs. All Ministry members who are in the presence of vulnerable youth and/or vulnerable adults are required to obtain EIM compliance. Pre-registration is required.

<b>2020 PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND</b>	
<b>DATE:</b> November 3rd to 12th, 2020	
Please see Patricia Robert or Donna Sistrunk-Irving in the office.	
More details to follow soon	
This shall be the last parish planned Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by Holy Cross. Please join us.	

**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.** Together, we help form our littlest ones in wisdom and holiness in the safety of God's Church.

**OUTDOOR TENT SALE!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is having an Outdoor Tent Sale on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm – 3:00PM. You will find great deals on great items for \$3.00 or less. The Thrift Store is located at 901 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78758. For more information, call 512-442-5652.

**THANK YOU**

People come to our church daily, asking for food, water and personal items, we would like to thank the Sir Knights of KPC Assembly #40, for answering the call and pledging to always keep our non-perishable food bins full. *Thank you Sir Knights; When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. [Matthew 6:3-4](#)*

**Family Life Center Now Available for Renting**

For all your events like:

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

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