

MAY 24, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday, May 24, 2020
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Right where you belong

We each have a need to belong that doesn't start with the playground or end with the work shift. Psychologist Abraham Maslow categorized the need to belong as number three on a hierarchy of essentials: right behind physical needs (food, clothing, and shelter) and safety. Catalog the people who are essential to your happiness and the social groups that include you as a member. Then consider this: God has chosen you to be one of God's people. And Jesus counts you as one who belongs especially to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). "They belonged to you, and you gave them to me."

Monday, May 25, 2020
MEMORIAL OF GREGORY VII, POPE
Cherish your freedoms

Pope Gregory VII fought hard for the separation of church and state because he lived in a time (11th century) when the church was subject to civil authorities, and abuses of power were rampant. In the face of enormous opposition, this great reformer extricated the church from the control of external rulers and strengthened the unity of the whole church under the centrality of the papacy. On this Memorial Day, remember that religious freedom is one of the founding principles of our country, worthy of the sacrifice of many. And one that our faith demands that we respect for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST
God provides

It's fitting Philip Neri was canonized in 1622 with Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, and Teresa of Ávila. Ignatius was a friend, Francis was an influence, and Philip took to heart Teresa's quip: "From . . . sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" The affable Philip won over so many different kinds of people for Christ in 1500s Rome—using humor, humbleness, and holiness—that he's called, with Peter and Paul, an apostle of Rome. "Cast yourself into the arms of God," he said, "and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength." That is comforting at a time when many of us feel stretched to the limit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me."

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Look for God in unexpected places

Lest Saint Augustine of Canterbury be confused with Saint Augustine of Hippo: the two are not the same. Augustine of Hippo was a fourth-century doctor of the church. Augustine of Canterbury was a sixth-century Benedictine missionary sent by Pope Gregory the Great to Christianize the British Isles. He is known as the "Apostle to the English," and his legacy includes an approach to evangelization and conversion that shows a respect for indigenous practices. Rather than condemning, he consecrated and incorporated popular Anglo-Saxon rites into Christianity. What practices from popular culture today might we consecrate into contemporary Christian practice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world."

Thursday, May 28, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY

Celebrate our finest gifts

Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, which our Jewish friends observe today, has a connection to the Catholic Solemnity of Pentecost. Just as Pentecost this Sunday comes seven weeks after Easter, Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. In the biblical era, important dates for planting and harvesting were marked by religious holidays. Shavuot celebrated the wheat harvest seven weeks after Passover. Christians thank God for the abundant gift of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."

Friday, May 29, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY

Keeping the peace

In 1972, Pope Saint Paul VI declared, "If you want peace, work for justice." Today we observe the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The U.N. deploys peacekeepers around the world to provide "a unique and dynamic instrument . . . to help countries torn by conflict to create the conditions for lasting peace." The work of Catholic social justice organizations like Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Worker, and Cross Catholic Outreach go a step further by "tending the sheep" of the poor, the oppressed, the refugee, the dispossessed. Do your part today to

support the social outreach of your church.
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). "Tend my sheep."

Saturday, May 30, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY

Just do it!

Some argue that "believing the right things" is enough of a response to the call to discipleship. But Jesus emphasized *doing*. Orthopraxy (right practice) goes hand in hand with orthodoxy (right belief). In this time of global suffering, our faith response is required. It flows out of our faith *assent*, but we can't stop with professions of faith. Take your faith out to meet the great need you find around you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21: 20-25 (302). "There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."

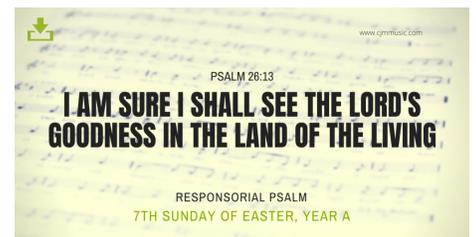
Next Sunday
Sunday, May 31, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
The Spirit is still at work

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23. "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 23-24, Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday, we hear the call given to all of us to "proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We are called and empowered by the grace of the sacraments to speak Good News and be Good News to others. If we do so we can drive out the demons of division, apathy, racism, despair and violence with our new language of love, commitment, community, hope and peace. Armed with God's justice and mercy we will give witness to human life and dignity, care for the poor and for creation, in solidarity with all across the globe so that the sickness of our fractured world can be healed. What Good News will you speak this week?



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**MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020**

Mass for all 2020 Graduates,
requested by Chris and Kaye
Crawford

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24, 2020

**SUNDAY 10.00AM
WEEK DAY MASSES 12:00 NOON**

Weekends May 17, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$836.00
E-GIVING	2444.59
SVDP(E-GIVING)	76.00
SVDP	400.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	86.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	70.00
DR (E-GIVING)	535.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	305.00
Fish Fry	75.00

RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS

Sunday Mass will be streamed on line.
Please go to Holy Cross facebook for live
Sunday Mass streaming and check our
church website for posting.

RCIA SACRAMENT

Saturday May 30th 6pm

**All attending must follow the policies
for Mass during this COVID 19
Pandemic**

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES
WILL GO ON**

RCIA Class for the 3 candidates preparing
for the Sacraments
Any meeting not exceeding 10 people.

**NEEDS OF THE PARISH
COLLECTION**

This collection helps to pay things like
repairs, intervention, and other needs of
the parish. This collection happens every
last Sunday of the Month. We would like
you to convert much of your gift to St
Vincent the Paul to the needs of the Parish
as the parish funds St Vincent the Paul
monthly. Thanks for your generosity.

WALK FOR LIFE

Those of you at Holy Cross who have
supported the Walk for Life in the
past, I hope will support the walk this
year on Saturday, June 20th.
Someone from the Holy Cross Right
to Life Ministry will call you in the next
two to three weeks to ask for your
support once again. Like everything
else these days, you will be able to
register your pledge on-line. The Holy
Cross goal for 2020 Walk for Life is
\$1000. Please direct any questions
about the Walk for Life, registering to
walk or pledging a walker to Ed Mullen
at eamullen38@gmail.com or at 512
924-2587. You may pledge directly at
Texas Alliance for Life, and select 26th
Annual Walk for Life. **Father Basil
will be walking; therefore, you
could pledge Father, if you choose
not to walk and collect pledges
yourself.**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR PARISH
DURING THIS CHALLENGING
TIME**

Remember, the Church depends on your
weekly donation for paying bills, and
maintaining of the Church facilities.
Even though Masses and other events are
cancelled, the Church is still operating.
Your weekly offering and donations are
direly needed.
If you are not online giver, you can still
do so by going to
www.holycrossaustin.org and give your
donation. You also can mail it if you are
able to. Thank you for your faith and
commitment.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpc
Vanessa Downey-Little	Bernie Little
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Vonnye Rice-Gardner	Doris King
Marie Mason	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Charlene Postell	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	Mercedes LaCour Comacho

DEBT RETIREMENT COLLECTION

This collection helps us pay our FLC loan
with the diocese and other expenses. Our
monthly target is \$4000. This collection is
every Second Sunday of the month.
Thanks for your generosity.



*Congratulations Holy Cross 2020
High School Graduates on your
achievements*

*Isaiah Chukwu
Troy Foster
Angelo Lopez
Justice Mason
Kevin Parish
Anthony Onyia
Kosi Otutu*

**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

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