

**JUNE 14, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

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

Sunday, Jun 14, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

E pluribus unum

As the United States celebrates flag day, remember that when the Revolutionary War began, no “American” flag existed. Each regiment fought under its own banner. It was another two years before the Second Continental Congress determined that 13 stars and stripes would signify the union of the colonies. An ever expanding nation required more stars, and then more. It was wisely decided to leave the stripes alone. Holding 50 states together is a challenge in each generation. It takes even more will to hold together a church a billion strong, squatting under banners of preferred views and opinions. “One faith, one Lord, one Baptism” remains our call to unity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58 (167). “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”

Monday, Jun 15, 2020

Cheeky faith

There was a time when the rite of Confirmation included a tap on the cheek—symbolic of being struck—by the bishop, who at the same time wished you peace. The custom was knightly in origin. When you are confirmed, you become a “soldier of Christ,” so you must be ready to risk danger for your faith. But the sacrament strengthens you for the spiritual battles of your lifetime, including for times of crisis. Turning the other cheek hardly means being passive in the face of trials, but rather never giving up in the struggle. Offer yourself over and over in the service of good.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42. “Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles.”

Tuesday, Jun 16, 2020

Perfectly clear

The phrase “biblical criticism” doesn't mean to criticize Sacred Scripture, though Pope Leo XIII seemed to think so when he wrote the 1893 encyclical *rovidentissimus Deus*, which took a dim view of the practice. Rather, it refers to the use of scholarly disciplines—such as literature and history—to uncover the Bible's deeper meanings. Fortunately, 50 years later, Pope Pius XII penned *On the Most*

Opportune Way to Promote Biblical Studies to encourage what had been discouraged. Thanks to it, we can delve into the word “perfect” in Matthew 5:48 and learn it's an imperfect translation of the Greek “*teleios*,” which means to have integrity. May your actions match your words.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Wednesday, Jun 17, 2020

Love leads the way

Doing good is not only what we are called to do as Christians, it is also a benefit to all human beings in the long run. Evolutionary studies show that cooperative behavior has long-term benefits for human beings; whereas selfish behavior is a short-term win. In these difficult days, let love be your guide, your inner voice, and your consolation. Doing good is indeed its own reward.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”

Thursday, Jun 18, 2020

Lead on

A small change in translation can be a big deal when the words of the Lord's Prayer are at stake. After years of consideration, Italian and French bishops embraced a change in the version said at Mass, from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” The change intends to clarify the fact that God doesn't lead people toward evil. So, if you are tempted toward sin today, why not ask God to lead you elsewhere?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). “This is how you are to pray: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.’”

Friday, Jun 19, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Get to the heart of the matter

Expressions of the meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have come from everywhere—from saints and theologians to singers and tattoo artists—each trying to give shape to the meaning of the unconditional love of Jesus the Christ. The Sacred Heart reminds us to allow ourselves to experience Jesus' great love for us, to dwell in Jesus' way of being in and for the world. Use your imagination to place yourself within Jesus' heart, within love.

How does this shift your view of the joys and challenges of the

day?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30 (170). “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God.”

Saturday, Jun 20, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

What have we done?

During the coronavirus pandemic, some have asked why God would “do this” to us or what we have done to “deserve this punishment.” A similar question was asked of Jesus in the story of the man born blind. Jesus replied that it was nothing the man did and neither was it some form of punishment. Think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Heart is the expression of her sinlessness. She did nothing wrong yet she suffered mightily. Even her Immaculate Heart is shown encircled with thorns and pierced with a sword. Many have suffered in this season of sickness and loss, through no fault of their own. Pray for those whose hearts are heavy with grief.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 (370); Luke 2:41-51 (573). “His mother kept all these things in her heart.”

Next Sunday

Sunday, Jun 21, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The true measure of love

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33. “So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

June 13-14, The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ, which gives us life! In the Eucharist we share that taste of heaven; that glorious banquet of the kingdom, which is Christ's promise to us. But this share of heaven calls us to a way of being that reflects heaven – a life of generous self-sacrificing love. During this opening week of the Fortnight of Freedom, the Freedom to serve, how will we express the love of Christ that has been given so generously to us?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Couples in crisis pregnancy, find life giving help, requested by the Ed & Elina Mullen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 14, 2020

SUNDAY 10:00AM
WEEK DAY MASSES 12:00 NOON

Weekends June 7, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$4356.00
E-GIVING	3838.89
SVDP(E-GIVING)	263.50
SVDP	75.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	101.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	170.00
DR (E-GIVING)	797.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	445.00
Needs of the Parish	90.00
MSP	40.00

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.

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED EVENTS HAVE CANCELLED

- Public Mass on Sundays and Weekdays
- Week Day Noon Masses
- Men's ACTS Retreat
- Bible Study
- Pastoral Council Meeting (Will now be conference Call)
- Acts Bingo
- CCD Classes
- Any ministry Meeting exceeding 10 people

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.**

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.

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	Marlexa Phillips
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

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**



Contact the Church Office for details
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