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MARCH 21, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY, AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND GROW, A DAY AT A TIME."**

**SUNDAY, MAR 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Sometimes your reputation precedes you. The prophet Jeremiah is famous for lamentations, but he is less known for the centerpiece of his message: that everything we need to know about how to live is already planted in our hearts. On this International Forest Day, let's not miss the forest for the trees on another great truth rooted deeply in our midst. Trees are friends: bearing fruit, shade, and beauty wherever they're planted. They are also necessary allies in achieving planetary sustainability, food security, and poverty eradication. Play your part in protecting God's greenery.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35). "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." Monday, Mar 22, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY Tap into the virtues of water As part of its observance of the 2020 World Water Day, the Vatican published Aqua fons vitae. Orientations on water: symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. The document, meant to support the human right to clean water, reminds us that "by means of the water made holy by the Spirit," God gives us life and renews us. The way we respect water is an indicator of how we are "taking care of the early garden" entrusted to us. In observance of World Water Day, educate yourself and others about the challenges the world faces in ensuring access to clean water: the holy source of all life. TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Tuesday, Mar 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP To reveal Christ, go the distance In 2018, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Peru, invoking the patron saint of Latin American bishops—Turibius of Mogrovejo. "This holy bishop is frequently portrayed as a 'new Moses,'" said the pope. "The Vatican has a picture in which Saint Turibius appears crossing a great river whose waters open before him like the Red Sea, so that he could get to the other shore, where numerous native peoples awaited him." Turibius cast aside life in Spain to live among native Peruvians. What can you cast aside so others might see Christ in you? TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). "Their patience worn out by the journey,

the people complained against God and Moses." Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY Be transformed by justice This is an anniversary of martyrdom. The archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was murdered on this day in 1980 as he presided at Mass in the chapel of a church-run hospital for cancer patients and the terminally ill. Romero, an unassuming man who in earlier years had ministered to the country's elite, experienced a late-in-life transformation that took him from quiet acceptance of the status quo to courageous critic of his government's repression of the poor. His weekly sermons championed justice, challenged the government, and eventually cost him his life: "It is not the will of God for some to have everything and for others to have nothing," he said. "It is not enough to attend Mass on Sunday . . . God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love." Begin to dress the part by questioning the "way we always do things." TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Thursday, Mar 25, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Prepare to say yes Today we celebrate the Annunciation, that famous conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Mary embraced what must have been the frightening prospect of bearing the Son of God. Mary's yes is seen as the model for all Christians in response to our individual callings, and in response to everyday choices to do what is most loving, moral, and just. Perhaps today you will be called to make a choice for faithfulness; prepare yourself now to say yes to God, as did Mary. TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). "Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" Friday, Mar 26, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Meet violence with hope Violence has made an all-too-comfortable home in our lives. It's in our TV shows and movies, our politics, our streets, and even our own hearts. In a pastoral message on violence in 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote, "Hostility, hatred, despair, and indifference are at the heart of a growing culture of violence." How do we meet these experiences with compassion and offer a safe place for peace? "The path to a more peaceful future is found in

a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice. The best antidote to violence is hope." TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). "[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus." Saturday, Mar 27, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY The long history of judicial corruption We learn more each day about inequities in our judicial system. Justice, it seems, is more often praised than practiced, especially when it comes to treatment of minorities and those who challenge authority. We could include Jesus in the long list of victims of injustice. At this moment in Lent, as we prepare to enter Holy Week, the wheels of injustice are set in motion by Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest who will play a key role in the coming execution of the prophet of Peace. Pray today for forgiveness for the injustices committed in our names, and in our hearts. TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). "So from that day on they planned to kill him."

**Next Sunday**

**SUNDAY, MAR 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD REMEMBER KINDLY**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 (38). "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER**

**March 20-21 -- Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Gospel this Sunday points to the self-sacrificing love of Jesus. No fruit can grow without the seed giving up its life for the plant. The social doctrines of the church are difficult for many because they challenge strongly held beliefs. Our teaching on life embraces the unborn and the person on death row; our teaching on solidarity asks that we ask not only about our betterment, but whether the poorest of the world are succeeding; our teaching on the environment calls us to examine how large our carbon footprint might be. This is the season conversion and sacrifice, in the last weeks of Lent what attitude or habit is God asking you to evaluate in the light of the social doctrine of the church?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 8:00AM**

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> years Wedding Anniversary  
 To Ronald and Alice Scharfe, My God  
 continue to Bless them

For the repose of the Soul of William M.  
 Smith, requested by Barbara Scott.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday in Heaven to Mrs. Aileen  
 Bowen, requested by Colleen Dickinson  
 and her children

For the repose of the soul of Tom  
 Crawford and Frank Laratba, requested by  
 Chris and Kaye Crawford

God's blessings on Chris Crawford,  
 requested by his wife, Kaye Crawford.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MARCH 2021**

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY**

**NOON MASS**

**STATION OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAY 6:30PM**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**8:00AM 10:00AM**

able to. Thank you for your faith and  
 commitment.



**Lent**

Solemn Religious Observance

Lent is a solemn religious observance  
 in the Christian liturgical calendar that  
 begins on Ash Wednesday and ends  
 approximately six weeks later, before  
 Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is  
 the preparation of the believer for  
 Easter through prayer, doing penance,  
 mortifying the flesh, repentance of  
 sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. This  
 event is observed in the Anglican,  
 Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran,  
 Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian,  
 Oriental Orthodox, Reformed, and  
 Roman Catholic Churches.

**THE SACRAMENT OF  
 RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM, is a  
 special day and time set aside at Holy  
 Cross to receive God's forgiveness in the  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation. The  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known  
 as Confession or Penance, is a sacrament  
 of healing and a light that is calling us  
 home. In Scripture, light is frequently  
 associated with Christ and darkness is  
 always associated with sin or the Evil One.  
 The Catholic Church is sometimes  
 accused of being obsessed with sin. It  
 would be more accurate to say the Church  
 is obsessed with forgiveness. The words  
 "forgive" and "forgiveness" appears  
 frequently in our prayers and liturgy, as  
 well as in the Bible.



**ROSARY HOUR**

**Please join us on Zoom,**

<https://zoom.us/j/98265193279>

Sunday's at 8:30PM for our Holy  
 Cross Family Rosary.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Ella Adams            | Mary Anthony      |
| Evelyn Battle         | Mildred Carter    |
| B.J. Dukes            | Jude Ekpc         |
| Vanessa Downey-Little | Bernie Little     |
| Monica Godsey         | Lester Johnson    |
| Marion Welch          | Sam King, Jr.     |
| Vonnye Rice-Gardner   | Bernadette Phifer |
| Ella Pease            | Betty Ridley      |
| Mary Sobers           | Mary Waters       |
| Charlene Postell      | Gladie Stelly     |
| Cornelius Harris      | Jim Castro        |
| Pearl Cox             | Brent Brown       |
| Frances Brown         | Naomi White       |

**March 14, 2021**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$2295.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>2916.61</b>
<b>SVDP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>89.00</b>
<b>MSP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>44.00</b>
<b>FLC/Debt Retirement</b>	<b>390.00</b>
<b>DR (E-GIVING)</b>	<b>411.00</b>
<b>Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)</b>	<b>521.71</b>
<b>Needs of the Parish</b>	<b>975.00</b>
<b>World Home Mission</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Catholic Higher Ed.</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>Lenten Offering</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**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 an online  
 giver, you can still do so by going to  
[www.holycrossaustin.org](http://www.holycrossaustin.org) and give your  
 donation. You also can mail it if you are

**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

