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MAY 16, 2021 ~ 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 16, 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD THINGS COME FROM UNLIKELY PLACES

It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion, native language or political party. Even Nazareth holds surprises!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY SOLITUDE AND SOLIDARITY

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). "I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR DEFINE YOUR TERMS

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but-imprecise "one in being"—recited at Mass for more than 40 years—back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: consubstantial. We learned that consubstantial was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely coeternal with God. It was a pronouncement

specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). "Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY GOING HOME

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). "They were all weeping loudly for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again."

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY HISTORY WILL BE OUR JUDGE

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged "bonfires of the vanities" where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). "And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one."

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS LIVE FULLY

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). "'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'"

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS HOPE IS A PERENNIAL

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). "There are also many other things that Jesus did."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SING A NEW CHURCH INTO BEING

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

May 15-16 - The Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, which marks the time when he turned over the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel to us, his disciples. As Jesus' disciples today, what is the witness we give? What is the evidence that we show others that we are deeply and completely committed to Jesus and his way of life, his way of love?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MAY 16 8:00AM

In loving memory of Oslene Nichols,
 request by Barbara Scott.

Healing Grace for Jude Ekpe

For the repose of the soul of Chief Patrick
 Onyiaovute, and traveling grace for his
 family

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 10:00AM

In loving memory of Ronald Martin
 Collins, II, on the anniversary of his death,
 requested by his parents, Ron and
 Carolyn Collins, and Kristina and children.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary Hour – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue - Fri



HOLY CROSS 2021
GRADUATES
MAY 30, 2021

Jake Abam
 Michael Agwuncha
 Jalyn Ellison
 Dasia McClain
 Patrick Onyia Jr.
 JaRayl Peoples
 Esperance Asoka Ukanda
 Emeka Nwachukwu

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Annual Scholarship

Save the Date!

Scholarship Application available online - Website	April 18 th , 2021
Scholarship Application Submission Deadline	May 16th, 2021

*Please contact Dr. Dokpe Ogunsanya
 if you have any question:
 512.990.9508 or dupsy@msn.com*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
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
Gloria Harris	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	Jim Castro
Pearl Cox	Brent Brown
Frances Brown	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	



HOLY CROSS ROSARY HOUR

Please join us on Zoom,

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

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

**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



MAY 09, 2021	
OFFERTORY	\$7231.00
SVDP	90.00
E-GIVING	3832.29
SVDP(E-GIVING)	111.00
FLC(E-GIVING0	282.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	81.00
MSP	60.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	847.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	256.00
ASCENSION	50.00
SCHOLARSHIP	3500.00
CANDLES	112.00
RENTAL	400.00
EASTER FLOWERS	100.00

**SIR, CHIEF PATRICK
 ONYIAOVUTE.**

*Praying that God will welcome him
 into His kingdom, and grant his soul
 eternal rest. Chief Onyiaovute was
 laid to rest on Friday, 04/30/2021 in
 Africa.*