

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

SUNDAY, SEP 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LET THE GOOD NEWS RESOUND

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134).*
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

MONDAY, SEP 20, 2021 MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŌN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS SOUND THE DEPTHS OF YOUR FAITH

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449).* "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."

TUESDAY, SEP 21, 2021 FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "Beatitudes are at the heart of

Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643).* "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

WEDNESDAY, SEP 22, 2021 SHARE THE WEALTH

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451).* "He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

THURSDAY, SEP 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELcina, PRIEST BE AN EVERYDAY MYSTIC

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452).* "Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"

FRIDAY, SEP 24, 2021 GROUNDED IN A SENSE OF BELONGING

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si'*: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453).* "In this place I will give you peace."

SATURDAY, SEP 25, 2021 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY RIPE WITH POSSIBILITIES

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454).* "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, SEP 26, 2021 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137).*
"Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

Sept. 18-19 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christ reminds us, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Considering the various justice issues that affect children in our country — particularly the children of immigrants and the marginalized and the unborn — we must stand up for their rights as they

possess an inherent dignity deserving the basic necessities to grow up as joyful children of God.

CCD	70.00
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Holy Cross Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry is inviting our parish to join us for the **Friends of the Poor Walk/Run®**, our yearly national fundraiser and locally for our Diocese of Austin Council. Your donations to Saint Vincent de Paul helped numerous families this past year however, we are asking you to go the extra mile this year and walk with us. **Volunteers are in the gathering space after Mass, in FLC, to help you register to walk with us at St Albert the Great or virtually if you wish, on Saturday, September 25th at 11 am.** Please consider joining our team, Holy Cross Walkers, and/or donating towards our team goal. We are also accepting donations this weekend. Checks may be made payable to SVDP with **"SVDP Walk"** in the memo. Please pray for and support our worthy effort. Thank you and God Bless!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 8:00AM

Mass for special intentions for John and Joyce James.

Thank God for being there for me, never leaving me and always loving me, requested by Sylvia

Thanksgiving for God's grace, mercy, and love requested by Linda Ridley.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00AM

Mass for special intentions for God's grace and love for John and Joyce James.

For the repose of the soul of Mrs Mercedes LaCour Comacho, requested by Dr. Lawrence Baye, and for Mrs. Patricia Ann Inyang, requested by her sons, Dr. Lawrence Baye and Mrs. Robin E. Ford.

For the repose of the soul of Ashleigh Miller, requested by Vera Houston Black

For the repose of the soul of Karl Adams, Sr., requested by Jennifer Brooks

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri

Today is the The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time, found in our new gray hardback, "Word of The Lord", Lectionary, Year B, page 414.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROSARY

Please join us on ZOOM, <https://zoom.us/j/98265193279> Sundays at 8:30PM.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Marion Welch	Sam King, Jr.
Vonnye Rice-Gardner	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Gloria Harris	Cornelius Harris
Jim Castro	Tina Frank
Dr. Joe Quander	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Frances Brown
Naomi White	
DeKarlos Blackmon	

BIBLE STUDY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you had a blessed summer and are ready to begin Bible Study Classes.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesdays at 6pm. Please join us by telephone at (314) 732-4135 Code 462 091 806# or online at meet.google.com/zqt-hzfh-tsn.

Hope you will make plans to join and/or listen. God bless you.



CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for CCD/Religious Education will be after the 10:00am, Mass in the FLC. Classes will tentatively start Sunday, October 3rd, after the 10:00am Mass.

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FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	352.00
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NEEDS OF THE PARISH	50.00
SVDP WALK	300.00
FLC/DR	1590.00

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