

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

**SUNDAY, OCT 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOW AND
AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH**

All Hallows' Evening (contracted to Hallowe'en) begins the liturgical period of All Hallowtide, when saints, martyrs, and the departed in general are kept in special memory. Hallowed means consecrated, as the souls of the dead are in God's hands. All of the holy and troubled souls who have gone before us—represented by trick-or-treaters dressed as superheroes or vampires among others—are worthy of our mindful recollection and prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!"

**MONDAY, NOV 01, 2021 SOLEMNITY
OF ALL SAINTS KEEP ON MARCHING**

There are more than 10,000 saints venerated by the Catholic Church. (The exact number is a little unclear since some early saints may be more legendary than historical.) A lot of them are fairly new—Pope John Paul II (himself a saint) canonized more saints than all the popes in the previous 500 years combined. What does it mean to be a saint? A saint is anyone in heaven, whether canonized or not, and could include your own late family and friends. It doesn't mean they were perfect in life, but that they kept trying to live a holy life. Saints form the "great cloud of witnesses" and they're all cheering for you as you strive to be a saint, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 john 3:1-3; matthew 5:1-12a (667). "rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

**TUESDAY, NOV 02, 2021
COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS'
DAY) KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCKIN' ON
HEAVEN'S DOOR**

From the earliest days of Christianity—as believers shared Eucharist in the catacombs, alongside the dead—we Catholics have woven prayers for our dearly departed into many observances: every celebration of the Mass, praying the Rosary, annual parish-wide remembrances of the dead throughout November—even incorporating elements of Día de los Muertos from Latino tradition. We pray so that all souls who've been

detoured through purgatory might, with our prayerful help, enjoy triumphant entry into heaven. As you remember your own dearly departed today, celebrate in Día de los Muertos style: Pray with their photos, visit their graves, enjoy their favorite foods. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 03, 2021
MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES,
RELIGIOUS UNITED IN OUR DIVERSITY**

Born in colonial Peru in 1579 to a mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous ancestors, Martin de Porres was barred from full membership in a religious order in his racially stratified society. Martin was not deterred, however, and his gifts as a healer and spiritual leader elevated him to a position of great renown and respect within the Dominican order and Peruvian society. Today, there is a 61 percent chance that two people selected at random in the United States will be of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, according to the 2020 Census. As patron saint of race relations and those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, Martin offers inspiration to all of us to work for social justice in our increasingly diverse nation. **TODAY'S READINGS:** ROMANS 13:8-10; LUKE 14:25-33 (487). "WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE."

**THURSDAY, NOV 04, 2021 MEMORIAL
OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP
TIMES THAT TRY OUR SOULS**

It's a tricky business to take stock of the "signs of the times," as Vatican II urged us to do. One person who was good at assessing the strengths and flaws of his culture was Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-84), a reformer who used his education and power as bishop to heal and repair the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to perceive how God is present today, and to help bring about that presence where it seems to be lacking.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people."

**FRIDAY, NOV 05, 2021 WHAT WOULD
JESUS NOT DO?**

It's easy to understand why evangelism is so compelling. We can't wait to share the awesome news of finding our heart's treasure in Jesus the Christ and the

Catholic faith. But we must also take great care in evangelism so that we do not end up "colonizing" others, that is, assuming there is nothing good or godly in another person or group and imposing our own "enlightened" ways upon them. Jesus certainly does not do this. Instead, he shows by his own life the love of God and he looks where God already is in the world and in people's lives. In what ways can we safeguard respect for others and God in our own call to be evangelists?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

**SATURDAY, NOV 06, 2021
INSPIRATION KNOWS NO BOUNDS**

Jesus' life and ministry broke open the "old wineskins" of religious and social customs. Inspired by his example, the early church was remarkably diverse and creative, and women played key roles every step of the way. Priscilla (or Prisca, her formal name), along with her husband, Aquila, were companions of Saint Paul and prominent leaders in the early church—and Priscilla's name usually appears first when they are mentioned in the New Testament, a hint of her esteemed position. She instructed the learned Apollos, and some commentators think she may have had a hand in authoring the epistle to the Hebrews. Raise a glass to new wineskins—may they continue to pour out the Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life."

Next Sunday

**SUNDAY, NOV 07, 2021 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME A JOYOUS CALLING**

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 (155). "[This widow], from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 30-31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now is the time for a new 'creativity' in charity, not only by ensuring that help is effective but also by 'getting close' to those who suffer, so that the hand that helps is seen not as a humiliating handout but as a sharing between brothers and sisters. We must therefore ensure that in every Christian community the poor feel at home" (St. John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*).

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OCTOBER 31, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st, 8:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Lucille Adams and Earl Linton on their birthday in Heaven, request by Jennifer Brooks

In loving memory of Mrs. Gladdie Mae Stelly, mother and mother-in-law of Joyce and John James, as she rests in the arms of the Lord.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st, 10:00AM

Happy 100th Birthday in heaven to Mrs. Gertrude Ford on the 4th anniversary of her being with the Lord, requested by The Trotman Family

In loving memory of Mrs. Gladdie Mae Stelly, mother and mother-in-law of Joyce and John James, as she rest in the arms of the Lord.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

12 Noon day Mass, Tues -Friday

Rosary – 8:30PM ZOOM – Sunday's

OCTOBER 24, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2589.00
SVDP	100.00
FLOWERS	50.00
E-GIVING	1875.97
SVDP(E-G)	71.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	162.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	26.00
MSP	100.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	36.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	195.00
AIR CONDITION	750.00
CCD	35.00
RAFFLE	625.00
FLOWERS	50.00

Today is the The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time, found in our gray hardback, "Word of The Lord", Lectionary, Year B, page 430.

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



Flowers for the Altar were donated by the Mullen Family

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.
Vonnys Rice-Gardner	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Frances Brown	Moffett Waters
Gloria Harris	Cornelius Harris
Jim Castro	Tina Frank
Dr. Joe Quander	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	

HOLY CROSS HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Our Parish is sponsoring a **Holiday Raffle**. There are over **\$3,000** worth of prizes, all with your name on them 😊, however, you must purchase your tickets to be eligible to win. Raffle tickets may be purchased and prize donations are being accepted after 8 and 10 AM Masses each Sunday. The proceeds from this raffle will help to offset the costs of some of the major unexpected projects underway. Please see Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, Leon Roberts and Brenda Jones if there are any questions.

Sunday, November 7th, the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will celebrate the 112th Anniversary of its founding. A reception and a Zoom presentation will be held on next Sunday. KPC is inviting you to commemorate that day with them by viewing a brief Zoom presentation at 3:00pm next Sunday. More information is in the flyers on the table in the back of the FLC.

The KPC Thanksgiving Food Drive begins next weekend (Sunday, November 7th). Please assist those in need by donating a \$20 or \$30 gift card or by picking up a brown bag in Weber Hall, filling the bag with the non-perishable food items that are listed on the bag and returning the filled bags to Weber Hall no later than Sunday, November 14th for distribution to the needy.

Thanks and Blessings,

Johnnie and Lena

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Holiday Raffle
Sunday December 19, 2021
(Following 10AM Mass)
1610 E 11th St. Austin TX 78702
512-472-3741

Prizes:

- 1st Visa Gift Card (\$500)
- 2nd 50 in TV
- 3rd Chromebook
- 4th WalMart Gift Card (\$200)
- 5th HEB Gift Card (\$200)
- 6th Target Gift Card (\$200)
- 7th Spa Package (\$150)
- 8th Air Fryer (\$125)
- 9th Gas Card (\$100)
- 10th Pappadeaux Gift Card (\$100)
- 11th Longhorn Steakhouse GC (\$100)
- 12th Christmas Gift Basket (\$100)
- 13th Wine Gift Basket (\$75)
- 14th Food/Snack Basket (\$75)
- 15th Bath Gift Basket (\$50)
- 16th Holiday Candy Basket (\$50)

\$5.00 Per Ticket 0691

NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day, known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Please take an envelope in the back of the FLC, fill out and return to the office.

OUR MASS TIMES WILL BE:

ALL SAINTS – Monday, November 1st, 6:30PM

ALL SOULS – Tuesday, November 2nd, 6:30PM

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 Graduation Party
 Wakes
 Corporate Events
 Ministry Events
 Meetings
 ETC**

**Contact the Church Office for details
 5124723741**

