

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, FEB 20, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IT'S A LONG ROAD TO FREEDOM

Justice feels good—if we're on the side of the angels when it's meted out. Which means in most cases, the struggle for justice will cost us. This was certainly true for Frederick Douglass (1818-95), born enslaved yet becoming the first black American to gain a vote for president of the United States. As he wrote in his 1852 July Fourth speech: "The . . . conscience of the nation must be roused . . . the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be denounced." On this World Day of Social Justice, consider the price you're willing to pay for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 (81). "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Monday, Feb 21, 2022 MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Turn toward the good

Saint Peter Damian had two brothers—one bad, one good. The first treated him like a servant, the second had him educated, which led to Peter becoming a Benedictine monk. Humble and pious, he only reluctantly accepted when his community chose him to be their leader—and he was so good at it that some of those he directed became saints themselves. It was said of him that "his genius was to exhort and impel to the heroic, to praise striking achievements and to record edifying examples—an extraordinary force burns in all that he wrote." Like Peter, we've all encountered people who hold us down and others who lift us up. Which influence do you allow to shape you?

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341). "Everything is possible to one who has faith."

TUESDAY, FEB 22, 2022 FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE PLEASE BE SEATED

The topic of papal infallibility relates to today's feast. A pope only makes infallible statements of faith when he speaks ex cathedra—Latin for "from the chair." Cathedra, from which we also get the word "cathedral," refers to a bishop's throne, a visual symbol of authority and governance harkening back to monarchical times. It's symbolic of a bishop being the seat of

government for a particular locality. In this case, the pope is actually bishop of Rome, as Saint Peter was . . . and the Roman Catholic Church recognizes Rome's bishop as having authority over all the rest. Pray for Peter's successor today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

WEDNESDAY, FEB 23, 2022 MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR MAKE OUR MARK

Saint Polycarp was born around the year 69, and it is said he was a direct student of Saint John, the evangelist, and may have compiled, edited, and published many of the texts now found in the New Testament. He helped advance recognition of Paul as an apostle and the now common practice of biblical interpretation. He suffered a martyr's death by proclaiming a higher authority than the Roman emperor. His dying prayer included the words: "Lord God Almighty, I bless you, for having made me worthy of this day and hour." Let the breadth and strength of Polycarp's faith be an inspiration as you strive to trust in the Lord during challenging times.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343). "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."

THURSDAY, FEB 24, 2022 TAKE A STEP TOWARD WHOLENESS

Today's gospel refers three times to Gehenna. Typically, Gehenna is interpreted as another term for hell. Who is in hell? Can we go to hell after we die? These questions have puzzled believers and scripture scholars for centuries, and the living cannot answer them from direct experience. The church teaches in the catechism that "this state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell.'" We know what separates us from God, and we know what unites us with God. Take a step today, no matter how small, to unite yourself with God. **TODAY'S READINGS:** James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344). "Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves."

FRIDAY, FEB 25, 2022 WHEN TOGETHER FOREVER IS CAUSING REAL HARM

Sometimes relationships don't work out. In the case of marriage, the Catholic Church urges reconciliation and offers pastoral help. But sometimes even reconciliation is impossible, especially when harm is present. That is why the church

encourages people not to enter into marriage lightly, or any life commitment for that matter. The tools of discernment, prayer, spiritual reading, and seeking wise counsel can help you as you determine your best path. If you or a loved one need more information about beginning or ending a marriage or other life vocation, seek out the church's help.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 (345). "The Lord is compassionate and merciful."

SATURDAY, FEB 26, 2022 LEARN SOME CHILDISH WAYS

The question of how children were viewed and treated in biblical times is a complicated one, but it seems safe to say they were often not extended the full rights and protections we assume for them today. The fact that Jesus treats them as fully formed persons, in fact as possessing qualities of innocence and trust that are essential for a full embrace of his saving message, would have struck his followers as remarkable. But Jesus has a way of turning our expectations upside down. What can you learn from the little persons in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346). "Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

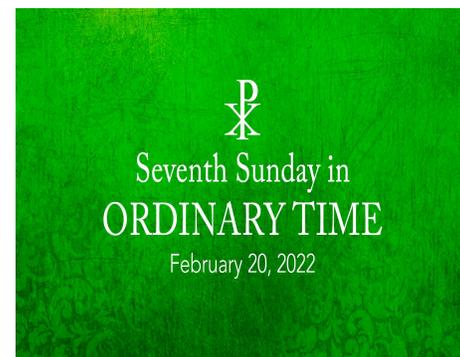
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SUNDAY, FEB 27, 2022 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LORD, THAT WE MAY SEE

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84). "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Feb. 20 -- Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Merciful and gracious is the Lord; he redeems us from destruction. May we turn to the Lord even when we have sinned. May we love others as God loves us.



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FEBRUARY 20, 2022 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 8:00AM

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Jerry and Jackie Wallace.

Rest of the soul of Rev. Raymond Scott, requested by his wife Barbara Scott

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 10:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Maureen Agwuncha and Gods continued protection, requested by the Agwuncha Children.

Rest of the souls of Julia Ezie and Ekwotosi Unachukwu-Nee Ezie requested by Onyinye Metayer

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MASS
8:00am – 10:00AM

FAMILY ROSARY ZOOM
SUNDAY - 8:30PM

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

OFFERTORY	\$8553.00
E-GIVING	2660.19
SVDP	87.00
SVDP(E-G)	71.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	321.00
FLC/DR	275.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	53.00
MSP	25.00
Needs of Parish	25.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	153.00
CANDLES	199.00
HIGHER ED.	45.00

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FOUND IN OUR GRAY HARBACK, "WORD OF THE LORD", LECTIONARY, YEAR C, PAGE 544.



Altar Flowers

Flowers donated by Jerry and Jackie Wallace



Diaconate Donald Cooper

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, Brother Don Cooper, a member of the Class of 2022, will be ordained to the *Sacred Order of Deacon* by Bishop Joe S. Vásquez on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. Our parish will host a special celebratory reception for *Deacon Don Cooper* on Sunday, March 20, 2022, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Life Center. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

On Sunday Father mention to the parish, if you plan to attend the ordination of our brother Don Cooper please contact the office so there will be enough seating for Holy Cross parishioners.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

You are invited to come together to engage in dialogue with Austin Police Chief Joseph Chacon and other APD leadership on what they are doing in regard to reimagining public safety and reducing racial inequities. This face-to-face meeting will occur in the Family Life Center on Thursday, February 24 at 6:00pm. Joyce James Consulting will facilitate the meeting. Social distancing and masks will be required. For additional information please contact Johnnie Dorsey

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

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- Wedding Party**
- Birthday Party**
- Graduation Party**
- Wakes**
- Coporate Events**
- Ministry Events**
- Meetings**
- ETC**

Contact the Church Office for details
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