

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; TEND**

YOUR INNER LAMP: Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64).* "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

HELP THE DREAM AWAKEN IN ALL

HEARTS AND MINDS: Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination...must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design. "Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311).* "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT;

MAKE SPACE FOR SILENCE:

The *Apophthegmata Patrum* is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the Sayings of the Desert Fathers. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or

pass their time with me of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted -- and martyrdoms ceased —Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312).* "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023:

THERE'S ROOM IN THIS BIG TENT:

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313).* "Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

COME IN FROM THE COLD:

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christmas tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintry world?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314).* "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

TWELVE IS ENOUGH:

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it

also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315).* "He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR; NO

HAS ALWAYS MEANT NO:

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 9:2-3; Mark 3:20-21 (316).* "Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Jan 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Coming live to a parish near you!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67).* "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHING CORNER

Jan. 14-15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's psalm, we respond "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." How is the Lord calling us to respond to him this week? May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts and actions as we listen for the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 15, 2023 8:00AM

For the deceased members of the Scharfe/Kucera Families requested by Ron and Alice Scharfe.

For the repose of the souls of the Javey, Linton and Peoples family.

SUNDAY, January 15, 2023 10:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Kimberly R. Scott -12th year Anniversary of her death, requested by Barbara Scott.

Healing grace for Gene Sistrunk and Marion Welch, requested by Donna Sistrunk- Irving



The **HC Dance Ministry** welcomes new members who would like to dance in praise of the Lord. The **Men's Dance** group begins today, Sunday, **January 15**, after CCD classes. Please contact Mrs. Elina Mullen if you have any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

The *Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary/Omega Psi Phi* are having a blood drive on **Monday, January 16th from 10:30am – 1:30pm at Houston Tilloston**. The Bloodmobile bus will be located at **8th and Chalmers Avenue**. Come lend a helping arm, donate blood to support your community and save local lives. It is easy, just click on the link below to schedule your appointment. Make an appointment online or call 512-206-1242 or 512-206-1266. Walk-ins are welcome. Please contact Leon Roberts at leonrob33@sbcglobal.net if questions.

<https://www.wrbdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/62940>

KPC UNIT #284

BASKET BINGO FUNDRAISER

Save the Date! Sunday, February 5th after the 10:00AM Mass in the *Family Life Center*, The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, Unit #284, will host their annual **Basket Bingo Fundraiser**. Proceeds from this event will benefit the KPC #284 and Holy Cross Scholarship Funds.

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE

The annual *Texas Pro-Life Day* is **January 28, 2023**. Masses will be celebrated at San José Parish, St. Louis Parish, or the University Catholic Center in Austin. The rosary will be prayed at 9 a.m. with Mass beginning at 10 a.m. at each location. Diocese of Austin continues to emphasize local efforts to build a culture of life -- to expand outreach to families facing crisis pregnancies and to families who are in need. Join us in continuing to Walk with Mom's in Need, and advocate for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. For more information visit, www.austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day.

THE TRAVELING CHALICE HAS YOUR FAMILY HOSTED THE TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE?



Sign up and receive the blessings and benefits of praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

It's easy and so rewarding!!

To sign up, please come by the office or see Bernie Little, Michel Ukanda, Alice Scharfe, or Bernadette Cay.



Angela Reyes

Granddaughter of RH and Gloria Harris is in need of prayer and strength from the Lord, as she goes through life's challenges.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MASS
8:00AM – 10:00AM

FAMILY ROSARY ZOOM
SUNDAY - 8:30PM

January 8, 2023

OFFETORY	\$2767.00
OFFETORY (E-GIVE)	\$3665.73
SVDP	\$70.00
SVDP (E-GIVE)	\$146.20
FLC/DR(E-GIVE)	\$643.25
NEEDS OF PARISH	\$
NEEDS OF PARISH (E-GIVE)	\$115.15
MSP	\$
MSP (E-GIVE)	\$55.05
CHRISTMAS WISH LIST	\$5000.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$50.00
GIFT STORE	\$30.00

**Today is the
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
 Found in our gray hardback,
 "Word of The Lord",
 Lectionary, Year A, page 180.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mr. Lima Galega
Mary Anthony	Vonnye Rice-Gardner
Troy Anthony	Bernadette Phifer
Evelyn Battle	Betty Ridley
Tina Frank	Mary Sobers
Mildred Carter	Mary Waters
Jim Castro	Moffet Waters
Pearl Cox	Marion Welch
B.J. Dukes	Dr. Joe Quander
Monica Godsey	Jackie Wallace
Gloria Harris	Jonathan Bryan
Lester Johnson	Naomi White
Jerry Wallace	Debbie Juhlke

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
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