

**JULY 8, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time*

**Sunday, Jul 08, 2018  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**No excuses**

If only I had more money, more time, more assistance, more talent. We all have a pretty impressive laundry list of why we can't be of more service to God and to others. Even Saint Paul had his "thorn in the flesh," some private difficulty that seemed to hold him back from being the apostle he sought to be. Paul kept praying for its removal so he could be free of this impediment. Finally he reinterpreted the thorn: not an impediment, but an opportunity to let God be God. Maybe it's time to stop protesting and start serving!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezra 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101). "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

**Monday, Jul 09, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**The whole world in God's hands**

The gospel arrived in China in the fifth century, and Christianity flourished during the T'ang dynasty (618-907). By the 13<sup>th</sup> century Beijing had its own bishop. In the 1500s missions to China were common, but growing suspicion of the West led to persecutions and the destruction of churches. One hundred and twenty Catholics, including Augustine Zhao Rong (d. 1815), were martyred in China between the years 1648 and 1930. They were children, parents, catechists, laborers, and four priests. Thirtythree were foreign-born missionaries. Pray for the courage of Christians everywhere.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

**Tuesday, Jul 10, 2018**

**Think unto others . . .**

A woman once refused to extend her hand at the Sign of Peace during Mass. At the time it seemed unfriendly, even rude to the woman next to her. But after Mass, she explained that her arthritis was paining her terribly and shaking hands would have hurt her. The woman sitting next to her felt embarrassed that she had taken offense so wrongly. How often do we, like the Pharisees, leap to a negative assessment of the motivations of another only to find out they meant nothing of the kind? Think

gently of others, as you would like them to think of you.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "When the demon was cast out, the Pharisees said, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.'"

**Wednesday, Jul 11, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT  
Be moderately holy**

The main elements of Saint Benedict's famous monastic rule are sleep, prayer, and manual labor. Chapter 48 of the Rule states: "Idleness is the enemy of the soul. Therefore, the brothers should have specified periods for manual labor as well as for prayerful reading. . . . They must not become distressed if local conditions or their poverty should force them to do the harvesting themselves. When they live by the labor of their hands, as our fathers and the apostles did, then they are really monks. Yet, all things are to be done with moderation on account of the fainthearted." Remember Benedict's concern for moderation. It is the key to all aspects of Christian piety.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "Sow for yourselves justice, reap the fruit of piety."

**Thursday, Jul 12, 2018**

**Love is bigger than hurt**

Joseph had it tough as the second youngest in a family of 12 brothers. Picked on and hated because he was his dad Jacob's favorite, Joseph ended up sold into slavery by his brothers. After many years of separation from his family, he again meets his brothers, only this time the tables are turned: Joseph is in a position of power, and his brothers are the vulnerable ones. It wouldn't have taken much for Joseph to tap back into those feelings of hurt, betrayal, and rage and respond measure for measure. But he went beyond that, back to the sibling love he so cherished, and reacted with not only kindness but an outpouring of generosity. We, too, have that capacity and power for a love that is bigger than hurt.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "But [Joseph's] brothers could give him no answer, so dumbfounded were they at him."

**Friday, Jul 13, 2018**

**Get smart, but keep it simple**

Sometimes it may seem that the gospel's call to simplicity doesn't stand a chance. Popular spiritual writer Henri Nouwen expressed this dilemma well: "So often the problems of the world seem so complex and intricate that your word strikes me as embarrassingly

simple," he wrote in a prayer that continued, "but you, O Lord, said, 'Be clever as serpents and innocent as doves.' Let me retain innocence and simplicity in the midst of this complex world." That's a good prayer for all of us as we try to balance spiritual life and daily life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "I am sending you out like wolves among sheep."

**Saturday, Jul 14, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF KATERI  
TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN**

**Witness respectfully**

In his poem "Exploding Chippewas," poet Mark Turcotte writes of his Native American ancestors, "In my bones some of them weep, / strapped with their own braids / to slowly swinging crosses, / their meatless faces tight / with skin, / while others stomp down / the grass in quiet circles, / gripping shards of stary cloth / between their teeth, / dripping / blood, white, and blue." Kateri Tekakwitha is said to have been shunned by her people when she became Christian, but North and South American native peoples have also suffered countless indignities at the hands of well-meaning Christians. Spreading the word depends on profound respect as much as it does on zeal.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jul 15, 2018**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

**We're not alone**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13 (104). "In him we have redemption . . . in him we were also chosen . . . in him you also . . . were sealed."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner  
July 7-8 -- 14th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

Today's Gospel records that Jesus was not believed or welcomed and this lack of faith was so distressing that he could work no miracles there except for a few healings. We might wonder about the skepticism and doubt of those contemporaries of Jesus, but that attitude might keep us from recognizing that we can be just as close-minded and skeptical. We are invited this Sunday to humbly examine our own attitudes toward the poor, immigrants, and the

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unborn; toward church teaching on economic justice, the environment and family life. Have we hardened our hearts to God's voice and presence like those of old?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7, 5:30PM**

Thanksgiving Mass for Mark Escarrilla and children requested by Albert and Gina Escarrilla

**SUNDAY, July 8, 8:00AM**

In loving memory of Lorene Moran, requested by her sister, Tyra Duncan-Hall

**SUNDAY, July 8, 10:00AM**

Djoko, is requesting this Mass for his big brother who is looking for a job, for his parents health and for the deceased member in his family.

**Tuesday, July 10, Noon Mass**

Lawrence Osondu is requesting this Mass for Divine Protection & Success

**Wednesday, July 12, noon Mass**

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**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday July 8 2018**

**Mass 8:00AM**

**Rosary 9:30AM**

**Mass 10:00AM**

**Tuesday July 10, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Wednesday July 11, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Thursday, July 12 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Friday July 13, 2018**

**Noon Mass**

**Weekend 06- 30/07-1, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**VIGIL MASS 38**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 am 45**

**10:00 am 189**

**Weekend 6-30/7-1, 2018**

**OFFERTORY \$4240.00**

**Children 75.00**

**E-GIVING 960.00**

**SVDP (E-GIVING) 90.00**

**SVDP 20.00**

**Peter Pence 365.00**

**Byz-Church Use 600.00**

**FLC GROUNDBREAKING VIDEO**

Please call the office if you want a copy of the video for our FLC groundbreaking ceremony. Each CD is \$5.00.

**ATTENTION VETERANS**

An all-expense paid African American Honor flight to Washington, DC is being planned for November 2-3, 2018 for those veterans that served in these conflicts. The first 50 applications received will be booked with priority being given to African American WWII and Korea veterans. See Johnnie Dorsey for more specific information on the African American Honor Flight.

**The deadline to submit applications is July 31, 2018. Contact Johnnie Dorsey for more information.**

**IGBO MASS JULY 29, 2018**

Please help spread the news. Holy Cross will have a monthly IGBO Mass, every last Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. All IGBO Catholics are welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Mother-Daughter Tea**

Sunday, August 19, 2018, 2:00-4:30 (Vendors onsite: 1:30-5:00 p.m.)  
Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center  
*Please see insert for additional information*

**Annual Men's Mass is July 21**

The Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men will host the annual Men's Mass July 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish in Pflugerville. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate the Mass, and a reception will follow. For more information, visit [www.centexcatholic.com](http://www.centexcatholic.com)

**5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Please return your 5<sup>th</sup> year Capital Campaign Pledge envelopes if you have not done so. If you did not receive a letter and want to contribute, put a note in an envelope and bring to the office. If you have not yet finished your 4<sup>th</sup> Year Campaign payment, I encourage you to do so as we need every cent we can get as the construction is moving very fast. Those have never made any contribution towards the project, please consider making a donation. Thank you so much for making our dream come true.  
Fr Basil

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is a sign-up sheet in Weber hall for all Parishioners men and women who would like to help with our Church Repast's and Reception's.

**Registration is now open for Catholic Women's Conference**

The third annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held Sept. 8 at the Performing Arts Center at Westlake High School in Austin. This year's theme is "Generation to Generation." The conference will kick off at St. Theresa Parish in Austin on the evening of Friday, Sept. 7 with praise and worship led by the musical trio His Own, as well as adoration and confession. Saturday's events will feature a keynote presentation by Judy Landrieu Klein, author of "Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Children to God." Other activities will include breakout sessions, a variety of vendors and exhibits as well as Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez. The cost to register is \$45 before June 15 (\$55 after). To register, visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens)

**Volunteer opportunities at CCCTX**

Looking to volunteer your time and talent over the summer or throughout the year? Catholic Charities has numerous volunteer opportunities ranging from direct client service to behind-the-scenes or administrative support work across our social services programs. For a full list of opportunities in Austin and Bryan, please visit [www.ccctx.org/volunteer](http://www.ccctx.org/volunteer) or contact Claire Bordelon at (512) 651-6159

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

**Five Year Payment Goal \$1,017,000**



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