

**JULY 22, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Jul 22, 2018**

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**Ease up!**

Are you living at one speed all the time: busy, busy, busy? Some of us are overextended, many of us have never learned to say no, and more than a few of us hang our self-worth on the precarious hooks of what we can accomplish. Even Jesus took time out for retreat and recollection. When was the last time you went on retreat? Do you take the occasional night off, observe a real Sabbath rest, sit for five minutes in a quiet, empty church? Block out time on your calendar not to do, but to be with God.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107).* "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

**Monday, Jul 23, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS**

**Give God a try**

From the moment we're born we face challenges in life. We learn how to walk—and we take some tumbles. We allow ourselves to fall in love—and we experience heartache. We work hard to be better people—and we sometimes fall short. It takes faith to attempt things without knowing how they'll turn out. Fear can tempt us to not try hard at anything. Yet we're all called by God to do and be more than we can envision! We see that in stories of our ancestors in faith, such as Moses, who, by the grace of God and the willingness to try, achieved remarkable things. How have you allowed God to work in and through you today?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (395)* "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

**Tuesday, Jul 24, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLŪF, PRIEST**

**Listen up**

Saints haven't always done big things like bring the gospel to whole continents or found great religious orders—laudable though those achievements have been. Sometimes they just sat by the door and listened to God and the people who visited them. Many visited Saint Sharbel (1828-98), a Lebanese hermit, for his blessing and counsel. The service he rendered consisted almost entirely of welcoming, listening, and praying with anyone who came to him. Do you have an attentive and

welcoming friend who can help you find a way through your troubles? Can you be that attentive friend to others who need some support?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50 (396).* "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

**Wednesday, Jul 25, 2018**

**FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE**

**Take a big gulp**

Saint James was a disciple of John the Baptist who took up Jesus' call to follow him. Brash, impulsive, and hotheaded (he and his brother John were nicknamed by Jesus the "Sons of Thunder"), James was rebuked on several occasions, but he proved himself when put to the test. He dedicated his life to spreading Jesus' gospel, traveled to Samaria, Judea, and Spain in the name of Christ, and died a martyr's death the first apostle to do so in Jerusalem in the year 44. James rank deeply from the cup Jesus passed to him. Prepare yourself each day through small acts of faith to do the same.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605).* "Jesus asked the sons of Zebedee, 'Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?'"

**Thursday, Jul 26, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**A grand legacy**

Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, are not mentioned in scripture, but legend says they were childless until they experienced simultaneous annunciations indicating that God had other plans. While Grandparents Day was established in 1979 "to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer," today's memorial of Jesus' grandparents emphasizes handing on the treasure of faith. The affinity that the old and the very young often have for each other in our families is an opportunity to leave grandchildren an inheritance of love.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (398).* "Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."

**Friday, Jul 27, 2018**

**The good earth**

To be "honest as dirt" may not seem much of a compliment, but it is. A nicer word might be *humus*, a word taken directly from Latin that means "earth." And from this root our word *humility* comes. Humility has a bad rep because it is often mistaken for

humiliation. But humility has nothing to do with groveling. What it means is "I am who I am before God: nothing more, and nothing less." That kind of humility ("I need you, Lord!") is the honest soil in which the word can take hold, take root, take heart, and bloom. Worry less about briars: just need the Seed.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399).* "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."

**Saturday, Jul 28, 2018**

**Tough love**

In his book *People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil*, psychologist and best-selling author M. Scott Peck takes up one of the most difficult problems human beings face in this mysterious life: the problem of human evil. Why does it exist, and why does a good God permit it? Peck doesn't provide any simple answers, but he does caution us not to give into the temptation when we are harmed, to return evil with evil and exact revenge. Leave the judgment to Jesus. Weeds eventually are separated from wheat, but that is not your job. Hard as it may be, you are called to return evil with love. Do your best.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400).* "Let them grow together until harvest."

Next Sunday

**Sunday, Jul 29, 2018**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Waste not, want not**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110).* "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**July 21--22 -- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The second reading for the Liturgy this weekend speaks of Christ who is our peace. The peace to which Paul refers is that peace we now have with God through Christ since our separation from God has been healed by Christ's death and resurrection. Rooted as we now are in God's love and peace, we can be peace for others by our lives and actions. This peace is manifested most fully when we show respect to others, even our enemies. With God's grace and love, we can, through our thoughts, words and actions show only good will and respect to all thus spreading peace to our broken world. How can you be a peacemaker this week?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 21, 5:30PM**

In loving Memory of, Karl Adams, Sr., Henry Adams Sr., and Henry Adams Jr.

**SUNDAY, July 22, 8:00AM**

Healing Grace for Thomas Addison, Brent Brown, Marie Mason, Bernadette Phifer and all Holy Cross Parishioners

**SUNDAY, July 22, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Eva Marie Mosby, in heaven request by her children

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Don and Brenda Jones and Happy Birthday to their son Travis

**Wednesday, July 26, noon Mass**

For the repose of the soul of Hyram Nichols, requested by Barbara Scott

**Thursday, July 27 Noon Mass**

For all deceased members of Holy Cross

**Friday, July 28, Noon Mass**

In Loving memory of James E. Mosby, Jr. on his birthday in Heaven, requested by his children

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday July 22 2018**

Mass 8:00AM  
Rosary 9:30AM  
Mass 10:00AM

**Tuesday July 24 2018**

Noon Mass

**Wednesday July 25, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Thursday, July 26 2018**

Noon Mass

**Friday July 27, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Weekend July 16/16, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**  
VIGIL MASS 37  
SUNDAY  
8:00 am 55  
10:00 am 193

**Weekend July 7/8, 2018**

OFFERTORY	\$2433.00
Children	20.00
E-GIVING	1620.00
SVDP (E-GIVING)	70.00
SVDP	50.00
ACTS	425.00

**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*

**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

**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.

**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)

**LECTOR WORKSHOP**

There will be a mandatory lector's workshop at Holy Cross, Saturday, July

28<sup>th</sup>, in Weber Hall, from 11:00am until 1:00PM. If you are a current lector or would like to become one, please attend this very important workshop.

**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.

**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 or [claire-bordelon@ccctx.org](mailto:claire-bordelon@ccctx.org).

**Relevant Radio, 970 AM, in Austin area**

Grow in your faith and change your life with Relevant Radio 970 AM - Austin's "Talk Radio for Catholic Life." This non-profit, listener-supported Catholic radio station bridges the gap between faith and everyday life - covering topics of the day from a uniquely Catholic perspective. Relevant Radio 970 can be heard on the radio, on the Internet at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) or on the mobile app, available for Apple or Android devices. Take your faith with you wherever you go - tune in today!

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**\$1,017,000**



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