

OCTOBER 21, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Oct 21, 2018
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Chasing greatness

Ruins of ancient empires can be found around the globe. We're awed by these traces of grandeur even as we're summoned to awareness of the passing of worldly power. Every nation in history that once sought to be great has the antiquities to testify to their achievement—and the ashes to witness to its elusiveness. The only greatness that matters is the kind that lays its privilege down for the sake of the lowly. Dare to be great in the way of the Kingdom. Use your personal authority to lift others up, not to promote your own gain.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-44.* "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Monday, Oct 22, 2018
MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE
Be strong through vulnerability

When we count out the qualities we would like in a leader, rarely would we cite shame. However it is precisely this sense of shame that urges leaders to search out and claim ownership of their faults and mistakes. In this sense, Saint John Paul II stands out as an example for both political and religious leaders. In his book, *When a Pope Asks Forgiveness*, Luigi Accattoli cites 94 occasions in which Saint John Paul II acknowledged either personal or institutional culpability for mistakes and social injustices. Far from being a sign of weakness, this vulnerability formed one of his true strengths as a leader. How can the leadership roles you take on become opportunities to practice humility?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 (473).* "Take care to guard against all greed."

Tuesday, Oct 23, 2018
MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

Don't take flight at signs of adversity

In 1776, when a new California mission was named in honor of John Capistran by Junipero Serra, perhaps it was to honor a vital, hardworking, and optimistic fellow Franciscan of the 15th century when church and world were torn by everything from plague to heresy. Amazingly energetic, John was a force for renewal and fidelity in a fiercely divided church. And then there

are the swallows. They return to the abandoned mission every spring and leave around this time. They, too, were optimists when they began to settle at the mission after a local innkeeper destroyed their unseemly muddy nests. Ask yourself: Can I hold on to the joy and optimism of a dauntless swallow or a dedicated reformer, even when things do not unfold as I'd like?
TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38.* "But God, who is rich in mercy raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Wednesday, Oct 24, 2018
MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

Live large

Some saints make their mark by doing only one thing, but doing it very well. Others, like Anthony Mary Claret, paint with a broader brush. Claret founded a religious order, fought for social change, was a writer and publisher, archbishop and refugee, even for a while chaplain to the queen of Spain—against his wishes, as he let her know. He was especially revered in Cuba where he spoke out against the abuses of slavery, which rankled the landed class and brought no less than 14 attempts on his life. Claret lived life large. Dare to dream your own big dreams for the sake of the gospel—and get out there to make them happen.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48 (475).* "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Thursday, Oct 25, 2018
Be on fire with faith

Zeal for God's mission was personified, and indeed incarnated, in the person of Jesus the Christ. Jesus' passion to serve others and to share the gospel was one of his enduring gifts to his disciples then and now. It wasn't only about the "doing" of the faith, however, but of fully becoming what one loved and believed. A story from the desert fathers and mothers illustrates that well: "Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said, 'Abba as far as I can I say my little office [prayers], I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?' Then the old man stood up and stretched his hands toward heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, 'If you will, you can become all flame.'"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53 (476).* "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing."

Friday, Oct 26, 2018

Learn the language of signs

"Signs" was the name of a 1970's pop tune that complained about the clutter and negativity of so many signs that surround us, from billboards to those of the "Keep out" and "Do not trespass" variety. But one line in the countercultural song takes a surprising turn: "And the sign said 'Everybody welcome. Come in, kneel down, and pray.'" Given the clutter of signs and messages that bombard us daily, it's difficult to make out the signs that point us to peace and spiritual growth. Any sign that encourages us to take a moment out for quiet reflection and prayer is a trustworthy sign. Keep an eye out for one today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59* "Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Saturday, Oct 27, 2018
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let the loving saints shine

Media resources tend to shower glory on athletes, celebrities, and winning candidates. This worldly praise and honor doesn't resemble the divine attribute of glory much. God chooses to share a reflection of divine glory with a surprisingly different cast of characters: the meek, the lowly, the little ones. This glory gives the saints their radiant haloes and makes people with loving ways shine when they walk in the room. On this final Saturday of Rosary Month, pray the Glorious Mysteries for more radiant ones to bless our world!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9 (478).* "He is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things."

Next Sunday
Sunday, Oct 28, 2018
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I can see clearly now

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149).* "Immediately [Bartimaeus] received his sight and followed him on the way."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 20-21 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"A human person is alienated if he refuses to transcend himself and to live the experience of self-giving and of the formation of an authentic human community oriented towards his final destiny, which is God" (St. John Paul II).

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May we open wide the doors of our hearts through the humble service we effect in society, particularly for the socioeconomically impoverished.

Mission Gift Store	15.00 135.00
ACTS	2180.00

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins on October 22nd and ends on November 2nd.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 20, 5:30PM

This Mass is for Lt. Andy Michel as he serves our country overseas; please pray for Sharon his wife and God's protection and safe return.

SUNDAY, October 21, 8:00AM

In Loving Memory of Theresa Fontenette, requested by her daughter Michelle.

SUNDAY, October 21, 10:00AM

In Memory of Collins O C Chima

Happy Birthday to Britney Jones, requested by Brenda Jones

TUESDAY, Noon Mass October 23

Our Holy Father Pope Francis as we work together for healing in our church, requested by the Mullens

THURSDAY, October 24, Noon Mass

Thanksgiving for Gina Escarrilla, requested by the Escarrilla Family

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you have just moved to Austin and new to our Parish, we welcome you to Holy Cross. Let us know how we can help serve your spiritual needs. Call the office 512-472-3741 to speak to Fr Basil Aguzie, MSP, and pick up a new member package to register with the parish.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Please save the date for the annual appreciation Luncheon of the Missionary Society of St. Paul on October 27, 2018. Mass of thanksgiving will begin at 10:00am at St Peter the Apostle Church, 6220 La Salette Street, Houston, TX. Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago will be the presider. Lunch and Silent Auction will follow. For more information on reservation on how to support the Missionaries of St Paul, please contact The Mission Development Office, 713-747-1722, or usamp@yahoo.com .

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry is in need of volunteers. This ministry helps the poor and needy with rent, utilities and food. Please consider joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry, contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949 or church office for additional information."

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Date: November Thursday 1- Sunday 4th. Contact: Vera Houston Black

ALL SOULS DAYS MASS

Date: November 2nd
Mass Time: 7pm
Plan to book Masses for your deceased loved ones. Call the office.

HOLY HOUR

A Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 10:00am. Please plan to attend and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, for these vocations.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2018	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10.00AM
Tuesday OCT 23, 2018	
Noon Mass	
Wednesday OCT 24, 2018	
Noon Mass	
Thursday, OCT 25, 2018	
Noon Mass	
Choir 6:00PM	
Friday OCT 26, 2018	
Noon Mass	
Saturday OCT 27, 2018	
Vigil Mass	5:30PM

Weekend October 13/14, 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
VIGIL MASS	23
SUNDAY	
8:00 am	55
10:00 am	218
Weekend October 13/14, 2018	

OFFERTORY	\$1884.00
Children	30.00
E-GIVING	2155.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	70.00
SVDP	10.00

SAVE THE DATE: GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

A diocesan celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Dec. 1 in downtown Austin. The event will begin with a procession. Attendees will gather at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin for announcements and depart in procession at 8 a.m. The procession will end at San José Parish in Austin, where Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow. For more information visit www.austindiocese.org/olq-celebration

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

There will be CCD Classes Sunday, October 21st at Noon.

IGBO MASS OCTOBER 28, 2018

Our next IGBO Mass, is next Sunday, October 28th, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL
Call the Church Office 512 472 3741