

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

Sunday, Nov 04, 2018
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Silly love songs?

Love is all you need. So say every generation's love songs since the biblical Song of Songs was put to papyrus. When asked to choose the primary commandment, Jesus chose love of God and neighbor. Love is clearly that fundamental. But it's far more than a feeling. The mandate to love doesn't dictate our emotions, but rather our priorities. How do we put God and neighbor first, in each decision, with every expenditure of time and resource? If love begins to routinely triumph over self-interest, how might worship, family, society, and world be transformed?
TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "To love [God] with all your heart . . . is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Monday, Nov 05, 2018
Some of my best friends

You've probably noticed in reading the gospels and listening to Sunday sermons that the Pharisees come off as the bad guys in a lot of gospel stories. Recent scholars suggest, however, that tensions between Jesus and the Pharisees may have been exaggerated when the gospel accounts were later written down, reflecting conflicts between early Christians and Jews. In fact, a number of other New Testament figures, including Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and perhaps Saint Paul himself, were Pharisees who ended up devoted to the cause of Jesus. We don't have to consider those who differ with us as enemies—they may end up being some of our best friends.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485).* "On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees."

Tuesday, Nov 06, 2018
Gotta hand it to them

Take note the next time you practice charity or drop a coin in the cup of someone begging: How will you feel if they don't say "thank you"? Jesus' advice to hold a banquet for those who can't possibly repay us challenges our deepest instincts. It is natural to shower our generosity on friends and loved ones. Jesus challenges us to go further. True charity has no strings attached. Can we reach out a hand to others even if we come up empty-handed?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486).* "Bringin here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame."

Wednesday, Nov 07, 2018
Lend a hand

In the Okinawan language two characters make up the word *karate*: *kara* ("empty") and *te* ("hand"). The name of this martial art, then, is literally "the way of the empty hand." Tadashi Nakamura, the founder of the Seido form of karate, said: "When we love freely, we can give and share everything. We need hold on to nothing. Our hands can be empty." Jesus was no martial artist, but nonetheless his way of life was one of an "open hand": to empty himself in order to give himself. Those who would call themselves his followers should be ready to do the same.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33 (487).* "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Thursday, Nov 08, 2018
Do what you can

Mother Teresa used to say that she did not add, she subtracted—and she was not talking about arithmetic skills. You'll never win at the game of measuring the success of service in numbers, she was pointing out. The total of those in need will always outrun your efforts to catch up with it. Though her Missionaries of Charity have helped hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of people, they cannot reach everyone. If you see, as she did, every person to whom you give aid to be another person subtracted from the mass of suffering, the numbers game changes—especially if you consider each one of them to be a child of God. In trying to feed the world's hungers, you don't have to do everything, but you can do something.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488).* "What woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?"

Friday, Nov 09, 2018
FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Living stones
How often, when we speak of *church*, we have to clarify whether we mean the faith community or the building where that community gathers. As we celebrate the Lateran Basilica—the pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches—we remember that human beings need things that appeal to the senses to remind us of spiritual values. Saint Augustine says that when the

community of faith gathers "they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, Baptism, and instruction they are . . . shaped, squared, and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans" and finally are made into a house for the Lord, "fitted together through love."
TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 4:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

Saturday, Nov 10, 2018
MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

You want Leo on your side
Attila, called the "scourge of God," had sacked Milan and set out to attack Rome in A.D. 452. The Emperor Valentinian III hid behind the walls of a remote castle, and panic seized the capital. In this climate of fear, Pope Leo set out unarmed to meet Attila, and somehow induced him to turn back. A few years later the Vandal king Genseric invaded Rome, but Leo was able to persuade him not to rape and pillage. Leo then set about repairing the damage of the invasion by distributing alms. The next time you find yourself short on courage, call on the memory of this great hero of the tradition. Chances are, whatever you are facing can't be any worse than Attila!
TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490).* "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Next Sunday
Sunday, Nov 11, 2018
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Generosity, redefined
TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155). "But she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Nov. 3-4, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Now is the time for a new 'creativity' in charity, not only by ensuring that help is effective but also by 'getting close' to those who suffer, so that the hand that helps is seen not as a humiliating handout but as a sharing between brothers and sisters. We must therefore ensure that in every Christian community the poor feel at home" (St. John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*).

NOVEMBER 04, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 5:30PM

Mike Martin, Elizabeth, William, and William II Phillips, Gerry Donuhue and Raleigh Haydel requested by Derek Phillips

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:00AM

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Raphael and JoAnn

Healing Grace for Mercia Lopes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 10:00AM

For the repose of the souls of:

Celestine Aguzie, Eucharia Aguzie, Gabriella Aguzie, Francis Ahuna, Chinedu Chimezie, Jude Ugwu, Matthew Ugwu, Grace Ugwu, Paul Uche, Emmanuel Uche, Isidore Nze, Deceased Priests of the Missionary Society of Nigeria, and Bishop John McCarthy, requested by Father Basil

TUESDAY, Noon Mass NOV, 6

For the repose of the souls of Ago Alafya, Yawa, Patoubadabe, Komi, Joseph Batchassi, Dadu Bakai Wetehire and Janet Patterson, requested by Felix M. Batchassi

WEDNESDAY, Noon Mass, Nov 7

For all the babies who will lose their life through abortion, requested by the Mullens.

Thursday, Noon Mass, Nov 8

For the repose of the souls of, Guy, Denise and Gulian Michel and Brandon Poo Presley, requested by Andy and Sharon Michel

FRIDAY, NOV. 9, MASS 6:30PM

For the repose of the souls of, Ignace and Amelia Hilaire, Henry Sr, Henry Jr., Harriet, Lucille, Carroll, Karl, and Jeffery Adams and Darnella Clark, requested by Jennifer Brooks

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Mass 8:00AM
Rosary 9:30AM
Mass 10.00AM

Tuesday NOV 6, 2018

Noon Mass

Wednesday NOV 7, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, NOV 8, 2018

Noon Mass

Choir 6:30

Friday NOV 9, 2018

Noon Mass

SATURDAY NOV 10, 2018

Vigil Mass 5:30PM

Weekend October 27/28, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 17
SUNDAY
8:00 am 48
10:00 am 165
IGBO 1:30 87

Weekend October 27/28, 2018

OFFERTORY \$3124.00
Children 22.00
E-GIVING 1010.73
SVDP (E-GIVING) 25.00
SVDP 469.00
Mission 35.00
Gift Store 250.00
Candles 131.00
IGBO 415.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

CCD Classes Noon November 4th

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.

IGBO MASS NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Our next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, November 25th, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

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."

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

It is not too late to book Masses for your deceased loved ones; envelopes are in the pews, on back table and in the office. Masses will be said for all deceased members throughout the year 2018/19 and all names call on All Souls Day.

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.

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

This is a reminder to bring photos of your beloved veterans to the church

office this week-end, for display on the Altar on Veterans Day.

GIFT STORE

Christmas Cards are now available in the gift store.

ADVENT REVIVAL 2018

Date: Sunday December 2nd to Tuesday December 4th.

Revivalist:

Fr. Giles Conwill, Ph.D.

-Retired Priest if San Diego Diocese

-Former Professor and Chairman of the History

Department of Morehouse College in Atlanta

-Former Director of Office of Campus Ministry at Xavier

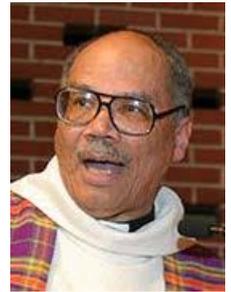
University in New Orleans

-Winner of Interdenominational Sermon-Writing Contest

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Publishing Co. (500 entrants)

-Inducted into The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers



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