

**NOVEMBER 11, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Nov 11, 2018
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Generosity, redefined

Many are shocked at the idea of biblical tithing. Give 10 percent — *10 percent!*— of our resources to the Lord? Who would do this? Yet some Christians do it as a matter of course. No statistics indicate that anyone ever died of tithing—or of generosity exercised on any scale. The gospel doesn't follow the widow who put her whole livelihood into the temple treasury after her signature gesture of trust. Yet we're led to believe God will care for her with the same extravagance that she shows. The best Counsel on generosity remains: give until it scares you.

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."*

**Monday, Nov 12, 2018
MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP,
MARTYR**

Those "onion-capped" churches

Josaphat, a 17th-century bishop, dedicated his life to bringing together the Ukrainian and Roman churches, a reminder of how much remains undone some 400 years later and more than 50 years since our last ecumenical council. We remember today our *Catholicism*, our universalness, because the Eastern Catholic communities, as Father Richard McBrien points out, are "distinct churches, not just 'rites.'" In our Western view, the rituals of the Eastern Churches may seem exotic and mysterious, but we are drawn to brothers and sisters not because of the splendor or beauty of their liturgy but because of our oneness in Christ, something Josaphat deemed worth dying for.

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."*

**Tuesday, Nov 13, 2018
MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER
CABRINI, VIRGIN**

Bloom where you are planted

When you were young, was there something you wanted more than anything else? As the youngest of 13 children, the girl who would become known as Mother Cabrini (1850-1917) dreamed wild dreams. Her greatest desire was to be a missionary in China, which did not please her parents. They steered her into teaching. After their

deaths, Frances started a congregation of missionaries and again thought of China. The pope had other plans; he directed her to the United States. Frances never got to China, but she did a lot of good for children and the sick wherever she went. Wherever you are, make the most of it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"Turn from evil and do good, that you may abide forever."*

Wednesday, Nov 14, 2018

Thanks for everything

Many of us have probably learned that there are four basic kinds of prayer: praise, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving, but the last seems to be at the heart of it all. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving." Saint Paul says: "Give thanks in all circumstances." And the poet e. e. cummings—quirky syntax and all—brings thanks and praise together when he says: "i thank You God for most this amazing / day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees / and a true blue dream of sky; and for everything / which is natural which is infinite which is yes."

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 (493). *"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"*

Thursday, Nov 15, 2018

**MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT,
BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Who's learning from you?**

Sometimes we find virtue in unexpected places. In Saint Albert's day (c. 1200-80), Christians had been distancing themselves from pagan traditions and philosophers for centuries. So when he began using the work of the Greek thinker Aristotle to explain Christian theology, he scandalized his fellow Christians. Over time, though, the church accepted the "pagan" work of Albert and his student, a fellow named Thomas Aquinas, as foundations for understanding the faith. When Christ cured 10 lepers, he found it was the lowly, foreign Samaritan whose faith was the strongest. Are we too quick to dismiss people and their beliefs because they seem different from ours? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it."*

**Friday, Nov 16, 2018
MEMORIAL OF MARGARET OF
SCOTLAND**

Develop your survival skills

There are a number of parallels between the saints the church

remembers today and tomorrow, Margaret of Scotland and Elizabeth of Hungary, respectively. They were members of the nobility who entered into arranged political marriages that turned into love matches, where their holiness rubbed off on their spouses. And both were survivors, losing their husbands to war and disease but moving forward to continue their work of service to the poor and the church. Through the twists and turns of life they stuck with their commitments with energy and spirit. Are you doing the same?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"Let us love one another. For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

**Saturday, Nov 17, 2018
MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF
HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS**

Look, up in the sky!

When we're children and hear the gospel about "losing your life" for the sake of another, we imagine jumping in front of a loved one to take a bullet meant for them, or some other equally magnificent act of a superhero. But maturity teaches us that true greatness is found in smaller, quieter acts of heroism. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-31) was a woman of privilege thanks to an arranged marriage into a royal family, and she likely could have lived a long and privileged life if she had so chosen. Instead, she devoted every waking moment to helping the poor and the ill, regularly putting the riches of her royal family at the disposal of those less fortunate. Elizabeth died at the tender age of 24, likely from serving those stricken by an epidemic. But she remains a true superhero and model for any of us who strive to "lose our life" for others.

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

**Next Sunday
Sunday, Nov 18, 2018
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Christ the light shine

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158). *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Nov. 10-11, 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
"Although in general it is difficult to draw a line between what is needed for right use and what is demanded by prophetic witness, we must certainly keep firmly to this principle: our faith demands of us a certain

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sparingness in use, and the Church is obliged to live and administer its own goods in such a way that the Gospel is proclaimed to the poor" (1971 World Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 47).

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 5:30PM
Happy 51st Wedding Anniversary to Gene and Elsa Phillips, requested by Derek, Gene, Marlexa, Trey and Sydney Phillips

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 8:00AM
Happy 47th Wedding Anniversary to Jackie and Selwyn King.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10:00AM
For the repose of the souls of: John Hardeman, Sr., Isetta, James, Earl, Dorothy and Gloria Hardeman, Doris Perkins, Earline Brazell and Amber Smith, requested by John Hardeman, Jr.

TUESDAY, Noon Mass NOV, 13
For the repose of the soul of James O. Smith, requested by Barbara Scott

WEDNESDAY, Noon Mass, Nov 14
Shannon Gardener, Janet Patterson, Thelma Hunter, Darnella Clark and Karen Tassin, requested by Jennifer Brooks

THURSDAY, Noon, Mass, Nov 15
For the repose of the souls of Guadalupe Mirqmontez, Erlinda, Silvester, Carmen, Rodrigo Rodriguez and Nicolasa Romo, Requested by Estella Mirqmontez

FRIDAY, NOV. 16, MASS 6:30PM
For the repose of the souls of Cyranie Nalletamby, requested by The Mullen's

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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

Tuesday NOV 13, 2018

Noon Mass
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30

Wednesday NOV 14, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, NOV 15, 2018

Noon Mass
Choir 6:30

Friday NOV 16, 2018

Noon Mass

SATURDAY NOV 17, 2018

Vigil Mass 5:30PM

Weekend November 3/4, 2018

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 17
SUNDAY
8:00 am 48
10:00 am 289

Weekend November 3/4, 2018

OFFERTORY	\$4646.00
Children	44.00
E-GIVING	1515.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	100.00
SVDP	20.00
Mission	35.00
Gift Store	230.00
Wish List	800.00
All Saints	204.00
ACTS	1580.00

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you have just moved to Austin and new to our Parish, we welcome you to Holy Cross. Call the office 512-472-3741 to speak to Fr Basil, and pick up a 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."

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to these families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes and prayed for vocations for one week: The Michel Ukanda Family, Alice and Ron Scharfe, Tina and Tony Frank, Debbie Ruiz, and The Patrick Onyenaka Family. This Sunday, the Traveling Chalice will be returned by the Onyenaka Family and received by the Agwuncha Family.

ALL SOULS DAYS MASS

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted next weekend at Holy Cross, which is Commitment Weekend. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge to support the

educational, spiritual and outreach services offered by our diocese which serve people in ways that we as an individual parish could never do. Our parish goal is 100% participation and with your gift we can reach it. By now you should have received a letter, brochure, and pledge card from Bishop Joe Vásquez. If you have not mailed in the card, please bring it with you next weekend when you come to Mass.

ADVENT REVIVAL 2018

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

Revivalist:

Fr. Giles Conwill, Ph.D.

-Retired Priest of 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

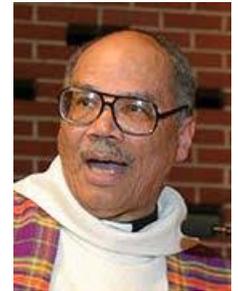
University in New Orleans

-Winner of Interdenominational Sermon-Writing Contest

sponsored by Los Angeles Times and The Upper Room

Publishing Co. (500 entrants)

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



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