

**JANUARY 20, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

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

**Sunday, Jan 20, 2019**

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**Service with a smile**

Service mottos abound, ranging from “The customer is always right” to “Ours is not to question why, ours is but to do or die.” At a particular nuptial celebration in Cana, servants in the middle of a supply crisis were told to follow the instructions of a young man who made puzzling demands of them. As a result of their obedience, ordinary water became fine wine. The crisis turned into a triumph. When we listen to Jesus and act on what we hear—the very definition of “obedience”—marvels ensue. Gospel always starts out sounding incredible, until it’s reality. **TODAY’S READINGS:** *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66). “His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”*

**Monday, Jan 21, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

**The legacy lives on—the struggle as well**

When Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the outcry from other faith leaders was immediate. Pope Paul VI called King a “prophet.” The National Conference of Catholic Bishops joined in a widespread interfaith statement, “bow[ing] together in grief before the shameful murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a unique apostle of the nonviolent drive for justice . . . no service of remembrance or local memorial is equal to the greatness of his labor or the vastness of our national need.” What can your parish do with other churches in the ongoing effort to end racism? **TODAY’S READINGS:** *Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22. “The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them.”*

**Tuesday, Jan 22, 2019**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

**Remember the us in them**

At the heart of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, is the abbreviation v., “versus,” the antagonism, the eternal contest between “us” and “them.” Our great challenge in choosing life over death is less to beat “them” whom we can easily demonize as the “opposition” but rather to see those with whom we profoundly disagree as persons also beloved by

God and saved by “The Lord [who] does not see as mortals see, the outward appearance, but the Lord [who] looks on the heart.” Part of the struggle to uphold the sanctity and value of life must be to draw close enough to the other to actually listen to and hear another human heart.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28. “They look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”*

**Wednesday, Jan 23, 2019**

**Working together to heal the world**

In developing countries around the world, missionaries of every Christian denomination work side by side to help the poor, the hungry, and the sick. Projects that provide water and medical services to remote villages are accomplished every day by people cooperating despite their religious differences. Jesus encountered resistance to his own healing ministry because he often had to cross the dividing lines of religion in order to get the job done. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we may not be able to share the sacrament of Communion, but we can share the work of justice, which ultimately is the work of Jesus.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 “Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent.”*

**Thursday, Jan 24, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Listen to the doctor**

What does it mean to be a “doctor of the church”? There are three dozen saints who have been given this title for shaping theology and doctrine through scholarship and writing. Some of the biggies include Saints Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great. Saint Francis de Sales, a French bishop born in 1567, is also part of the esteemed group, and he is known as the “doctor of charity.” He wrote extensively (and is the patron saint of journalists), emphasizing to his readers that charity is a means of spiritual development. Take a page from Saint Francis today. **TODAY’S READINGS:** *Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12. “Hearing what he was doing, a large number of people came to him.”*

**Friday, Jan 25, 2019**

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE**

**I once was (and often am) blind**

Sometimes it seems Paul was lucky. God made it very clear to him that he needed a major attitude adjustment—

what spiritual folks call a conversion of heart. If God met you on the road today, could you meet the divine gaze with a sense of peace, or would you want to beg for a second chance to live more faithfully? In prayer today ask, “Am I blind to my own need for conversion?” Pray for the grace to honestly see and to “respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first,” in the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. **TODAY’S READINGS:** *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18. “Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight.”*

**Saturday, Jan 26, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS**

**Ready to sign on?**

Many ministers would probably say that serving sometimes feels like a battle for bodies and souls in need. Saint Titus, an early church leader and missionary, is the patron saint of U.S. Army chaplains. The Order of Titus Award honors outstanding performance of combat ministry in providing religious support to soldiers. Remember all those who are in the trenches—literally and figuratively—offering support in difficult circumstances of one sort or another. Consider enlisting with them today. **TODAY’S READINGS:** *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:20-21. “When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him.”*

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jan 27, 2019**

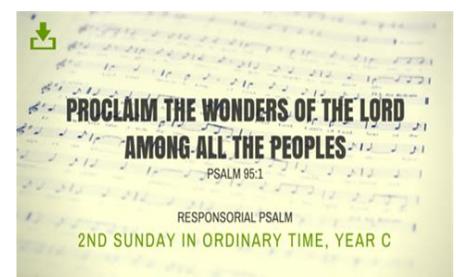
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Crack open a Good Book**

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). “Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.’”*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner  
Jan. 19-20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A fruit salad is not really a fruit salad if it only has apples in it. Christ calls us to appreciate the variety of gifts given to everyone. To accept the gifts of others is to work for Christian unity. In what ways do you appreciate the gifts and talents of others?



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 5:30PM**

Healing grace for Gene A. Sistrunk, as he recovers from brain surgery.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 8:00AM**

For the repose of the souls of Herbert, Bernice and Vachel Pullman, requested by Linda Ridley

**JANUARY 20, 10:00AM**

Happy 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to R.H. and Gloria Harris, requested by their family, may God continue to Bless them.

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Basket Bingo	12:00 noon

<b>Weekend JANUARY 12/ 13, 2019</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS 5:30	23
SUNDAY 8:00 am	58
10:00 am	231
<b>Weekend JANUARY 12/13, 2019</b>	

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$3247.00</b>
Children	28.00
E-GIVING	2150.18
SVPD (E-GIVING)	115.00
SVPD	5.00
Mission Society of SP	10.00

**CHRISTMAS WISHLIST**  
Everyone is called upon to give a befitting Christmas donation towards the completion of the Family Life Center Building. Please make FLC your priority this Christmas.

**ANNUAL BASKET BINGO**

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver are sponsoring their Annual Basket Bingo on Sunday, January 20 in Weber Hall after the 10:00 am Mass. Proceeds will benefit both the Holy Cross and KPC Scholarship Funds. Bingo games are \$1.00 per card. Food sponsored by the Jr. Knights and Jr. Daughters will be available for purchase.

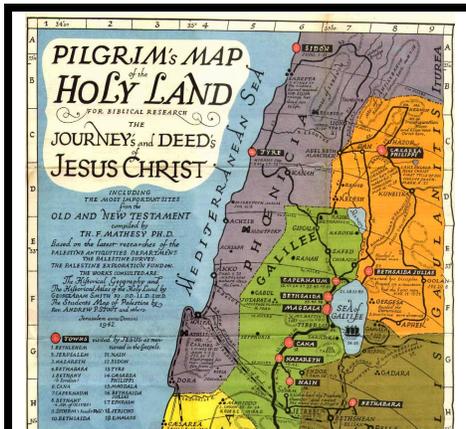
**DCYC**

The Holy Cross Youth Group will be attending the 2019 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco February 1-3. Price per child

100.00; includes, DCYC registration, T-shirt, goodie bag, hotel, food and transportation. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a youth, it is not to late, please see Felicia McClain, Jennifer Brooks or church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

**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, The Agwuncha Family, Marie Thompson, Ed and Elina Mullen, Johnnie and Dean Dorsey, Tammie Javey, and Craig Williams. This Sunday, the Traveling Chalice will be returned by Thomas and Deloris Addison and received by Anna Tidwell.



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**  
10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage  
Nov. 3-13, 2019  
\$3490

Interested persons should contact Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542, for more information

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. God continues every day to gives us signs of how He provides for us. Like the disciples, we also can respond in faith and trust to God's signs. When we give time and or treasure to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we are in service to God's sign of love. Through Saint Vincent de Paul our neighbors in need feels God's love and have reason to believe and to trust. To

learn how you might give of your time and treasure to Saint Vincent de Paul contact Tina Frank.

**HOUSE CLEANING**

On the first Sunday of each month Father blesses all birthdays for that month. If you want a special blessing for your birthday, anniversary, child's birthday or any other blessing, please get the request **in to the office**, like bulletin and pulpit announcements by noon Tuesday before the requested blessing.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Church Office will be closed in observance of MLK Day

**IGBO MASS JANUARY 27, 2019**

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, January 27, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

**THE MEN'S MINISTRY**

The Men's Ministry is having a Prayer Breakfast / Meeting on Saturday, January 26th beginning at 9:00am. All men are requested to attend and to bring another man and/or youth as we pray and fellowship together and then have a very brief meeting.

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

Five Year Payment Goal  
**\$1,050,000**

Family Life Center  
Make your eGiving Payment Here

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