

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

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

**Sunday, Mar 03, 2019**

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**Make peace with making mistakes**

The single biggest obstacle to reforming our lives is the difficulty of admitting we're wrong. About anything. Finding ourselves on the wrong side of truth is so intimidating, we grow angry, defensive, and increasingly absurd rather than capitulate our position. Studies indicate the best eyewitnesses get 25 percent of the facts wrong. The worst eyewitnesses are 80 percent wrong! These statistics indicate what the gospel plainly says: that humility and repentance are key to finding our way to the right side of truth. The goal is not to be always right, but to be ever ready to turn around.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84).* "Remove the beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

**Monday, Mar 04, 2019**

**Turn to page one**

Today is Read Across America Day, sponsored by the National Education Association to coincide with the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Its goal is to encourage reading excitement in children of all ages. Many of us fell in love with reading as kids because of Dr. Seuss, and that early reading opened up our minds to discover and appreciate God's marvelous world. Help a child start down the path of lifelong learning: Open a book and read to them.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27 (347).* "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven."

**Tuesday, Mar 05, 2019**

**Open your hands**

Jesus taught that we have a fundamental choice to make: to hold tight to whatever we find of value or to let go of all for the sake of Christ and the gospel. Most of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle—probably more on the side of grasping than letting go, if we're honest about it. Perhaps the story of the closed fist vs. the open palm can help loosen our grip. Both can hold a precious jewel, but a closed fist can receive nothing more than what it already holds, while an upward-facing open palm can hold the jewel and also be filled with much more. Keep your hands open and leave room for the gifts of the Spirit.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348).* "There is no one who has given up [anything] for my sake . . . who will not receive a hundred times more."

**Wednesday, Mar 06, 2019**

**ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Now is the proper time**

Remember you are dust and to dust you will return. You're going to die someday. That's the stark message when ashes are placed on our foreheads today. Recently this longstanding Catholic practice of giving out ashes has become popular in Protestant churches, some of them even passing out ashes in shopping areas and downtowns to eager recipients. For centuries Catholics have received ashes—and begun the season of Lent—in the context of Mass. But the message is the same for all: This Lent turn to God and live your days righteously.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219).* "Even now says the Lord return to me with your whole heart."

**Thursday, Mar 07, 2019**

**THURSDAY AFTER ASH**

**WEDNESDAY; MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS**  
**Women of great faith**

One of the four Eucharistic prayers that can be used for Sunday Mass includes a long list of names of saints and martyrs of the church. It is easy to get distracted by the length of that prayer, but those who are named in the prayer are important ancestors in our faith. Today, we remember two of those saints, Perpetua and Felicity, a noble woman and a slave, who gave birth to babies shortly before being put to death for their Christian faith. It is hard to believe that two new mothers were willing to give up all that they had and to suffer death for their faith. But their stories are documented in a diary that Perpetua kept while in prison. On this second day of Lent, let us ask for the grace to accept with joy any suffering or challenge of the day.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220).* "Whoever loses [their] life for my sake will save it."

**Friday, Mar 08, 2019**

**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Pass the meat? Not today**

You are what you eat. Or in this case, what you don't eat. Religious identity is often determined by the nature of your nurture. Observant Jews eat only kosher. Muslims eat nothing until after sunset during Ramadan. Catholics fast

on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. It's a sign of who we are, people who are hungry for the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life. We practice self-denial for the sake of the Kingdom. So today go meatless. It's what Catholics do.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221).* "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

**Saturday, Mar 09, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS**

**Listen to your calling**

Like many women saints, Frances of Rome wanted to be a nun, but her family forced her to marry. She wanted to serve the poor, but this noblewoman was expected to go to parties. She wanted to give away her wealth, but instead she had to wear finery. Frances did her duty, but in the end, got her way. Over her in-laws' objections, she turned her house into a hospital and founded the Oblates of St. Mary, which she joined upon her husband's death. Whatever your circumstances, don't give up—trust that God will help you find a way to live your calling.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222).* "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Mar 10, 2019**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**A devil of a challenge**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (24).* "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

March 2-3, Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. May this season of preparation help us to see clearly the work of God in our lives. May we produce goodness from the stores of goodness in our hearts as we hear in today's Gospel.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 5:30PM**

Healing Grace for Maggie Hendricks, Lester Johnson, Tina Frank, Bernadette, Phifer, Betty McMurray, Mary Waters, Marie Mason, Mary Sober, Mildred Carter, Desmond Alexander, Evelyn Battle, Vanessa Little, Gene Sistrunk and all Holy Cross sick and shut in Parishioners.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 8:00AM**

**MARCH 3, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.**

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For those who have no one to pray for them.

**MARCH 3, 10:00AM**

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Religious Anniversary to Sister Paula

For the repose of the souls of Godwin Ukatu, husband of Margaret Ukatu and father of Casmira Okeke; Madalyse Fantasy, mother of Cyril Antenor; and Madam Marytheresa Ekpe, mother of Jude Ekpe.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

**WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019**

**12:00 Noon**

**6:30PM**

**SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019**

**Mass 8:00AM**

**Rosary 9:30AM**

**Mass 10:00AM**

**Byzantine 5:00PM**

**Weekend February 23/24, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

**VIGIL MASS 5:30 33**

**SUNDAY 8:00 am 39**

**10:00 am 300**

**Weekend February 23/24, 2019**

**OFFERTORY \$3052.00**

**Children 68.00**

**E-GIVING 1101.14**

**SVDP (E-GIVING) 20.00**

**SVDP 472.00**

**GRANT 412.50**

**GIFT STORE 200.00**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Times**

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in our own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..." When we give to the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul we meet God with charity for our neighbors. Donations of time and or treasure come to the Society through good people producing goodness from the good in their hearts.

**IGBO MASS MARCH 31, 2019** Next

IGBO Mass, is Sunday, March 31, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

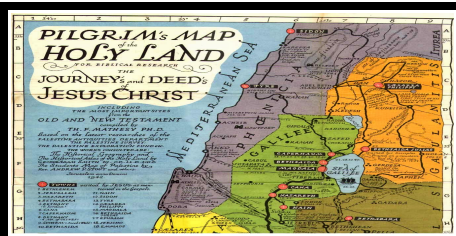
**TRAVELING CHALICE**

Thank you to these families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes and prayed for vocations for one

week. If you are interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.

**HOLY LAND TRAVEL AGENT**

The travel agent for the Holy Land Pilgrimage, will be at Holy Cross on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, to meet with us and answer any questions you might have on the upcoming Holy Land Pilgrimage. Anyone interested in joining us on this exciting trip is invited to attend the meeting.



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**  
10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

Nov. 3-13, 2019

\$3490

Interested persons should contact Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542.

**EIM WORKSHOP**

Holy Cross is hosting an EIM Workshop March 10, 2019 at 12 noon. Ministry members who haven't obtained EIM compliance are asked to attend an EIM Workshop. Pre-registration is required. Contact Vera Houston-Black at [vera.hback@yahoo.com](mailto:vera.hback@yahoo.com) or

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY**

Dear Parishioners This is a special appeal from me your Pastor. The Fundraising committee met with me to discuss the future of our fish fry. It is clear that unless we all step up to help, Good Friday Fish Fry at Holy Cross may not continue for a long time. The work is too much for few people, the same people every year.

Please this year, let each person seek for ways to help. The money we realize in Fish Fry helps offset one or two things and we cannot afford to lose it.

I therefore ask you to not only contribute financially but also seek for ways to help in the work required to make this happen. The Fundraising Committee will be reaching out to you asking for your support. Please take it as the Parish and me asking for your help.

Thank you as always for the many ways you contribute to the growth of the parish.

Fr Basil Aguzie, MSP

Stan Collins at [stantheman752@yahoo.com](mailto:stantheman752@yahoo.com) for additional details to attend.

text. In addition, we recommend regular changing of passwords of email accounts, PDS, and staff computers so as to protect from further scams.

**HOUSE CLEANING**

1. On the first Sunday of each month Father blesses all birthdays. 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 the bulletin and pulpit announcements, by noon, Tuesday before the requested blessing.

2. Please do not park in the Family Life Center area, the building is still under construction, and it is unsafe. Please do not remove the cones, horses or any other items that are there to prevent parking.

3. In order to respect the privacy of all Parishioners, please call or have a **family member** call the church office, if you are a family member is hospitalized, are in need of a priest. please contact the church office.

4. If your ministry is having a meeting/function at Holy Cross, please advise the office of upcoming activities, and if possible an agenda.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

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



**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL**

Call the Church Office 512 472 3741