

**APRIL 7, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

Sunday, Apr 07, 2019

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Woman, liberated

The church needs a “deeper theology of women,” Pope Francis has acknowledged, one recognizing the “feminine genius.” Religious institutions, no different from secular ones, struggle with issues of gender equality—which often translates into viewing women as problems to be solved. As in the time of Jesus, women continue to be blamed for feelings that arise in men regarding them: from desire to confusion to exasperation to violence. Sexism isn’t just a political football. It’s a sin, as the U.S. bishops declared in 1988, that “violate[s] the basic tenets of our faith.” Like Jesus says, go and sin no more.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11. “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*

Monday, Apr 08, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Log on to Catholicism

Thanks to the Internet, we can tell everyone what we think of movies and restaurants, the local plumber or even the parish down the street. Just leave a recommendation on Facebook—or a diatribe on Yelp. Though reviews are sometimes written out of frustration, they’re often (or should be) offered with the good intent of helping others discover something useful or avoid a bad experience. As Catholics, we’re called to offer the world a spiritual testimonial, by the example of our lives and the witness of our faith in action. Aim for a five-star rating!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20. “I testify on my behalf and so does the Father who sent me.”*

Tuesday, Apr 09, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Cross purposes

The idea of homeopathic medicine is that one can use a small amount of a pathogen to fight off what, in full strength, would make you ill. In mainstream medicine a similar idea lies behind immunization. In both cases the very thing that can cause disease becomes the means of healing. The bronze serpent that Moses crafted to cure his people if they looked at it, as well as Jesus lifted on the cross and

drawing all people to himself, evoke the same idea: The very instrument of bitterness and death, through grace, becomes the source of life. During your Lenten prayer spend some time simply gazing at a crucifix, not to dwell on the agony of Jesus but upon the “wondrous love” and healing that the sign of the cross has become.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM.”*

Wednesday, Apr 10, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Is your response programmed?

Pavlov’s dog taught a humbling lesson: how easily behavior can be manipulated and controlled. Ring the dinner bell, you salivate. Pass the donut shop and you reel at the thought of a Bavarian cream. In the biblical book of Daniel, citizens were obliged to worship a statue each time the king’s band played the Idolatry Theme Song. Most folks got into the rhythm. Three men said no and wound up in the furnace. Do you trust heaven enough to “just say no” when everyone around you embraces the patterns of fashion or materialism?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42. “Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made, whenever you hear the sound of the . . . musical instruments.”*

Thursday, Apr 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

An unimpeachable witness

One of the engaging things about saints like Stanislaus from centuries ago (b. 1030) is the legends that spring up about them perhaps not true in a literal way but often carrying kernels of wisdom of a deeper order. Bishop Stanislaus is said to have brought a man who had been dead three years back to life in order to foil a land-grabbing plot of a nefarious king. Given three days to produce a witness to the church’s claim on the land, he prayed ceaselessly before calling the seller of the land from the grave to testify on his behalf. The take-away? God hears and responds to your fervent prayers.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.”*

Friday, Apr 12, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

No time like the present

This is the fifth Friday of Lent and Easter is a little more than a week away. As you take stock of what Lent has been for you, do you feel God’s peace, no matter

what is happening in your life? Or do you feel you missed the chance to grow closer to God with practices of prayer, fasting, or generosity to others? If you feel peace, be grateful. If you do not, all is not lost. Make the intention to give this day to God, to fast from something that will make you mindful that God is with you, and ask for the strength and peace only God can give.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18; John 10:31-42 (255). “God, my rock of refuge, my shield my stronghold.”*

Saturday, Apr 13, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

The pitfalls of power

Separation of church and state is a relatively recent idea. For much of its history the church was closely entangled with the secular powers that be. Religious issues were frequently political, and political ones religious. This relationship could be risky for both sides. The seventh-century Pope Saint Martin I, for example, started out as a diplomat. As pope he convened a council to condemn a heresy, but when the Christian emperor weighed in on the matter, Martin refused to accept the imperial decision and on the emperor’s orders he was eventually kidnapped and banished and died shortly thereafter. Over the centuries the church has learned to be careful about becoming too involved with secular power. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said about his retirement, “The path of power is not the road of God.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). “It is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.”*

Next Sunday

Sunday, Apr 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Hats off to Jesus’ message

TODAY’S READINGS: *Procession: Luke 19:28-40 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 (38). “I am among you as the one who serves.”*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 6-7, Fifth Sunday of Lent

When the officials brought Jesus the woman caught in adultery he did not condemn her, but with compassion and forgiveness invited her to a new way of life. We too are beneficiaries of God’s compassion and forgiveness. We too participate in God’s life through our baptism. Are we in turn compelling signs of God’s mercy and compassion? Are we sacraments of God’s transforming love in the world? Do others see in us the hope and promise of God’s Kingdom already active in our world?

MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY, April 6, 5:30PM

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

SUNDAY, April 7, 8:00AM

For God's favor for all students that will be taking the STAAR test this week. That He will give them the wisdom they need, requested by Jackie King

April 7, 10:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Nettie Belcher, requested by Chris and Kaye Crawford.

For the abolishment of recent laws allowing late and full term abortions in certain states, requested by the Mullen's

BYZANTINE CATHOLICS AT HOLY CROSS LENTEN RITE

The Byzantine Catholic Community that meets here at Holy Cross on Sunday nights will have Lenten Services in the Byzantine Rite every Thursday at 7pm. All are invited to come experience Lent as celebrated by the "other lung" of the Catholic Church, in a special prayer service; meal to follow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holy Week April 14 – April 21

*Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019
Masses 8:00AM - 10:00AM*

Holy Thursday ~~~ April 18th

The Lord's Supper ~~~ 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~~~ April 19th

Fish Fry ends

2:00PM

Station of The Cross

2:30PM

Passion of Christ Follows

PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Friends, Family and Loved ones, with Mary and the Disciples mourn Christ Crucified 8:00PM

Easter Vigil - April 20th, 9:00PM

Easter Sunday April 21st, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend MARCH 30/31, 2019

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS	5:30	26
SUNDAY	8:00 am	59
	10:00 am	185
IGBO	1:30 pm	110

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OFFERTORY	\$4209.00
Children	25.00
E-GIVING	1223.48
SVDP (E-GIVING)	70.00
SVDP	76.00
Scholarship	3500.00
Candles	161.00
Catholic Relief	320.00

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

The Social Justice Ministry invites everyone to the next Courageous Conversation, to be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 16, in Weber Hall. We will talk about more ways we can get involved in trying to eliminate the death penalty in Texas.

GRAND OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE FAMILY CENTER

Date: Wednesday April 24th

Time: 6:30pm

by

Bishop Joe Vasques



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the

poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to those families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes. If you are interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.

HOLY CROSS SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship application is currently available online and in the church office. The pre-college workshop for 10th – 12th grades is scheduled for Sunday April 7, 2019. The deadline to submit the scholarship application is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Please contact Mrs. Dokpe Ogunsanya if additional information is needed, 512.990.9508 or dupsy@msn.com

IGBO MASS APRIL 28, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, April 28, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome.

CHRISM MASS

Date: Tuesday April 16th

**Venue: St Vincent de Paul Church
9500 Neenah Ave, Austin TX
78717**

Time: 10:30 am

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

All parishioners who have signed up to volunteer for the Good Friday Fish Fry, are asked to stay in the Sanctuary after the 10:00 Mass for a short meeting by the Fundraising Committee. Volunteers will be briefed on logistics and procedures that must be followed during the fish fry.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage
Nov. 3-13, 2019
\$3490

Interested persons should contact Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542.

CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL

Call the Church Office 512 472 3741

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019

Mass 8:00AM