

**MAY 5, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Sunday, May 05, 2019
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The goal doesn't change

Common wisdom says everything we need to know about life, we heard in kindergarten. Basic principles like being kind to everyone, sharing what we have, including with the new kid, saying please and thank you—these don't lose their value as we and the kids around us get older. In a similar way, the demands of discipleship don't change the longer we travel the road with Jesus. The first thing Jesus says to newcomers is "follow me." One of the last conversations the Risen Lord has with Peter includes the words "follow me." To get where Jesus is going, keep following. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (48). "And when Jesus had said this, he said to Peter, 'Follow me.'"

**Monday, May 06, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

Here's your cue

The great thing about the gospel stories is that they show the all-too-human way in which folks scurry after Jesus in the wake of a really big miracle like his multiplying of the loaves and fishes or walking on water. In doing so they hold a mirror up to us. Sure, we care about his message, but most of us also like having a friend in high places to answer our calls! Here's the thing, though: Jesus isn't looking for a fan club or stardom; he wants us to pay attention to his gospel and respond to his call. He wants us to get to work, not wait for a show. Are we ready to take the stage ourselves and play a role? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). "When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they came to Capernaum looking for Jesus."

**Tuesday, May 07, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

Do you see clearly?

Early in the 20th century quantum physicists discovered a mysterious phenomenon they called the "disturbing observer." They had learned that merely observing a quantum particle changes it in unpredictable ways. As a result, scientists have had to develop elaborate methods for their experiments to compensate for the changes their observations cause. What is true at the quantum level of reality holds true at the visible level as well, only the effects are much more subtle. In other words, your attitude toward a person or event has an

unpredictable effect on what you perceive. Today, be aware that what you observe is partly of your own making. Are you judging or loving? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"

**Wednesday, May 08, 2019
MEMORIAL OF TERESA
DEMJEANOVICH**

Quiet faith, big impact

Living a brief, obscure life has never been a barrier to sainthood. Such was the destiny of today's memorial saint: Blessed Teresa Demjanovich, born in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1901. She earned a college degree (unusual for women then) and soon after became a nun. Two years later, at age 27, she died of complications following a surgery. Today scholars recognize that she latched onto the idea of the universal call to holiness decades before the church emphasized the concept in Vatican II. Do you prefer holiness that is spectacular? If so, challenge yourself to also seek faithfulness in the hidden corners, as did Blessed Teresa. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

**Thursday, May 09, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

Ask and you shall receive

Often in life you can use a mentor: someone wiser and more experienced to show you the ropes. A couple married longer than you knows a little something about getting past the rough spots. A retired colleague can share a few tricks about problem-solving at the office. In a story from the Acts of the Apostles, an Ethiopian eunuch was clearly on a faith journey: not a Jew, yet traveling to Jerusalem to worship and read Hebrew prophecy. He'd done all the prep work for faith: walking the walk, doing his homework. Now all he needed was a guide. Cue Philip. As the saying goes: "The teacher appears when the student is ready." Need a mentor? Prepare to receive one! **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). "He replied, 'How can I, unless someone instructs me?'"

**Friday, May 10, 2019
MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE
VEUSTER, PRIEST**

Take it to the limit

How far would you go for God? Father Damien de Veuster went all the way from his native Belgium to minister in

Hawaii. He went all the way to the margins of society to care for the bodies and souls of lepers in a quarantined colony there. He went all the way to living in solidarity with them—tending their wounds and eating with them from his hands—and contracted leprosy himself. When he died in 1889, news of his death went all the way around the world via telegraph and steamship. Be inspired by this saint to take the next steps in your service to the mission of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life."

**Saturday, May 11, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

When the rubber hits the road

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried," wrote British author G.K. Chesterton. The gospel teachings are indeed challenging; they go against the grain, especially in a culture that encourages us to focus on a different "trinity"—the self-absorbed trinity of Me, Myself, and I. Jesus challenged us to look beyond our own needs (which God is fully aware of in any case) and respond to the needs of those around us. Many walked the other way when they heard this message. But others stayed. Will you stay or will you go? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). "Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'"

Next Sunday

**Sunday, May 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD
SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Hear my voice

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 (51). "I have made you a light to the Gentiles. to the ends of the earth."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner
May 4-5, Third Sunday of Easter**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter repeatedly, "Do you love me?" And when he answers "yes," Jesus says, "Feed my lambs and sheep." When we say "yes," to loving Christ, we then commit to feeding his sheep and helping all those who hunger in mind, body and spirit.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 4, VIGIL MASS

For the repose of the souls of all Holy Cross Parishioners

SUNDAY, May 5, 8:00AM

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

SUNDAY, May 5, 10:00AM

In thanksgiving for the achievement of academic excellence bestowed on Carina Baltrip-Reyes

In loving memory of Ronald Martin Collins, II, requested by Ronald and Carolyn Collins

Happy Birthday to Cristina Trotman and Karina Washington, granddaughter of Pete & Cristina Trotman, requested by Pete Trotman.

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 LAND PILGRIMAGE
10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage
Nov. 3-13, 2019
\$3490
Interested persons should contact
Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542.

Sacred Music Camp is June 3-7

All students in grades second through 12th grades are welcome to attend MUSIC ALIVE! Sacred Music Camp, June 3-7 from 1 to 5:30 p.m., at St. Theresa Parish in Austin. The week includes choral and instrumental music, accomplished and inspiring instructors and youth mentors, separate tracks for strings, organ, guitar and voice. Separate tracks are offered for different age groups including tracks for strings, organ, guitar, and voice for Middle School and High School youth. Registration is now online <https://sttaustin.org/sacred-music-camp>. For more information, contact the Music Ministry Office at (512) 451-5132 or dgirardot@sttaustin.org.



If you would like a special Mass said for your mother on Mother's Day, next Sunday, May 12th, envelopes are available on the back table and in the church office. Please indicate living or dead on the envelope. Please return the envelopes as soon as possible so that they may be placed on the Altar and listed in the bulletin.

| SUNDAY MAY 5, 2019 | |
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| Mass | 8:00AM |
| Rosary | 9:30AM |
| Mass | 10:00AM |
| Byzantine | 5:00PM |

| Weekend APRIL 27/28, 2019 | | |
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| ATTENDANCE | | |
| VIGIL MASS | 5:30 PM | 16 |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 am | 59 |
| | 10:00 am | 208 |
| IGBO | 1:30 pm | 166 |
| Weekend APRIL 27/28, 2019 | | |

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| OFFERTORY | \$3441.00 |
| Children | 38.00 |
| E-GIVING | 1275.73 |
| SVDP (E-GIVING) | 25.00 |
| SVDP | 325.00 |
| Debt Retirement | 200.00 |
| Fish Fry | 100.00 |
| IGBO | 486.00 |

IGBO MASS MAY 26, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, May 26, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome.



BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 26th, at the 10:00AM Mass. Your Holy Cross family would like to celebrate this fantastic accomplishment with you! If you are graduating and would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Felicia McClain or the church office no later than Sunday, May 19, 2019. 512.472.3741

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

June 2, 2019 – Confirmation
June 9, 2019 – First Communion

Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

- Wedding Party
- Birthday Party
- Graduation Party
- Wakes
- Coporate Events
- Ministry Events
- Meetings
- ETC

Contact the Church Office for details
5124723741



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