

**MAY 19, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Sunday, May 19, 2019
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Life is hard—find a community!

Moving day is proof positive that we could all use some friends. Who else is going to lift the other end of that piano? But the rewards of community go beyond bearing the physical burden. We need folks to celebrate the victories, cheer us on during the contests, hold onto us when the bad news comes, and weep with us when we grieve. We also need encouragement and challenge to do the right thing even when it's hard or costly, and to shine a light when the path ahead is dark. Welcome to the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54). "They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere."

**Monday, May 20, 2019
MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**

It's good to evolve

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) was known as a gifted preacher. But many of his sermons were polemics against Jews and homosexual peoples. The cultural, political, and religious context of his time gave tacit approval to such invective. But Catholic thinking today has evolved. The catechism now teaches that people with same-sex attraction "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" (#2358). And, according to the catechism, the church "enjoys a link" with the Jewish people, the "first to hear the word of God" (#839). Do you hold assumptions about others that need to be reexamined?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything."

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019
MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

Dying to find a better way

Christopher Magallanes was a priest in Mexico during a difficult time in Mexican history. On the heels of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-17, the Catholic Church and the Mexican state were at loggerheads. Magallanes wrote and preached against armed rebellion but was falsely accused of promoting armed uprising during what came to be called the Cristero Rebellion. Arrested in

1927 on his way to celebrate Mass, he gave his few possessions—as well as absolution—to his executioners. His last words were, "I die innocent and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." Since 1929 church and state in Mexico have by and large avoided further violent conflict and are on much better terms than in the past. Pray for peaceful resolutions to conflicts in the world today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019
MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**

Persist in your faith

Margarita was the only child of a late 14th-century Italian couple. Rita, as she was known, was a 12-year-old bride to a difficult husband, the mother of two sons, and an early widow whose husband was killed in a violent vendetta. Upon the later deaths of her sons, Rita entered the Augustinian monastery in her hometown of Cascia. Biographers write of her having been a persistent woman of faith who refused to give up a dream of monastic life as well as a peacemaker who reconciled the warring factions that contributed to her husband's death. All agree that she became known as a mystic whose devotion to Christ's suffering produced a wound on her forehead as she ministered to the sick and counseled the steady stream of visitors to the convent. In her memory, let's ask today for grace that empowers us to persistence in faith and peacemaking in relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). "Whoever remains in me and I in [them] will bear much fruit."

**Thursday, May 23, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

The tie that binds

What comes to mind when you think of love? Maybe it's the deep connection you have with a loved one. Jesus talked about love in this way: The close relationship he had to the Father was the one he had with his disciples. He also gave us an example of a love that respects others, is patient, and is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others. Love, then, is about both contemplation and action: entering the bond you have with Jesus and the Father and also responding to it. Christ said another thing about love: It makes you happy. There's a unique joy in loving others. Find it today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). "I have said these things to

you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

**Friday, May 24, 2019
EASTER WEEKDAY**

May church and state coexist in peace
In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI released a letter to the 9 million Catholics in China, in which he dedicated May 24 each year as a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China. The Holy Father wrote, "the Catholics of the whole world . . . will demonstrate their fraternal solidarity and solicitude for you, asking the Lord of history for the gift of perseverance in witness, in the certainty that your sufferings past and present for the Holy Name of Jesus and your intrepid loyalty to his Vicar on earth will be rewarded." Pray today that the contentious relations between China and the Catholic Church continue to improve.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

**Saturday, May 25, 2019
MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Book your faith

A Benedictine monk, Saint Bede (673-735) lived his whole life in the same monastery where his parents had sent him for his early education. While we know him as the source of much of early English history, he was also a great student of scripture and a teacher. Church history, scripture—these are two important areas to know something about to have a better grasp of your faith. Find some books on the subject, like *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* by Thomas Bokenkotter and *Invitation to the Old Testament* and *Invitation to the New Testament*, both by Alice L. Camille.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first."

**Next Sunday
Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Resist the rush**
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57). "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner
May 18-19, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

This week's readings call us to live what we celebrate each week in the Eucharist: that we love one another in Christ. Our celebration is dead if it does not transform us into God's people, a people of love and service. Paul's ministry brought him out of the Jewish world, into the Gentile world. Who is it that needs to hear God's word and experience God's love from us this week?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 18, VIGIL MASS

For the repose of the soul of Jesiame Freitas, requested by Jeannette Assiangbon

SUNDAY, May 19, 8:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Jesiame Freitas, requested by Jeannette Assiangbon

For the repose of the souls Marion Duncan-Hall, Rosa and Lorne D. Moran, requested by Tyra and Don Moran

SUNDAY, May 19, 10:00AM

In loving memory of Mrs. Gladys Julian, requested by Brenda Jones and family

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend MAY 11/12, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	13
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	47
	10:00 AM	292
Weekend MAY 11/12, 2019		

OFFERTORY	\$3261.00
Children	63.00
E-GIVING	1710.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	80.00
SVDP	70.00
Debt Retirement	365.00
DR/FLC(E-GIVING)	430.00
MSP	10.00
Fish Fry	135.00
Ashes to Easter	679.00
Priest ED/Seminarians	410.00
Gift Store	55.00

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.

Sacred Music Camp is June 3-7

All students in grades second through 12th grades are welcome to attend MUSIC ALIVE! Sacred Music Camp, at St. Theresa Parish. 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.



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.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

OBI DIKE*** ALYSSIA HARRIS
AARON KING**MARIEATTA ONUOHA**

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

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

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 **into the office**, by noon, the Tuesday before the requested blessing.

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

4. If you or your ministry is having a meeting in the **FLC**, please make sure when you leave, it is clean and ready for the next meeting.

KPC FAN DRIVE

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver 2019 Fan Drive is now underway until June 9, 2019. Last year the fan drive was a success due to the generosity of our Holy Cross Church family. We distributed fans to Blackland Neighborhood Activity Center, Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, Holy Cross St Vincent de Paul Ministry, and the Family Eldercare Center. We want to thank everyone who supported the fan drive because it helped so many people who were in need of fans. After Mass a donation table will be in our new Family Life Center. See Vera Houston-Black or Leon Roberts for additional information



The Ladies of Holy Cross would like to thank the fabulous men of Holy Cross for honoring us with a Mother's Day Brunch. All of the food was extremely tasteful, but more impressive was the love and labor all the youth and men showed to the mothers, grandmothers, GG's, aunts, mothers to be, and visitors. May God continue to bless you on earth and reward you in Heaven.

IGBO MASS MAY 26, 2019

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

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
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