

**JUNE 23, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

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

**Sunday, Jun 16, 2019**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Truth is what reveals reality**

A powerful politician once asked a condemned man: "What is truth?" If Pilate had sought truth, he'd have recognized his prisoner and set Jesus—and himself—free. Dostoevsky warned what happens to those who lose contact with the truth: They "lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love." It's easy for Pilate to condemn a man who doesn't matter. Choose respect, choose love, and everyone begins to matter. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166). "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

**Monday, Jun 17, 2019**

**Wage peace**

Jesus' call to nonviolence is often misinterpreted as passivity and weakness. Far from it! In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, nonviolence does not mean surrendering to evil, but actively and courageously responding to it with good, "and thus breaking the chain of injustice." It means being someone "who is convinced of God's love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone." Join what the Holy Father called the "Christian revolution" of loving your enemy and start waging peace. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well."

**Tuesday, Jun 18, 2019**

**It rains on everybody**

Jesus asks us to love people who've been hateful and pray for people who are hurting us. Why should we do such a thing? Because it makes us more like God—and after all, we are the children of God. God brings rain down on everybody indiscriminately, and sunshine, too. God does not withhold divine blessings from bad people and give them to good people, though you'd have a hard time getting some folks to believe that. Perfect human justice is merely even-steven. Divine justice, bounded by mercy, goes way beyond just deserts. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

**Wednesday, Jun 19, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT**

**Get some expert advice**

Saint Romuald lived from the first millennium into the second. He likewise bridged the world of monastic prayer and the rest of the world by showing that ordinary experiences are examples of how to relate to God. He said, for example, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it"—perhaps anticipating today's "turn off your cell phone and television." He said, "Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish," suggesting that if you know how to fish—be silent, still, and wait for the fish to make themselves known—then you know how to pray. A great saint can point us to holiness in simple, commonplace ways.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). "Your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

**Thursday, Jun 20, 2019**

**Needs need testing**

Perhaps you've heard the saying: "God doesn't need our prayers—we do." God knows what we need even before we ask. Truth be told, often enough we don't really know what we *need*, only what we *want*. They aren't always the same thing, as another popular saying reminds us: "Be careful what you pray for, you just might get it!" So we pray for what we want, and God sees to it that we get what we really need, and later, we realize God was right, again—thank God!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

**Friday, Jun 21, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS**

**GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS**

**Earthen treasures**

Young Aloysius Gonzaga intentionally walked away from his family's wealth and power, choosing to join the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Gonzaga lived such an extreme life of prayer and selfdenial that his superiors told him to eat more and spend increased time with friends. While studying theology in Rome when a plague broke out, he volunteered to care for the sick in a Jesuit hospital. That sacrifice eventually claimed his life at the tender age of 23. Give thanks for the friends who stand by you and renew you in times of joy and of struggle—the real treasure in your life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy . . . but store up treasures in heaven."

**Saturday, Jun 22, 2019**

**MEMORIALS OF JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS**

**Be a believer for all seasons**

Fisher and More, who were friends, were executed (in 1535) within 15 days of one another over their opposition to King Henry VIII's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and his plans to take over the church in England. On the scaffold More described himself as the "king's good servant—but God's first." The film version of More's life, *A Man for All Seasons*, won six Oscars, including Best Picture. Watch the movie and give some thought to how you can put God first in your life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jun 30, 2019**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**How free do you dare to be?**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). "For freedom Christ set us free . . . do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**June 22-23, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

We are a Eucharistic people and today's solemnity celebrates this great gift we have been given - to share in the very Body and Blood of Christ. As thankful sharers in this Eucharistic feast we are called to give witness to our gratitude by becoming nourishment for others. We commit ourselves to being broken open and poured out for others as Jesus has done for us. What sacrifice are we willing to make for others in gratitude for the sacrifice Christ made for us?

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**PROCESSION AFTER 10AM**

**We will process from the Church round Blackshear Elementary School. Please join us to take Jesus to our community**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY JUNE 22. VIGIL MASS**

For the repose of the souls Robert Watson, requested by Camille Canady, Carroll, Henry Jr. & Henry Sr. Adams, requested by Jennifer Brooks

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 8:00AM**

For the repose of the souls of Yasmin Linton, and Earl Linton requested by Jennifer Brooks

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Trey Phillips on his 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday, requested by the Phillips

Happy Birthday to Kevin Parish and Arron King

For the repose of the souls of Mr. Joseph Oparji and Mr. Goddy Oparji who passed away recently, may their souls rest in Peace, requested by Patrick Onyenaka

invited to the Mass and to the reception afterwards. The Mass is presented by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. For details, visit [www.centexcatholic.com](http://www.centexcatholic.com).

***ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA  
A Teacup Overflowing***

*with Blessings!*

*Sunday, August 18, 2019*

*3:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.*

*Donation: \$20/\$25 at the door*

*Hosted By:*

*The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies  
Auxiliary and Junior Daughters  
Holy Cross Court #284*

Stability program to help individuals and families better their financial future. Classes take place at the CCCTX Austin Campus at 1625 Rutherford Lane. For more information on specific topics and class times, visit

[www.ccctx.org/financialstability](http://www.ccctx.org/financialstability).

To inquire about hosting financial classes for a parish or group, contact John Paci, CCCTX Director of Financial Stability, at (512) 651-6134 or [john-paci@ccctx.org](mailto:john-paci@ccctx.org).

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**June 30** – Peter's Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

**Couples invited to Marriage Encounter weekend**

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their sacrament of matrimony by attending one of the 2019 Marriage Encounter weekends: Sept. 6-8 in Round Rock or Nov. 1-3 in Belton. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter ministry is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org) or call (512) 677-9963.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Calling all women in the Diocese of Austin to the Fourth Annual Catholic Women's Conference! Saturday, Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.** at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Program includes guest speakers (in English and Spanish), Mass, Vendors, Reconciliation and more. Bring your friends and register today while space is still available! Early bird registration until Jun. 15 is only \$45! For more information visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference).

**HOUSE KEEPING**

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.

5. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have check with the church office.

**CCCTX OFFERS FINANCIAL STABILITY CLASSES**

Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers free classes through its Financial

<b>SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
<b>Weekend JUNE 15/16, 2019</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM 25
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 44
	10:00 AM 289
<b>Weekend JUNE 15/16, 2019</b>	
OFFERTORY	\$2525.00
Children	24.00
E-GIVING	1345.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	10.00
SVDP	55.00
DR/FLC(E-GIVING)	263.00
MSP	15.00
Gift Store	80.00

**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.

**IGBO MASS JUNE 30, 2019**

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

**Men's Mass is July 13**

The 11th annual Catholic Men's Mass will be held July 13 at 10 a.m. at St. John Neumann Parish in Austin. Father Bud Roland will be the celebrant. Men of all ages are

**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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