

**JULY 7, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Jul 07, 2019
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Peace to all who enter

A compelling prayer is recommended in the Liturgy of the Hours for Sunday nights: "Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace." Who wouldn't want their home sweet home, apartment, or dorm room to share in such a blessing? The world is desperate for peace, but it doesn't start at the international level. Seek peace in your home and in your heart. Make this prayer your own.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102).* "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'"

Monday, Jul 08, 2019

Dream on

In the world of Jewish scripture, dreams were sometimes considered revelations from God. In the New Testament Gospel of Matthew, God guides the early life of Jesus through the dreams of Saint Joseph and the Magi. These dreams came to people; they didn't ask for them. Dreams sometimes still feel that way. Although they can take puzzling or even frightening forms, dreams can also reveal deep truths and remind us that what we consider most important is to some extent invisible to the conscious mind. Strive to grow, then, in knowledge of both God and yourself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383).* "Jacob . . . came upon a certain shrine . . . and lay down to sleep at that spot. Then he had a dream."

Tuesday, Jul 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Patience is indeed a virtue

Patience is held up by the church as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, an aid to us as we grow in our desire to do good. Patience is also a witness to hope, especially in the midst of suffering. It is this virtue that spoke to Augustine Zhao Rong, one of 120 Chinese martyrs who suffered and died for their faith. A soldier leading a bishop to his martyrdom in Beijing, Augustine was so moved by the bishop's patience that he asked to be baptized. He gave himself to the Christian faith knowing full well what could happen. Some years later, he too was killed for his faith.

How powerful is the gift of patience! How might we allow this gift to move us this day?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384).* "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

Wednesday, Jul 10, 2019

Service begins at home

Perhaps you entertain grand dreams of how to live out your Christian vocation. Foreign missions or cloisters in the desert appeal to the romantic side of your nature. Why not give your life over to God's service in a blaze of excellent fervor? On your way to holy perfection, however, it's always a good idea to make a stop that's more accessible and just as worthy: right where you are. Can you love and serve the people already given to you in your family, neighborhood, and parish? Before you dash off to the save the world, share a little of that love at home.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385).* "Do not go into pagan territory . . . Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Thursday, Jul 11, 2019

**MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT
The big reveal**

Today's first reading is a story that has delighted and inspired for generations: Joseph and the many-colored coat. Catholics see Joseph, the story's hero, prefiguring Christ. This story of jealousy, betrayal, and redemption lives on in art, cartoons, books, even a Broadway musical. A favorite is the big reveal when Joseph's brothers discover his true identity. If you pay attention, you may find big and small "reveals" that God has prepared for you, surprises that form you into a better disciple.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386).* "I am your brother Joseph, whom you once sold into Egypt."

Friday, Jul 12, 2019

Check your trust fund

Spontaneity and trust are hard to cultivate and maintain, and it gets harder as responsibilities grow. We have become accustomed to planning and more planning. Not wanting to be caught offguard, we struggle to trust the moment. In the midst of planning a vacation, for example, you might become bogged down in detail—and forget that the purpose of the trip was to relax! Imagine your potential if you could only trust more. Tonight at dinner say a spontaneous prayer, trusting that God will give you the words.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387).* "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you a great nation."

**Saturday, Jul 13, 2019
MEMORIAL OF HENRY**

A spirited king

Emperors on the whole haven't been the best role models for Christian humility, but Henry II (972-1024) appears to have been an exception. His first public act after being named Holy Roman Emperor was to pray for humility. When Henry traveled across the empire, he stayed in monasteries, which he also helped to found and fund. Upon arrival, he is said to have spent the first night of every visit in a prayer vigil. Henry wasn't perfect—he mixed church and state in ways that caused both to suffer—but his commitment to monastic communities not only strengthened religious life but also served social needs, because the monks would go out into the surrounding villages to tend to the sick and needy. We could do with more leaders who shared Henry's priorities!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33.* "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Jul 14, 2019

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Won't you be my neighbor?

TODAY'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (105).

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 6-7, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs, instructing them "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'" In this day and age, how do we, as disciples, bring peace?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JULY 6. VIGIL MASS

For all our sick and shut in parishioners

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 8:00AM

In loving memory of George Javey and Joseph Linton, request by Alice Javey-Linton.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 10:00AM

For Bisi Falola, requested by Chris and Kaye Crawford

In loving memory of, William Page Jr., William Page III, Ronald Martin, Talfrad, Meyers and Edwin Collins, requested by Carolyn & Ron Collins

***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*

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 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.

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.

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.

**DEBT RETIREMENT
COLLECTION**

Every Second Sunday of the Month we shall take a second collection to retire our debts with the Diocese. You use your Debt Retirement Envelopes or Check/Cash or Give online.

I call on all to participate in this as it is crucial to our paying down our debts.

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 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.

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

SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
IGBO	1:30pm
Byzantine	5:00PM
Weekend JUNE 29/30, 2019	
ATTENDANCE	
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM 20
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 35
	10:00 AM 162
IGBO	1:30PM 90
Weekend JUNE 29/30, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$5267.00
Children	13.00
E-GIVING	1222.52
SVDP (E-GIVING	15.00
SVDP	20.00
DR	250.00
Peter Pence	270.00
Gift Store	20.00

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 July 28, 2019

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

PARISH UPDATE FORMS

If you have moved or your address has changed in the past year, please fill out a new Parish Update Form. Parish update forms can be found on the back table in church, or in the church office.

MINISTRY HEADS MEETING

August 13 @ 6:30pm

Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

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

Contact the Church Office for details
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