

**JULY 14, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Jul 14, 2019**

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**Won't you be my neighbor?**

Fred Rogers, who would later famously have his own "Neighborhood," earned his first degree in music composition. He went to work in television and found his way into children's programming as a puppeteer, composer, and organist. He studied to become a Presbyterian minister and to earn a degree in child development in his off hours. After his ordination, his church agreed he should continue to be the best possible grownup neighbor to children who could use one. Neighbors aren't simply the folks next door. They're primarily the people who need us most.

**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?"*

**Monday, Jul 15, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
Slavery no more**

Today's first reading has a theme of slavery. Since many Catholics and church institutions profited from slavery in earlier centuries, the church's message of dignity for all was frequently muted then, but it has become increasingly clear. Modern popes and the official Catechism now strongly condemn the practice—an important stride since present-day slavery (human trafficking) continues to plague the United States and other countries. Take a step to uphold human dignity: Learn about modern slavery and how to help end it.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389). *"The Egyptians, then, dreaded the children of Israel and reduced them to cruel slavery."*

**Tuesday, Jul 16, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

**The holy queen of hearts**

Mary, the saint of saints, is also a person for all people. Many communities and cultures have a special closeness to her, a testimony of her closeness to the people. Mary was also close to the hermits of Mount Carmel located in the Holy Land of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. Eventually known as Carmelites, they prayed with Mary and sought her guidance as they walked in faith. They saw in Mary a person of deep prayer who could ponder and hold

"all things in her heart." In what ways can Mary accompany you in a more contemplative stance in the world?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"The woman therefore took the child and nursed it."*

**Wednesday, Jul 17, 2019**

**Get your exercise**

Figuring out God's will is about as daunting an undertaking as there is. Nonetheless, we Catholics are supposed to our base decisions on what we discern God wants. Here's a handy tool: Ignatian spirituality, which comes from the *Spiritual Exercises* by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. This spirituality is characterized by seeking spiritual direction, finding God in all things, examining one's consciousness, and serving those in need. The *Exercises* are intended to be done over the course of a month. The next time you feel stumped, why not give them a try?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"All things have been handed over to me by my Father."*

**Thursday, Jul 18, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST**

**Bad boy makes good**

Camillus de Lellis was a 16th-century Neapolitan bad boy. Son of an absent father and a mother who died when he was a child, he grew up unmanaged by family. He joined the army at 16, survived a war, then as a civilian gambled away his fortune. Having been wounded in battle, he came under the care of Capuchin Friars, who succeeded in converting him to the faith. He then founded a religious order of caregivers. Camillus is the patron saint of the sick, hospitals, doctors, and nurses, and the saint's intercession is often sought to heal gambling addiction. Invoke Saint Camillus today for your loved ones who are ill, infirm, or have a gambling problem.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

**Friday, Jul 19, 2019**

**FEAST OF SAINT MACRINA**

**Quibble over formalities or alleviate hunger?**

Saint Macrina came from a family of future saints and exerted a strong influence on her siblings through her wisdom and piety. She likely would have relished today's readings. The grains crushed in the hands of Jesus' disciples or the holy bread in David's mouth answer powerfully whenever we

question what comes first: rules or a pressing human need such as hunger? Macrina, bless all who hunger today, in body or in soul.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 *"Something greater than the temple is here."*

**Saturday, Jul 20, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR**

**Rainmakers**

Saint Apollinaris, a second-century bishop in Asia Minor, once wrote a letter to the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius in defense of Christianity in general and his own flock in particular. In petitioning the emperor, Apollinaris did not hesitate to remind him of a recent event. While on a military campaign against a Germanic tribe, Aurelius' army was in danger of dying of thirst—until one of his legions, the 12th, which was made up mostly of Christians, fell to its knees and prayed for rain. The sudden storm that followed saved the army and allowed them to defeat the Germans. A grateful Aurelius gave these men the name "Thundering Legion" and eased up on his persecution of Christians. How can you put your life in the hands of God today?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 *"Many people followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known."*

**Next Sunday**

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**Catholic Social Teaching Corner  
July 13-14, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this familiar Gospel the lawyer, who wishes to justify himself, asks Jesus the crucial question: Who is my neighbor? Jesus' answer in the story of Good Samaritan indicates that our neighbor is the one before who is in need. The priest and Levite in the story could not move beyond the laws regarding purity to see that the man in need was their neighbor, but the Samaritan could. Is there anything in our lives that keeps us from really seeing a neighbor in need and responding as Jesus desires?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY JULY 13. VIGIL MASS**

Pray for travel grace for the KPC Jr's, and their sponsors, as they attend their Jr National Conference, in Houston.

**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 8:00AM**

In loving memory of Homer Marshall, 4Jr., request by The Marshall Family.

**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 10:00AM**

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs. Wilhemina Delco.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the soul of Hyram Nichols, requested by Barbara Scott

Happy Birthday to Brenda Jones

**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

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).

**EIM WORKSHOP**

Holy Cross is hosting an EIM Workshop August 11, 2019 at 12 noon. All Ministry members who are in the presence of vulnerable youth and vulnerable elders are required to obtain EIM compliance. Pre-registration is required. Additional information will be in the bulletin next week.

**EIM Site Administrators:**

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**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. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have check with the church office please make sure when you leave, it is clean and ready for the next meeting.

**FINANCE REPORT UPDATE**

Our Finance Report Update to the Parish will be Saturday, July 20 after the Vigil Mass and Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> after the 8:00 and 10:00am Mass.

**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.

**DEBT RETIREMENT  
COLLECTION 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAYS**  
Please support our Debt Retirement Collection every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month to pay down our Diocesan Loan for the FLC. Our monthly target is \$4000.00

| <b>SUNDAY JULY 14, 2019</b> |         |
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| Mass                        | 8:00AM  |
| Rosary                      | 9:30AM  |
| Mass                        | 10:00AM |
| Byzantine                   | 5:00PM  |

| <b>Weekend JULY 06/07, 2019</b> |          |     |
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| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>               |          |     |
| VIGIL MASS                      | 5:30 PM  | 20  |
| SUNDAY                          | 8:00 AM  | 35  |
|                                 | 10:00 AM | 162 |
| <b>Weekend JULY 06/07, 2019</b> |          |     |

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| OFFERTORY       | \$5512.00 |
| Children        | 30.00     |
| E-GIVING        | 2595.23   |
| SVDP (E-GIVING) | 70.00     |
| SVDP            | 10.00     |
| DR(E-GIVING)    | 540.00    |
| MSP             | 72.00     |
| Candles         | 122.00    |
| Gift Store      | 40.00     |

**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.

**Family Life Center Now  
Available for Renting**

For all your events like:

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

Contact the Church Office for details  
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