

**JULY 28, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Sunday, Jul 28, 2019

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Teach and learn as you go

Teaching is mostly conceived as an academic process relegated to schools or online programs. But the most meaningful lessons we learn happen far from classrooms. What did you learn simply from growing up in the environment that produced you? What did you imbibe from family members, storybooks, personal heroes, or actual experiences? When the disciples of Jesus ask for praying lessons, they've already observed how disciplined Jesus is in his own habits. Jesus teaches them the Lord's Prayer—but he'd already taught them, by his example, the importance of praying.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111).* "When he had finished [praying], one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

Monday, Jul 29, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA

Friends ask friends

Martha isn't one to beat about the bush. After her brother dies, she marches up to Jesus and tells it like it is: "Lord, if you had been here . . ." This is the same Martha who once asked Jesus to act on her behalf when she slaved away as her sister sat at his feet: "Tell her to help me." The Bible tells us that Jesus was a good friend of Martha. Thanks to Martha, it also shows how we can count on Jesus as a friend—trusting him enough to be candid about our needs. Just ask.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 (401); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (401/607).* "I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Tuesday, Jul 30, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY, O.F.M., CAP.

God opens a door

Blessed Father Solanus Casey (1870-1957) is on his way to sainthood. That might have surprised those who knew him in seminary where he was considered so academically slow that, once ordained, he was not allowed to preach or hear Confessions! What he could do was greet people as the porter (doorkeeper) at the Capuchin monastery in Detroit where he lived. More than 20,000 people attended Solanus' funeral services, for he turned the front door job into a holy and humble ministry that welcomed the stranger and consoled

the many who visited daily. If today you fear you are not worthy, remember that all things are possible with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402).* "Then the righteous will shine like the sun."

Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Surrender yourself

Saint Ignatius, that wounded Spanish soldier of the 1500s—whose conversion grew a group of "soldiers for Christ"—liked bold sayings. Such as: "Go forth and set the world on fire." Not to mention his Jesuit order's motto: "All for the greater glory of God." Once Ignatius saw the Kingdom as Jesus did, there was no turning back—no price too high. The key? Be a soldier who surrenders. His Suscipe ("surrender") Prayer says it all: "Receive, Lord, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. Give me only your love and your grace. With this I am rich enough."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46.* "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has."

Thursday, Aug 01, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Reconcile yourself

A shrinking number of Catholics—even those who attend Mass regularly—go to Confession. Don't be tempted to skip this sacrament; pray for help from Saint Alphonsus Liguori, the patron of confessors, who preached in the 18th-century slums of Italy. He never refused anyone absolution and even fought against a heresy that treated penitents like criminals. Part of the mission of the order he founded, the edemptorists, is to bring people back into a life of grace through Confession. With the help of his intercession, embrace the healing of forgiveness and be reconciled with your loving God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53.* "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous."

Friday, Aug 02, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

Receive and be transformed

Saint Peter Julian Eymard (1811-68) founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to setting the "four corners of the world on fire with eucharistic love." His vision of priests, sisters, deacons, and laypeople all actively participating in the Eucharist anticipated and helped shape the

liturgical renewals of the 20th century. Peter Julian saw the Eucharist as our hidden treasure that needed to be brought into the light so that Jesus could "once again take his place at the head of Christian society." "Receive Communion often," he wrote, "and Jesus will change you into himself." What can you do to help the "reign of the Eucharist" increase?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405).* "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?"

Saturday, Aug 03, 2019

Be guided by good conscience

Conscience is that still small voice deep within that guides us in making moral judgements. It is a lifetime's work to form conscience using God's law of love as the measure of what is upright. How do we do that work of formation? We pray for the guidance of God's Spirit, seek the wisdom of faithful friends, read scripture, and consider teachings of the church. So formed, we "must always obey the certain judgment of conscience" as the Catechism says. Conscience has been well attended when a decision, no matter how tough or even unpopular, brings a sense of freedom and peace of heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406).* "For John (the Baptist) had said to (Herod), 'It is not lawful for you to have her.'"

Next Sunday

Sunday, Aug 04, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Free yourself

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.* "And the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 27-28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray and he gives them what we call "the Lord's prayer. The Hebrew word which begins the prayer is "Abba" which translates to "papa" or "daddy". In other words, Jesus invites us as disciples to pray intimately with God. This intimacy with God implies intimacy with one another. If God is our father, then we have many brothers as sisters. In our prayer, do we remember to pray for their needs as well as our own? Is our prayer stretching us to embrace the needs of the poor, the

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needy and vulnerable throughout our world?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JULY 27, VIGIL MASS

Happy Birthday to James E. Mosby, Jr. in heaven, requested by his children

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 8:00AM

In loving memory of Roosevelt Collins And Herbert Pullman, requested by Linda Ridley

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 10:00AM

Happy Birthday to Marlexa Phillips, requested by her family, HB to Tara Mason, requested by her daughter, HB to Brenda & Travis Jones, and Happy 31st anniversary to Don and Brenda Jones

**DEBT RETIREMENT
COLLECTION 2ND SUNDAYS**

Please support our Debt Retirement Collection every 2nd Sunday of the Month to pay down our Diocesan Loan for the FLC. Our monthly target is \$4000.00

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.

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

4. **In the case of a Parishioner's death, please do not call the family and advise them of the services of the Church, or what a ministry provides. Please have them call the church, who will instruct them on Holy Cross policy and procedure's.**

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.

BACK TO SHOOL DRIVE

Our back to school drive for our neighboring school, **Blackshear Elementary Fine Arts Academy**, begins July 21st, and ends August 15th, a box will be in Weber hall to place you items, see bulletin insert or bulletin board, for a list of items needed. List is by grades Pre-K – 5th, please indicated which grade your donation is for.

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER
"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"**

EIM WORKSHOP

Holy Cross is hosting an EIM Workshop August 11, 2019 at 12 noon. Pre-registration is required.

EIM Site Administrators:

Vera Houston-Black
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IGBO MASS July 28, 2019

Next IGBO Mass is Sunday, July 28, 2019, 1:30pm.

ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION

Sunday, October 13th is our 2019 Annual Family Appreciation Day. Please save the date. IF you have any suggestion on how we can celebrate this year's event, see the office.

KPC JUNIOR NATIONAL AWARDS

11 Jr Daughters and 5 Jr Knights, attended and participated in the 23rd biennial KPC Junior National Convention held in Houston, TX July 11th -14th, 2019.

Quiz Bowl: 1st Place (Megan Onuoha, Chelsea Okeke, Esperance Asoka, Patrick Onyia, Kevin Parish, Christa Onyia, Aaron King, Anthony Onyia) – coached by Lady Crystal Agwuncha

Arts & Crafts

Age 13-15 : 2nd Place Megan Onuoha

Photography

Age 10-12 : 1st Place Kiya Collins

Talent

Poetry

Age 10-12 : 3rd Place Annette Okeke

Age 13-15: 2nd Place Dasia McClain

Singers

Age 13-15 : 1st Place Esperance Asoka

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

Monday November 3rd to Wednesday November 13th. Consider joining us for a spiritual experience

SUNDAY JULY 28 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
First Friday - Aug 2 nd	6:30PM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend JULY 20/21, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	18
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	53
	10:00 AM	192
Weekend JULY 20/21, 2019		

OFFERTORY	\$3280.00
Children	17.00
E-GIVING	1229.13
SVDP	405.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	530.00
DR	250.00
Gift Store	100.00

**ANNUAL MOTHER
DAUGHTER TEA**
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with Blessings!*



*Sunday, August 18, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*Donation: \$20/\$25 at the
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Ladies Auxiliary and Junior
Daughters*

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