

AUGUST 4, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Aug 04, 2019

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Free yourself

The longer we own something, the stickier it becomes—in terms of its reverse-possession, that is. We all have items under beds or in boxes that don't come out of hiding, carried through countless moves yet never utilized. It could be that college guitar that's no longer strummed, canning equipment we always meant to master, gifts we don't want but feel obliged to keep, books we faintly hope to read one day. The longer things take up space, the more they seem to have a right to do so. Take a risk this week. Liberate yourself from a "legacy" possession.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (114).* "And the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Monday, Aug 05, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR
Stay close to Mother

The fourth-century Basilica of Mary Major is one of four basilicas in Rome that are recognized as the first centers of the church. It is the oldest and largest church in the world dedicated to the Blessed Mother. In fact, around the time it was consecrated in 434, there was debate about the nature of Mary's motherhood of Jesus, as some objected to her title "Mother of God." But believers won out and even took to the streets of Constantinople chanting the Greek word for it, *Theotokos*. How do you affirm her role in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407).* "Looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples."

Tuesday, Aug 06, 2019

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Be transformed

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. But it was not a typical prayer time for these friends as they watched Jesus' appearance change, saw him talk to the long-dead Moses and Elijah, and heard a voice from a cloud tell them to listen to the chosen Son. Whether this is a mystical experience, a symbolic story, or a misplaced Resurrection account is open to interpretation. It is clear that Jesus was unlike all others and they—and

we—are to follow him. Today's memorial of Hiroshima provides the opportunity to "transfigure" our world through prayer and the practice of peace as we follow our Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36.* "While he was praying his face changed in appearance."

Wednesday, Aug 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE AND MARTYR

Where everyone belongs

Before his martyrdom in 258, Pope Sixtus II faced a leadership dilemma that Jesus had also faced during his public ministry. Who belonged in the fold of believers and who did not? For Sixtus, it wasn't a case of Canaanites versus Israel. It was a worldwide controversy over Baptism: whether those baptized by heretics could be welcomed as true Christians—or whether they needed to be re-baptized. The Asian and African church insisted on a doover, while the Roman church said no. Sixtus upheld the Roman view but mended fences with the other—allowing both. There's wisdom in the old hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." How wide is your own?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409).* "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Thursday, Aug 08, 2019

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST
We all need guidance at some time

A sect of Christian leaders in the south of France in the 13th century stumbled into gnostic and dualist heresy. The Cathars, as they were called, argued that human beings were inherently evil. Therefore, Jesus, the Son of God, couldn't possibly have been fully human. Dominic de Guzman, a Spanish priest, preached convincingly against the error. Sadly, when his efforts failed, church leaders followed with brutal oppression. As for Dominic, he focused on building up the Order of Preachers, known as the Dominicans, dedicated to preaching and praying the Rosary. Renowned for his holiness and eloquence, he was elevated to sainthood a mere 13 years after his death in 1221. Guiding the misguided was full-time work for Saint Dominic. What's your saintly work?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23 (410).* "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Friday, Aug 09, 2019

The good in group think

Today is International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, the kind of

new commemoration that tends to get overlooked. Catholics have a long and sometimes fraught history with native peoples, however, so we may want to give pause. Many aspects of indigenous culture fit snugly within a Christian worldview, particularly the emphasis on the group (Catholics call it the "common good") and on sharing available resources ("feed the hungry"). Learn one thing today about the native peoples from your corner of the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).*

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Saturday, Aug 10, 2019

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

Take nothing for granted

Often we take faith for granted, especially our ability to practice it freely. Today's feast reminds us that there have been times in our history when such was not the case. Lawrence, one of the most widely remembered martyrs of early Christian history, was killed on August 10, 258 when Emperor Valerian decreed all clerics be put to death. Lawrence lived a long time ago, and the stories about him—his care for the poor and his manner of death—come from an oral tradition that has inspired the faithful for generations. Say a prayer of thanks for the ability to practice your faith free of persecution.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.* "Unless a grain of wheat fall to the ground."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Aug 11, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ready, set, jump!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117).* "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 3-4, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

More than any other of the evangelists, Luke is concerned about greed and materialism. In today's Gospel we hear one of the parables of Jesus regarding greed. What does it profit us to hoard? The readings invite us to contemplate what we really need and what is too much. Each of us needs to discern this according to our consciences and circumstances. What are the riches that will last? Not material possessions, but love and relationships and particularly for Christians, love and care for the poor

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and vulnerable. This is the treasure that will last!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY AUG 3, VIGIL MASS

To all Patrons of our Sunday Bulletin, thank you for your generosity and for keeping the Parishioners and community informed of all church activity

SUNDAY, AUG 4, 8:00AM

Happy Wedding Anniversary in Heaven to James and Eva Marie Mosby, requested by their children.

SUNDAY, AUG 4, 10:00AM

Happy 26th wedding anniversary to, Alex and Adrienne King.

SUNDAY AUG 4 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
First Friday - Aug 2 nd	6:30PM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend JULY 27/28, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	18
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	53
	10:00 AM	189
IGBO	1:30 PM	108
Weekend JULY 27/28, 2019		

OFFERTORY	\$2928.00
Children	19.00
E-GIVING	1223.21
SVDP	494.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	320.00
IGBO	332.00

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

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.

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. The church will notify all ministries, will instruct the family on Holy Cross policy and procedures.**

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
EIM Workshop August 11, 2019 at 12 noon. Pre-registration is required.
EIM Site Administrators:
Vera Houston-Black at vera.hback@yahoo.com
Stan Collins at stantheman752@yahoo.com

IGBO MASS AUGUST 25, 2019
Next IGBO Mass is Sunday, August 25, 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITY NEEDS HELP

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is in need of material assistance items to support our clients and their families. Please consider donating diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6) and wipes. Any brand and any quantity will be accepted. Donations will help provide a happy, healthy start to our clients' children. Items may be delivered or shipped to Catholic Charities at 1625 Rutherford Ln., Austin, TX 78754 or 1410 Cavitt Ave., Bryan, TX 77801. Thank you for your generosity!

Listening Session on Racism is Sept. 4

Bishop Joe Vásquez will host a Listening Session on Racism in the Diocese of Austin Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Edward's University in Austin. The listening panel will include Bishop Vásquez; Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; Father James Misko, diocesan vicar general; Deacon Ron Walker, diocesan chancellor; DeKarlos Blackmon, diocesan director of Life, Charity and Justice; and other diocesan officials. Everyone is invited to attend and share their stories during the session.

In a recent interview explaining that racism has no place in the human heart, the bishop called on Catholics to "listen with an open heart and mind to the stories of our brothers and sisters who have experienced racism," and he asked his priests to "listen to the stories of people within their own parishes and learn from them."

For more information about the Listening Session on Racism, contact the diocesan Office of Life, Charity and Justice at lcj-office@austindiocese.org. To register to attend, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocese-of-austin-listening-session-on-racism-tickets-65410335073>.

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