

AUGUST 11, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Aug 11, 2019**

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**Ready, set, jump!**

In a secular age, some believers feel the need to “prove” the credibility of religion. If only we could dig up Noah’s Ark, produce Jesus’ swaddling clothes, or locate Martha’s dishes! Even better, if only consecrated hosts would bleed before the eyes of skeptics.

Archeological evidence and miraculous interventions aside, a life of faith requires neither and isn’t bolstered by either. Faith is grounded in the future, not the past, and is more about where we place our hope rather than where we misplaced the Holy Grail. Faith is a flying lesson. Let go!

**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.”

**Monday, Aug 12, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS**

**Make peace with the world**

Jesus said, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.” But at other times, he’s not so clear. What’s more, it’s not always clear what’s a worldly concern and what’s a godly one. No doubt Jane Frances de Chantal wrestled with this ambiguity. Left a widow in 1601, with four children to care for and an estate that she’d rescued from ruin, she found solace under the spiritual direction of Saint Francis de Sales. But even after her worldly affairs were put in order, Francis dissuaded her from jumping too quickly into the life of a nun. There was much good she still needed to do in the world. What in the world are you called to do?

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413).* “The highest heavens belong to the Lord, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it.”

**Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS**

**No finger-pointing, please**

There is a lesson for us today in looking at the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire that led to the deaths of Pontian, Hippolytus, and many more. When Rome burned, Nero blamed the Christians. As the city fell on hard times, Christians were easy targets. A minority group, with unfamiliar religious customs what more was needed to scapegoat them? Accused of being disloyal

foreigners, things got so out of hand that Christians were suspected of incest for calling each other brothers and sisters and even of cannibalism because they consumed the “body and blood” of their Savior. Next time a demagogue points a finger to vilify a whole group, ask if one day that finger might be pointed at you.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.* “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**Wednesday, Aug 14, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR**

**Make a difference**

Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) was a Polish priest whose devotion to Mary was a central part of his life. He was a writer whose monthly columns expressed that devotion to a sizeable readership. Human like the rest of us, Maximilian sometimes was a difficult colleague, and initially his publications reflected some of the anti-Semitic rhetoric of his time and place. However, he never abandoned the work of promoting faith, citing indifference as the poison of the time. Sentenced to Auschwitz in 1941, he ultimately gave his life to save another prisoner. His was a martyrdom of love. Be mindful today of the toxin of indifference within and around you.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415).* “For where two or three are gathered together in my name . . . there I am in the midst of them.”

**Thursday, Aug 15, 2019**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Don’t assume faith is easy**

The Assumption of Mary is often portrayed in art in a blissful scene of cherubs transporting Mary, eyes cast upward and robes flowing majestically, up into the heavens. Beneath this image, however, is a life of grit and grace in which Mary lived the fullness of Christian discipleship. Mary hears, ponders, challenges, and receives the Word of God, allowing it to permeate her whole being. Her Assumption then is a symbol and a promise to each of us that our journey of discipleship is one destined for ultimate wholeness in God.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622).* “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

**Friday, Aug 16, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**

**Hail, holy order**

To some, Stephen of Hungary was an iron-fisted monarch who punished any hint of paganism among his people. To others, he was a grieving father who—having outlived his immediate family spent the rest of his days washing the feet of paupers. Either would be great fodder for the high drama of a hollywood screenplay. The reality? Stephen’s legacy stems from being an administrator. He created local dioceses for the successful establishment of the church in his country. His rule provided such a lasting peace that a route through Hungary became the preferred way for pilgrims to visit the Holy Land. We tend to bristle at “rules and regulations,” but when the motive behind them is good, more appreciation is perhaps in order.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417).* “Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.”

**Saturday, Aug 17, 2019**

**A tribute to touch**

Today’s gospel has Jesus placing his hands on children and praying for them. The simple gesture of “touch and prayer” can be profound because all humans crave a kind touch. Examples of “touch and prayer” abound. The sacraments are built on this combination. Some Christians hold hands during grace. In many Latin countries children routinely ask for a blessing from elders, who trace a cross on the child’s forehead as they pray. Can you bless somebody in your life today through the power of “touch and prayer”?

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418).* “Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray.”

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Aug 18, 2019**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Get fired up!**

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120).* “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Aug. 10-11, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The call to discipleship in the Gospel this Sunday is to let go of fear, simplify our lives by giving alms and to be watchful and faithful servants. For centuries, Christians have waited for the Lord to return and while we wait it is easy to be distracted, to become

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fearful and to forget the needs of those around us. But God is present with us in Word, sacrament and community. While we wait for the fullness of the kingdom we can experience it in the here and now if we live as disciples – without fear, with great generosity and as God’s good servants.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY AUG 10. 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 11, 8:00AM**

God’s continued blessings for over 50 years migrating to American for my siblings and myself, requested by Jackie King.

**SUNDAY, AUG 11, 10:00AM**

Happy 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to, Brent and Frances Brown

God’s Blessings for The Catholic Women Organization.

**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 provided by the Church, or what a ministry provides. Please have them call the church. The church will notify all ministries, and will instruct the family on Holy Cross’s policy and procedures.

**IGBO MASS July 28, 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.

**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 lcjoffice@austindiocese.org. To register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dioc-ese-of-austin-listening-session-on-racismtickets-65410335073>.

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Assumption, Mass 6:30PM, Church Office Closed.**

<b>SUNDAY AUG 11, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Thursday, August 15 -	6:30PM
Byzantine	5:00PM

<b>Weekend Aug 3/4, 2019</b>		
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	26
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	40
	10:00 AM	234

<b>Weekend Aug 3/4, 2019</b>	
OFFERTORY	\$5287.00
Children	22.00
E-GIVING	1654.54
SVDP	55.00
SVDP (E-GIVING)	115.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	432.00
Men ACTS	110.00
Flowers	40.00
Church Rental	600.00
MSP	25.00
Gift Store	20.00

**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**

*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

**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

**SEMINAR FOR DIVORCED & ANNULMENTS SEEKERS**

The Canonical Tribunal Services of the Diocese of Austin is hosting Pathway to Healing Seminar – A Spiritual and Emotional Healing Experience. This seminar is for persons who are in the midst of major marital problems, divorced, or considering an annulment. Date: Sept 28, 2019 from 8:30 – 4 pm @ Pastoral Center 6225 E US 290 hwy

**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 5124723741



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