

**JUNE 24, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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

**Sunday, Jun 24, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Discovering the mystery of you**

Each newborn child is a mystery about to unfold in the world. Always there is the potential for joy and pain, great good or tremendous misery. A good bit of what the child becomes is contained in the context of the family: its resources, stability, and capacity to nurture. Parents and children together become what they would never have been without the challenge and the privilege of their relationship. John might never have become the Baptist without Elizabeth and Zechariah. What parts of yourself do you owe to those who took that journey of trust with you?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Day: *Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66,80 (587)*. "All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, 'What, then, will this child be?'"

**Monday, Jun 25, 2018**

**Judge not**

It's a well-known part of Christian faith that you shouldn't judge (though of course that hasn't stopped many Christians from doing just that!). Most people understand the command not to judge others as a moral issue: Unless you've never done anything deserving of judgment, don't dole it out to others. But it's also a theological issue—about God. Judgment belongs to God, so not judging becomes a matter of faith: If you believe in and respect God, then don't judge.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371)*. "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

**Tuesday, Jun 26, 2018**

**Show yourself the door**

During a tour of San Francesco Basilica in Assisi, Italy, a friar took a group of pilgrims through the upper and lower churches and to the crypt where Saint Francis and his companions were buried. Throughout the tour he talked about the life of Francis and the architecture, art, and history connected to him. At the end the friar brought the group back to the upper church and showed them the stunning frescoes attributed to Giotto illustrating scenes from scripture and Francis' life. As he guided the group to the exit he explained that on this wall was the most important scene yet: the door! The exit, he said, is a reminder to go through

the doors and spread the Good News to the whole world. Something to think about next time you exit a church!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372)*. "Enter through the narrow gate."

**Wednesday, Jun 27, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**The mother of all role models**

Bishop Cyril (c. 374-444) was a scholar and writer who promoted the use of the title *Theotokos* ("God-bearer") for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Council of Ephesus in 431 approved the name, which is used to this day in the Eastern and Orthodox Catholic traditions. In the West, "Mother of God" is more common, but religious historian Jaroslav Pelikan offered a translation that comes closer to the original meaning: "The one who gives birth to the one who is God." However you choose to address the courageous woman who dared to say, "Thy will be done," you honor her most by responding in the same way to God's invitation in your life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373)*. "Every good tree bears good fruit."

**Thursday, Jun 28, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR**

**Think before you act**

The church calendar identifies the second-century saint Irenaeus as a "bishop and martyr." He was certainly a bishop (of Lyons in France), but his martyrdom may be more legendary. He is remembered primarily, though, not for his death but for what he did in life. His era was a time when Christian doctrine was a boiling cauldron of sometimes wildly conflicting ideas, and it was not clear what would rise to the top. As a theologian, Irenaeus' efforts to defend what was emerging as orthodox dogma made him one of the first people to think about Christianity systematically. Irenaeus teaches us that before we condemn a position we should seek to understand it.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29 (374)*. "The crowds were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority."

**Friday, Jun 29, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**Rock of ages**  
The *pallium* is an ancient liturgical vestment worn only by the pope and a very few other high church officials on

whom the pope bestows it as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them. In honor of Saints Peter and Paul, today is the day of the liturgical year on which these officials receive this symbol of their office. In its current form it is a narrow band of white lamb's wool from sheep raised by Trappist monks, looped and draped over other liturgical vestments. The pallium is a reminder of the serious duty placed on the shoulders of the highest church leaders. Pray today that they may fulfill their offices wisely, faithfully, and with compassion.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Day: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591)*. "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

**Saturday, Jun 30, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME**

**Don't fan the flames**

In the summer of A.D. 64 a terrible fire swept through the city of Rome. Emperor Nero found himself both praised for his efforts to help the victims and also accused of setting the fire. To deflect the criticism, he blamed the city's Christian community, whom many Romans disliked already because they felt Christians set themselves apart from the rest of society. But Nero's move backfired, so to speak. The hideous executions he inflicted on Christians actually aroused the pity of many Romans. The victims continue to witness (*martyr* in Greek) both to the power of faith and to the dangers of prejudice and hate.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17* "They faint away like the wounded in the streets of the city."

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, Jul 01, 2018**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Don't be afraid to ask**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43 (98)*.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**June 23-24, Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

Today we celebrate the greatness of St. John the Baptist who always pointed people to Jesus Christ. "He will go before him ... to prepare a people fit for the Lord," we read in the Gospel of Luke. How do we point people toward Christ in our actions and in our words?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, June 23, 5:30PM**

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to Trey Phillips, requested by his parents

**SUNDAY, June 24, 8:00AM**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:** Loraine S. Arrington, Lorne` D. Moran, Rosa Moran, Elcina Young, Dina Hodge King, Lela Lightsey and Ethel Marshall

**SUNDAY, June 24, 10:00AM**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:** Gloria Hardeman, Isetta Hardeman, Eva Marie Mosby, Vercias Mae Cay, Angelina Onyenaka and Pauline Thompson

**Tuesday, June 26, Noon Mass**

Repose of the souls of Henry Adams, Sr., Henry Adams Jr. and Karl Adams, Sr.

**Wednesday, June 27, Noon Mass**

**Happy 20th Ordination Anniversary to Father Basil**

**Thursday, June 28 Noon Mass**

Repose of the souls of Arthur Baltrip Sr. and Lewis Canady

**Friday, June 29, Noon Mass**

Repose of the souls of Cyrano Nalletamby and Edward Mullen Sr.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday June 24 2018**

Mass 8:00AM  
Rosary 9:30AM  
Mass 10:00AM

**Tuesday June 26, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Wednesday June 27, 2018 Noon**

**Fr. Basil's Ordination Anniversary Mass**

**Thursday, June 28 2018**

Noon Mass  
Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

**Friday June 29, 2018**

Noon Mass

**Weekend June 16/17, 2018**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
VIGIL MASS	28
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8:00 am	61
10:00 am	251
<b>Weekend June 16/17, 2018</b>	

OFFERTORY	\$2611.00
Children	35.00
E-GIVING	2272.34
SVDP (E-GIVING)	95.00
SVDP	35.00
Peter Pence	10.00
Gift Store	25.00

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Mother-Daughter Tea**

Sunday, August 19, 2018, 2:00-4:30  
(Vendors onsite: 1:30-5:00 p.m.)  
Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center  
*Please see insert additional information*

**FLC GROUNDBREAKING VIDEO**

Please call the office if you want a copy of the video for our FLC groundbreaking ceremony. Each CD is \$5.00.

**IGBO MASS JUNE 24, 2018**

Please help spread the news. Holy Cross will have a monthly IGBO Mass, every last Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. All IGBO Catholics are welcome.

**5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Please return your 5<sup>th</sup> year Capital Campaign Pledge envelopes. If you have not done so. If you did not receive a letter and want to contribute, put a note in an envelope and bring to the office. If you have not yet finished your 4<sup>th</sup> Year Campaign payment, I encourage you to do so as we need every cent we can get as the construction is moving very fast. Those have never made any contribution towards the project, please consider making a donation. Thank you so much for making our dream come true. Fr Basil

**THANK YOU**

The family of Darro Blankenship would like to thank all their Holy Cross Family for their outpouring and expression of love, prayers and support during their time of sorrow. God Bless You always  
**Leah**

**Registration is now open for Catholic Women's Conference**

The third annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held Sept. 8 at the Performing Arts Center at Westlake High School in Austin. This year's theme is "Generation to Generation." The conference will kick off at St. Theresa Parish in Austin on the evening of Friday, Sept. 7 with praise and worship led by the musical trio His Own, as well as adoration and confession. Saturday's events will feature a keynote presentation by Judy Landrieu Klein, author of "Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Children to God." Other activities will include breakout sessions, a variety of vendors and exhibits as well as Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe

Vásquez. The cost to register is \$45 before June 15 (\$55 after). To register, visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens)

**Fr Basil's 20th Ordination Anniversary.**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 will be Father Basil's 20<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary. Father Basil would like to celebrate the noon Mass with **all his** parishioners. If you are working and coming to Mass on your lunch hour, lunch will be provided for you. At 6:30PM, on Wednesday evening, we will celebrate Father's anniversary at Pappadeaux's, 11617 Research Blvd, Austin, 78759.

**FATHER SON BREAKFAST KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER - JUNIOR DIVISION - BRANCH #284**

"He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)"

*Saturday June 30, 2018 - 9:00AM - 11:00AM - Weber Hall*

*Tickets: \$10.00 per person*

**FATHERS, SONS, NEPHEWS, UNCLAS, GRANDFATHERS, GRANDSONS: ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! Attire: Casual Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Fruit, Coffee or Juice**  
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Nick Cormier FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS Contact: Alex King, Junior Knight Commander 512-468-0366**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is a sign-up sheet in Weber hall for all Parishioners men and women who would like to help with our Church Repast's and Reception's.



**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL** Call the Church Office 512 472 3741