

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Sunday, Sep 30, 2018**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Religion shouldn't scare you**

Talk of hellfire was motivating in earlier generations. If it's a choice between eternal flames or fear of the Lord, what sane person wouldn't take the high road? These days, we seem to be post-hell and past fear. It's difficult for some of us to find the proper motivation to live justly, especially when it requires an uncomfortable amount of sacrifice. So here's a fear worth fearing: hurting the one we love most. We say we love God; God cherishes the vulnerable and the poor. Pray for, share with, and raise your voice for those in need.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137). "You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter."

**Monday, Oct 01, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**God is in the details**

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-97), also known as the "little flower of Jesus," entered a convent at the tender age of 15 and only lived to 24. She lived with the kind of childlike innocence that Jesus praises in today's gospel, as evidenced in her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, which is filled with insight and charm. Thérèse believed in doing simple things with great care and love. "To pick up a pin with love can convert a soul," she said, as she fulfilled her humble chores. As you go about your daily routine today, try to do one small thing with great love—who knows whose soul you may end up touching!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). "For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

**Tuesday, Oct 02, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

**Someone to watch over me**

According to Catholic tradition, everyone has a personal angel guarding their bodily and spiritual well-being. "Beside each believer," said the fourth-century theologian and bishop Saint Basil, "stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading [them] to life"—and he should know, having been called the "revealer of heavenly mysteries"! Guardian angels remind you that you

are always in the presence of God and should act accordingly. They also remind you that God is with others, whom you should treat accordingly. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 (456); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

**Wednesday, Oct 03, 2018**

**Science in service of the sacred**

An appreciation of science does not detract from our sense of wonder and awe at the mystery and beauty of the universe. Rather it enhances our understanding of how "all things work together for the good": from the tiniest invisible particles to the vast forces that govern galaxies. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Science and technology are precious resources" that benefit humanity. Yet "by themselves they cannot disclose the meaning of existence and of human progress." Scientific accomplishments must always be at the service of the human person. To discern that, we look to a higher source.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). "[God] does great things past finding out, marvelous things beyond reckoning."

**Thursday, Oct 04, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Extreme makeover**

"Repair my church," said the voice of God to Francis of Assisi, who was praying in the dilapidated church of St. Damian. Francis got to work, immediately cleaning and repairing and restoring that disheveled building. It took him a while to realize God had greater plans for Francis' repair and reform movement than just one tiny chapel. But we can learn from Francis. When God's call comes, we don't have to understand it completely. We would do well to get busy tending to the challenges right in front of us: at home, on the job, in the neighborhood, and in the church.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12 "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

**Friday, Oct 05, 2018**

**Big cities, bright light of the world**

The biblical towns of Tyre and Sidon might bring to mind some modern-day big cities: prosperous, bustling, cosmopolitan—and spiritually hungry. Early in Jesus' ministry people from these distant port cities heard about the things Jesus was doing and, though they were in some sense outsiders, they responded with more enthusiasm than many of those who were closer to

Jesus. Jesus held up these "pagan" cities as models of what was possible when people react out of a genuine desire for spiritual nourishment. Respond to the gospel with enthusiasm, and your spirit will be rewarded. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16 "If the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented."

**Saturday, Oct 06, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF BRUNO, PRIEST**

**Silence is golden**

Maybe because Saint Bruno (1030-1101) led such an active life—nearly 20 years a teacher at the prestigious cathedral school in Reims, France; joining Pope Gregory VII to denounce the decadence of bishops who acted more like royal princes than the Prince of Peace; helping depose the violent aristocratic Archbishop Manassés—this celebrated priest and chancellor resigned his church positions, gave away his money, and retired with six companions to a hermitage. Though nudged to become a bishop himself, at the urging of his former pupil Pope Urban II, Bruno and friends went on living together in silence, founding the Carthusian order of monks. Bruno reminds us that the more chaotic our life becomes, the more we need to balance it with silence.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Oct 07, 2018**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Join the church of yes**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 (140). "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

Sept. 29-30 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Regardless of our stations in life, the many gifts we possess are indicative of the presence of God which brings us together into one body in Christ. One of the greatest aspects of being Catholic is the certain reality that we all sit around the Table of the Lord without distinction. Let us see through the gifts of all people, the God of mercy and love.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, September 29, 5:30PM**

Happy Birthday in Heaven to Ethel Cecilia Collins, requested by the Stanton Collins family

For the repose of the soul of, Henry Adams, Jr., requested by Jennifer Brooks

**SUNDAY, September 30, 8:00AM**

For safe delivery of Chinwe (Gladys) Ozowe first baby. Requested by the parents, Gladys and Abaziems

**SUNDAY, September 30, 10:00AM**

For the repose of the soul of Gloria Hardeman, requested by her husband, John Hardeman, Jr.

**SUNDAY, IGBO MASS, SEPTEMBER 30**

Prayers for the soul of Alexander Ezebuwa, requested by his wife Ester Ezebuwa

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday Sept 30, 2018**

Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10.00AM
IGBO	1:30PM

**Tuesday OCT 2, 2018**

**NO Noon Mass**

**Wednesday OCT 3, 2018**

**NO Noon Mass**

**Thursday, OCT 4, 2018**

**NO Noon Mass**

**Choir 6:30**

**Friday OCT 5, 2018**

**NO Noon Mass**

**Weekend Sept 22/23, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

VIGIL MASS	41
SUNDAY	
8:00 am	49
10:00 am	211

**Weekend September 22/23, 2018**

OFFERTORY	\$2853.00
Children	34.00
E-GIVING	965.23
SVDP (E-GIVING)	15.00
SVDP	35.00
Religious Ed.	490.00
CANDLES	90.00
Mission	15.00

**IGBO MASS SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

IGBO Mass, next Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

**ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY**

**Next Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>:** After 10 Am Mass Blackshear Elementary School pavilion

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Register for Religious Education continues after all Masses, please register your child/children. Classes begin at 12noon. The Religious Education Ministry is in need of Catechists and volunteers please contact Jennifer Brooks, DRE.

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

Come join the ACTS Men's retreat for a personal encounter with God while forming the bonds of brotherhood. ACTS Team members will be available after the 8am & 10am Masses in Weber Hall. For more information please contact Men's Retreat Director – Craig Williams (512) 626-1934 or Co-Directors Alex King (512) 468-0366, John James (409) 466-1569

**BLUE AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP DANCE**

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue and White Scholarship Dance at the Millennium Entertainment Center on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 8:00pm. Tickets are on sale in Weber Hall after Mass and the cost \$25.00 presale and \$30.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for the Knights of Peter Claver Junior Divisions.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

If you have just moved to Austin and new to our Parish we are glad to welcome you to Holy Cross. Let us know how we can help serve your spiritual needs. Call the office 512-472-3741 to speak to Fr Basil Aguzie, MSP, and get a New Member Package.

**REGISTER & VOTE!!**

To Vote in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, you must be register in Travis & Williamson County by, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Early Voting begins October 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please stop by the Voting table in Weber Hall and complete a voter registration form if you are not already registered.

**THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

Please save the date for the annual appreciation Luncheon of the Missionary Society of St. Paul on October 27, 2018. Mass of thanksgiving will begin at 10:00am at St Peter the Apostle Church, 6220 La Salette Street, Houston, TX.

Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago will be the presider. Lunch and Silent Auction will follow. For more information on reservation on how to support the Missionaries of St Paul, please contact **The Mission Development Office**, 713-747-1722, or usamp@yahoo.com .

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers, contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949

**HOLY CROSS SISTERS IN NOTRE DAME**

Please continue to bring your **cancelled** stamps for the Holy Cross Sisters in Notre Dame, Indiana to benefit their Ministry With the Poor fund.

**Save the Date: Guadalupe Celebration**

A diocesan celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Dec. 1 in downtown Austin. The event will begin with a procession. Attendees will gather at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin for announcements and depart in procession at 8 a.m. The procession will end at San José Parish in Austin, where Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow. For more information visit [www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration](http://www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration).

**Family Life Center Capital Campaign**

Five Year Payment Goal **\$1,017,000**



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