

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Sunday, Nov 25, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

By whose authority

Every instance of bad leadership reinforces the vital importance of good leaders. In church and in government, at work and at home, we need people of wisdom and vision to take us into the future. Leaders must lead, not merely from a platform or agenda, but with a profound respect for the common good as an unshakable principle.

Championing the common good makes families more holy, workplaces more just, societies more civil, and governments more noble. What kind of world do we want to live in? At what kind of authority will we bend our knees?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161).* "So Pilate said to him, 'Then you are a king?'"

Monday, Nov 26, 2018

Generosity is not for sale

Strolling through the crooked, crowded, exciting streets of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, you'll see vendors hawking every imaginable treasure. Spices from the Orient, silks of India, beauty products made with Dead Sea salts, prayer shawls of every description. You can buy almost anything there, including "the widow's mite," according to the sandwich board in front of an archeologically minded coin shop.

Whether or not the coins are authentic to the time of Jesus, the one thing you can never acquire from any shop is the spirit of generosity that humble woman in the gospel story demonstrated. Is your generosity big enough to impress Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503).* "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018

Time's up

At the close of each church year, Catholics get a little apocalyptic in their focus. While it's in the fine print of mortality that someday we'll face the final hour of this life, it's a thought we keep under wraps most of the time. Yet the hour of the Reaper is coming: How prepared are you to be "reaped"? The church invites you to practice the daily examination of conscience to consider the harvest of each day, both the chaff and the grain of your efforts. (Search on "examination of conscience" online for

some options.) Consider today: What fruits have you gathered to present to the Lord?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11.* "Use your sickle and reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."

Wednesday, Nov 28, 2018

Walk the walk and you will talk the talk

As we approach Advent, we already begin to hear talk of preparing for Christ's coming—making ourselves ready. And of course we have gospels full of warnings to "Be prepared," "Keep vigil," "Bring oil for your lamps," "You know not the day nor the hour." But when it comes to defending our faith at the end times, Jesus tells us to not prepare our testimony in advance. Huh? Apparently we're to get busy putting our faith into action now, and when the time comes for putting it into words, we can rely on the wisdom of the Spirit to help us out.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505).* "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."

Thursday, Nov 29, 2018

Put an end to gloom and doom

Each new generation has its heralds of doom reading signs in every calamity that the end is near. But rest assured, the endtimes are not our concern. Our commission is to stand amid the chaos and "give birth to a dancing star," to quote Nietzsche at his poetical best. Our choice is always to embrace life—a gift freely given to us by One who loves us. So ignore those who speak the language of scarcity and gloom. They want you to live small, fear-filled lives. "Stand erect," Jesus says. "Drink from my cup." Do this, and you will be satisfied and most surely saved.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 (506).* "Stand erect and raise your hands because your redemption is at hand."

Friday, Nov 30, 2018

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

Cast a wide net

In the gospels, Andrew is portrayed as a simple fisherman who brought others to Jesus. He brought forward the boy with the five loaves and two fishes. He brought his brother Simon the news, "We have found the Messiah." In Jerusalem, he introduced some Greek men who wanted to meet Jesus and speak to him. Later, he was a missionary said to have traveled widely before being martyred on a cross in the shape of an X. Because of the belief

that Andrew preached in Scotland, the Scottish put his cross on their flag. While few of us will be remembered on national flags, all of us can be remembered as people who did our best to introduce others to the healing message of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684).* "Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Saturday, Dec 01, 2018

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

Ours were the wounds he bore

People throw parties when it's time to celebrate. But grief and loss are private places we often go alone. How comforting to know that Mary our Mother went all of those places ahead of us and is waiting there to enfold us in mercy and consolation! Pick up a rosary today and pray the Sorrowful Mysteries for those who are suffering alone and unseen: in places of humiliation and condemnation, in sickness and disability, in mourning and loneliness, and especially at the hour of death.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36.* "Be vigilant at all times."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Dec 02, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3).* "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 24-25, Solemnity of Christ the King

Accomplishing the mysteries of human redemption, Christ presents an eternal and universal kingdom that is a kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. The love of Christ impels us to help facilitate the reorienting of this contemporary society to God by mercifully working for these very principles in our daily lives.



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 5:30PM

Repose of the souls of Ida Batiste, Clifford and Eric Smith, Gloria and Parnell Avery and Tad Williams, requested by Toni Williams-Davis

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 8:00AM

Repose of the souls of: Darro Blankenship, Corellia and Lloyd White, Fred, Sr., Fred Jr., and Pauline Blankenship, requested by Leah Blankenship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 10:00AM

Happy 20th Anniversary to Gene and Marlexa Phillips

SUNDAY, IGBO MASS NOV 25TH, 1:30

Repose of the souls of Celestine, Eucharia and Gabriella Aguzie, requested by Fidelia Onyekachi Aguzie

WEDNESDAY, Noon Mass, Nov 28

Repose of the souls of Marie, Mary, Edgar Sr., Edgar Jr., Theard, Abe, David, Alberta and Donald Sims, and Jesse Mendoza, requested by Iris Sims

THURSDAY, Noon, Mass, Nov 29

Repose of the souls of, Stephen Mason, Lila, Herbert and Allen Moore, Roseanne and L.C. Gay, requested by Karin Gay

FRIDAY, Noon, MASS Nov 30

Maybell, Charles, Levestus and Leatrice Walker, request by Jerry and Jackie Wallace

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Mass 8:00AM
Rosary 9:30AM
Mass 10:00AM
IGBO 1:30PM

Tuesday NOV 27, 2018

NO Noon Mass

Wednesday NOV 28, 2018

Noon Mass

Thursday, NOV 29, 2018

Mass 10:00AM
Choir 6:00PM

Friday NOV 30, 2018

No noon Mass

SATURDAY DEC 1, 2018

Vigil Mass 5:30PM

Because of the Thanksgiving Holidays the bulletin had to be in early, therefore, the Offertory and attendance will be updated in next week bulletin.

IGBO MASS JANUARY 27, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, January 27, 2019, 1:30pm. Help

spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Monday December 3rd 2018
Confessions start 7pm after introduction by the Revivalist. Please make plans to attend. There will be priests from the diocese to hear your confession.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

If you have not done your pledge, please do now. Our goal is 100% participation. You can drop your pledge envelope with the office or mail it to the diocese.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

"The Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry is in need of volunteers. This ministry helps the poor and needy with rent, utilities and food. Please consider joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul Ministry, contact Tina Frank at 512-965-5949 or church office for additional information."

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to these families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes and prayed for vocations for one week: The Michel Ukanda Family, Alice and Ron Scharfe, Tina and Tony Frank, Debbie Ruiz, and The Patrick Onyenaka Family. This Sunday, the Traveling Chalice will be returned by Marie Shelby Thompson and received by Edward and Elina Mullen

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

We cordially invite you to join us for food, fellowship, and fun at the Second Annual Courageous Conversation Christmas Social to be held [on Friday, December 7th at 6:30pm](#) at Holy Cross. It will be a pot luck dinner and we ask everyone to bring their favorite side dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Joyce James Consulting, will provide the meats. In order to gauge the amount of meat needed, please RSVP no later than [Friday, November 30.](#)

Since we are the hosts, we are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and especially cleanup.

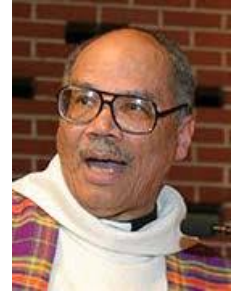
Please contact Vicki Lott if can help.

ADVENT REVIVAL 2018

Date: Sunday December 2nd to Tuesday December 4th.

Revivalist:

Fr. Giles Conwill, Ph.D.
-Retired Priest of San Diego Diocese
-Former Professor and Chairman of the History



Department of Morehouse College in Atlanta

- Former Director of Office of Campus Ministry at Xavier University in New Orleans
- Winner of Interdenominational Sermon-Writing Contest sponsored by Los Angeles Times and The Upper Room Publishing Co. (500 entrants)
- Inducted into The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers

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