

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

Sunday, Aug 18, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get fired up!

Author Jack London told the chilling tale of a brazen traveler who failed to take the peril of extreme weather conditions seriously. Building a proper fire in the right place might have kept him alive during a blizzard. Absent such a fire, the man's fate was sealed. Jesus assures his friends that his mission in this world is to set such a blazing, saving fire in the hearts of believers. If we carry this passionate flame, no circumstances can endanger us. Contemplate an image of the Sacred Heart, and stoke the fire in your own!

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!"

Monday, Aug 19, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

God cares through your hands

During the plagues of 1627 and 1631, John Eudes cared for the sick, sleeping in a field to avoid infecting his fellow priests. Similar efforts made today are honored by World Humanitarian Day, commemorating 22 United Nations staff killed by a terrorist attack in Baghdad in 2003. Since then, more than 4,000 aid workers have been injured, kidnapped, or killed, targeted as they served more than 65 million people displaced from their homes and more than 26,000 civilians killed or injured in six countries. Learn more at World Humanitarian Day and ask yourself how you can help contribute to a more humane world today and every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 2:11-10; Matthew 19:16-22 (419).* "The Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning."

Tuesday, Aug 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Saintly? It's complicated

Bernard of Clairvaux was a brilliant and charismatic leader of the Cistercian monastic reform that encouraged a return to the original Benedictine life of prayer and manual labor. At the same time he was friend and mentor to powerful church leaders and was drawn into the geopolitical struggles embodied in the Crusades. How to reconcile the image of the prayerful monk with that of spiritual cheerleader to a militant army

of Crusaders? Church history is filled with contradictions—as is each one of us. We have the simple contemplative and the militant crusader living in our own heart. Which one shall we nurture?
TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420).* "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven."

Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

Be a warm-hearted believer

Pope Pius X pastored the universal church from 1903 to 1914, a tumultuous period in world history, which saw traditional ways of life giving way, whether in the natural sciences, politics, or economic life, to new ways of thinking, organizing, believing. Though most commonly remembered as a staunch traditionalist and "anti-modernist," Pius should also be remembered for his simple, unpretentious lifestyle (he never lost sight of his poor roots), his personal warmth and love of children, and his generous charitable outreach. After the horrific Messina earthquake of 1908, the most destructive earthquake ever recorded in Europe with some 100,000 casualties, Pius is said by one source to have filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees long before the Italian government acted. Make sure a warm heart is front and center in your own life of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421).* "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Thursday, Aug 22, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The sky is not the limit

Lumen gentium, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, declares the "Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the Universe." Going to Orlando, Florida anytime soon? Visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, a 2,000-seat church dedicated to the Queenship of Mary and established to serve the 30 million tourists who visit the Orlando area every year. Wish to be reminded of Mary's connection to the whole universe, and why that will matter into the future? Visit nearby Cape Anaveral.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422).* "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike."

Friday, Aug 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Care of the soul

Life isn't easy. It's good and beautiful, yes, but stressful, chaotic, and sometimes even devastating. Wouldn't it be great to "get away from it all"? One might think that this is what Saint Rose of Lima did when she became practically a recluse in her parents' house. She dedicated her life to solitude and a profound sense of solidarity with Jesus the Christ, especially the Suffering Christ. Yet within this calling, Rose found a spaciousness within herself to open a nearby room in the house to care for people in need. How do you experience this sacred dynamic of contemplative quiet and compassionate care?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40.* "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Saturday, Aug 24, 2019

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Caught up in prayer

If you met Jesus face-to-face and he saw right through you—straight into your soul—and told you exactly what you had been doing before meeting him, what would he see and what would he say? Would he judge that you were honest and good? That you had spent the prior moment in prayer? That's what happened to the Apostle Bartholomew upon being introduced to Jesus. Let's always be ready to be "caught in the act" of communing with God, with a pure heart, recognizing our King when he greets us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51* "You will see greater things than this."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Aug 25, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Shortcuts take longer

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30 (123).* "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 17-18, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus points out that the decision to be a disciple will cause division and discord. The church embraces and upholds values that stand in stark contrast to the values of the world. Even

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within the church there are divisions and disagreements. This is because we are all sinners. Christ calls us all to conversion and in the process we will experience division and discord. The question is can we love those with whom we disagree as Christ taught us to do?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY AUG 10, VIGIL MASS

Healing Grace for Marie Mason, Mildred Carter, Lester Johnson, Bernadette Phifer, Ella Adams, Gene Sistrunk and all Holy Cross Sick and Shut-in.

SUNDAY, AUG 11, 8:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Jessica Brooks, requested by her mother Jennifer.

SUNDAY, AUG 11, 10:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Johnnie Dorsey, Jr., requested by Johnnie & Dean Dorsey.

Happy 70th Birthday to Tina Frank

THURSDAY, AUG 22, NOON MASS

Repose of the soul of Delphine Parker, requested by Barbara Scott.



Sunday, August 18, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Donation: \$20/\$25 at the door

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 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
 IGBO Mass today, 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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019
 Monday November 3rd to Wednesday November 13th. Consider joining us for a spiritual experience.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
 There will be an Altar Server training in the church, on Sunday after the 10 Am Mass on August 18 and 25th. All interested youth please attend; Parents are invited to attend the meetings

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-racism-tickets-65410335073>.

SUNDAY AUG 11, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend Aug 3/4, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	21
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	50
	10:00 AM	242

Weekend Aug 3/4, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$3489.00
Children	22.00
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SVDP	55.00
SVDP (E-GIVING)	115.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	432.00
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